



Early Learning Hub

of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Governing Board Packet April 2023

Governing Board
Early Learning Hub
April 6, 2023
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Packet Overview

In your Governing Board packet for April, you will find the following information:

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 - b. Board Member Resignation – Approval Needed
 - c. In-person meetings - informational
 - d. Workgroup Updates - Informational
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 - e. Program Updates – Informational
 - i. Business Liaison – Bryan Steinhauser
 - ii. Pollywog Update, LeAnne Trask
 - iii. Family Connects Update, Connie Adams
 - iv. Coordinated Enrollment Update, Antonia Huerta

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Agenda

Governing Board Members

Claire Hall, Co-Chair
Lincoln County Commissioner

Melissa Isavoran, Co-Chair
InterCommunity Health Network

Shelagh Baird
Samaritan Health Services

DeAnn Brown
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

Belt Burke
Department of Human Services

Jeff Davis
Linn-Benton Community College

Barbara Dougherty
Samaritan Early Learning Center

Karol Elizondo
Benton County Health Department

Tanja Everest
Linn Benton Lincoln
Education Service District

Laura Farmer
Parent

Susan Halliday
Philomath School District

Lola Jones
Samaritan House

Stephany Koehne
Kids & Company of Linn County

Steve Martinelli
Scio School District

Nefeli Pizano
Samaritan Health Services

Chris Reese
Mid-Willamette Family YMCA

Bettina Schempf
Old Mill Center

Paul Smith
Strengthening Rural Families

Diane Wilkinson
Lincoln County School District

Lynnette Wynkoop
Child Care Resource & Referral



April 6, 2023
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Members of the public wanting to make public comment must sign in. Each individual speaker will have 3 minutes during the public comment portion of the agenda.

- I. Roll Call – Zoom Participants List
- II. Special Presentation – Overview of the Regional System Assessment
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Director's Report
- V. Fiscal Report
- VI. Consent Items
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- VIII. Next Meeting – May 4, 2023
- IX. Adjournment

All members of the EL Hub Governing Board **must disclose** when they believe they have or may have a conflict of interest, and may participate in discussions that are leading to consensus. If, however, consensus cannot be reached and the group uses the fall-back voting process, the individual with the conflict of interest may not participate in that final vote.

Fiscal Report

February Financial Narratives



Finance

February 2023

MONTH-END DETAILS

Revenue:

In the month of February, we received \$8,333 for Family Connects, \$32,822 for Coordination, and \$10,000 for Pollywog. These are all our regular monthly revenues.

Expenditures:

Wages came to a total of \$44,654.33 for the month of February. The benefits total was \$32,195.94. And the total for services and supplies came to a total of \$8,448.74. These expenses come from Pollywog, Family Connects, Coordination, and Coordinated Enrollment.

Other Information:

We hired a new Coordinated Enrollment Specialist. Wages and Benefits will affect March's financials.

February Financial Summary

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Early Learning Hub - 2-Year Budget (7/1/21 - 6/30/23)

Governing Board Summary Financial Update as of the end of February 2023

Revenues	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Balance	% Rcvd
Grant Resources					
Pollywog	\$ 362,773.66	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 342,773.66	\$ 20,000.00	94%
Pollywog - IHN-CCO Carryover	\$ 15,313.34	\$ -	\$ 15,313.34	\$ -	100%
Family Connects	\$ 219,799.98	\$ 8,333.34	\$ 166,666.64	\$ 53,133.34	76%
State Resources					
Dept. of Education - ELD - Coordination (carry-over)	\$ 168,287.79	\$ -	\$ 168,287.79	\$ -	100%
Carry-Over Vroom	\$ 3,001.70	\$ -	\$ 3,001.70	\$ -	100%
Carry-Over NWHF	\$ 9,233.17	\$ -	\$ 9,233.17	\$ -	100%
Coordination	\$ 882,391.27	\$ 32,822.00	\$ 700,479.27	\$ 181,912.00	79%
Coordinated Enrollment	\$ 620,250.00	\$ -	\$ 398,273.61	\$ 221,976.39	64%
Parent Leadership	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	100%
Reimbursement Grants					
Dept. of Education - Title IV-B2	\$ 235,788.00	\$ -	\$ 81,391.75	\$ 154,396.25	35%
Dept. of Education - Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation	\$ 623,365.00	\$ -	\$ 336,740.30	\$ 286,624.70	54%
Total All Resources	\$ 3,170,203.91	\$ 51,155.34	\$ 2,252,161.23	\$ 918,042.68	71%
Expenditures	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Balance	% Used
Grant Expenditures					
Pollywog Program	\$ 378,087.00	\$ 6,691.62	\$ 343,473.06	\$ 34,613.94	91%
Family Connects	\$ 219,799.98	\$ 9,493.15	\$ 179,207.83	\$ 40,592.15	82%
State Expenditures					
Coordination	\$ 1,062,913.93	\$ 49,526.29	\$ 683,214.45	\$ 379,699.47	64%
Coordinated Enrollment	\$ 620,250.00	\$ 19,587.95	\$ 436,934.61	\$ 183,315.38	70%
Parent Leadership	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00	100%
Reimbursement Grants					
Title IV-B2 Funds	\$ 235,788.00	\$ -	\$ 81,391.75	\$ 154,396.25	35%
Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation	\$ 623,365.00	\$ -	\$ 336,740.30	\$ 286,624.70	54%
Total All Expenditures	\$ 3,170,203.91	\$ 85,299.01	\$ 2,090,962.01	\$ 1,079,241.90	66%
Ending Balance	\$ -				

Consent Items

February Meeting Minutes

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	3:00 pm, February 2, 2023 Samaritan Health Plans Bldg., Endeavor Conference rm 2300 NW Walnut Blvd, Corvallis
MEETING CALLED BY	Melissa Isavoran
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Connie Adams, Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, Jinguang Lin, Sam Rounsavell, Kelly Schell, Bryan Steinhauser, LeAnne Trask
VERSION	Draft
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda topics

ROLL CALL			Board Members Present or Absent					
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QUORUM								
A Quorum was present. There are currently 21 Board members, and 13 were present at this meeting.								

DISCUSSION ITEM	Welcome and Introductions
Board Members introduced themselves.	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT	LBL Hub Updates
<p>Kristi shared with the Board that the Data & Evaluation workgroup will be meeting on February 17, 2023, to review the 2023 Regional Data Book. We want feedback from our partner agencies about how the data is sourced and represented.</p> <p>The Governor's Recommended Budget was released this week and included several sizeable investments in early learning.</p> <p>Please find a summary that highlights the following investments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$62.5M for workforce stabilization for Oregon Pre-Kindergarten (OPK), Preschool Promise, Healthy Families Oregon, Relief Nurseries, and the Early Childhood Equity Fund 	

- \$41.3M in ERDC enhancements/eligibility expansion
- \$100M in bonding funds for early learning facilities
- \$5M for co-locating early care and ed with affordable housing
- Please find her [entire 475pg budget](#), which funds Early Learning Hubs at \$23.6M

Kristi announced that this is the last Board meeting for Lauren Sigman. Lauren was an original Board member of this Hub. She has accepted a position with the Department of Early Learning and Care. The new representative for the Lincoln County K-12 seat will be Diane Wilkinson, the new Early Learning Coordinator for Lincoln County School District.

Kristi announced that Jeff Davis is now retired from LBCC but will continue on this Board as he is now a sitting Board member for LBCC as our backbone organization.

FISCAL REPORT

Matt Grams

Matt presented the revenue, expenditures, and miscellaneous reports for December.

CONSENT ITEMS

December 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Board was asked to approve the December 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion: Bettina Schempf

2nd: Lynnette Wynkoop

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VOTING RESULTS

Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)

Abstentions: Tonja Everest, Laura Farmer, Lola Jones

The Board voted to approve the December 2022 minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEM

New Board Member Application

Shelagh Baird submitted an application to join this Board as the Health sector representative for Lincoln County.

DISCUSSION VOTE				New Board Member Application							
The Board was asked to approve the Board application of Shelagh Baird.											
Motion: Lola Jones											
2nd: Paul Smith											
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VOTING RESULTS				Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)							
Abstentions: None											
The Board voted to approve the Board application of Shelagh Baird.											

DISCUSSION ITEM	Board Member Removal
<p>Kristi shared that Crystal Harris contacted the EL Hub to say she could no longer participate on the Board. She was informed that a formal resignation email or letter was required. However, there has been no further communication. Kristi asked the Board to make a decision about Crystal's removal without a formal resignation.</p>	
<p>Kristi informed the Board that Chris Reese had asked about appointing the director of the Early Learning Center for YMCA in his place on this Board. However, he fills the seat of Human and Social Services, not Early Learning, and his seat is not appointed. Kristi will have further conversations with him.</p>	

DISCUSSION VOTE				Board Member Removal							
The Board was asked to approve the removal of Crystal Harris.											
Motion: Lola Jones											
2 nd : Laura Farmer											
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VOTING RESULTS				Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)							
Abstentions: None											
The Board voted to approve the removal of Crystal Harris.											

DISCUSSION ITEM		Pollywog Budget
LeAnne presented the Pollywog Program budget for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023, as presented in the Board packet.		
One of the challenges of presenting a budget is that Health Care contracts and funding operate on a calendar year cycle, and the Early Learning Hub and Pollywog operate on a fiscal year cycle. This is why the Pollywog budget is presented separately from the Hub budget.		

PROGRAM UPDATE		Pollywog Update
LeAnne shared the Pollywog Annual report for 2022, including a review of accomplishments since the program's inception six years ago.		
Pollywog launched a Parent Satisfaction Survey in October 2022 to ensure our services are family-friendly. So far, we have received 51 responses. LeAnne shared some of the parent feedback that has been received so far.		
The Board expressed appreciation for the way the data was presented in such digestible infographics.		
Melissa shared that in light of the SNAP reductions, the IHN will soon be pulling in partners to create a website resource for families looking for food resources. She invited Pollywog and other agencies to participate.		

PROGRAM UPDATE	Business Liaison Update
Bryan shared that he had recently met with stakeholders in Lincoln County. They are developing a small business development. The EL Hub is partnering with them to roll out recruitment and use Oregon Coast Community College for business training.	
Bryan reported that he and Kristi had met with United Way about creating grant funding for child care business start-up costs. The EL Hub is working with them to discover the potential to bring in a larger pool of funds, starting with a Linn County pilot project and then replicating it across the region.	
Bryan asked the Board to offer introductions with Benton County commissioners if possible.	
Additional Business Liaison updates are available in the Board Packet.	

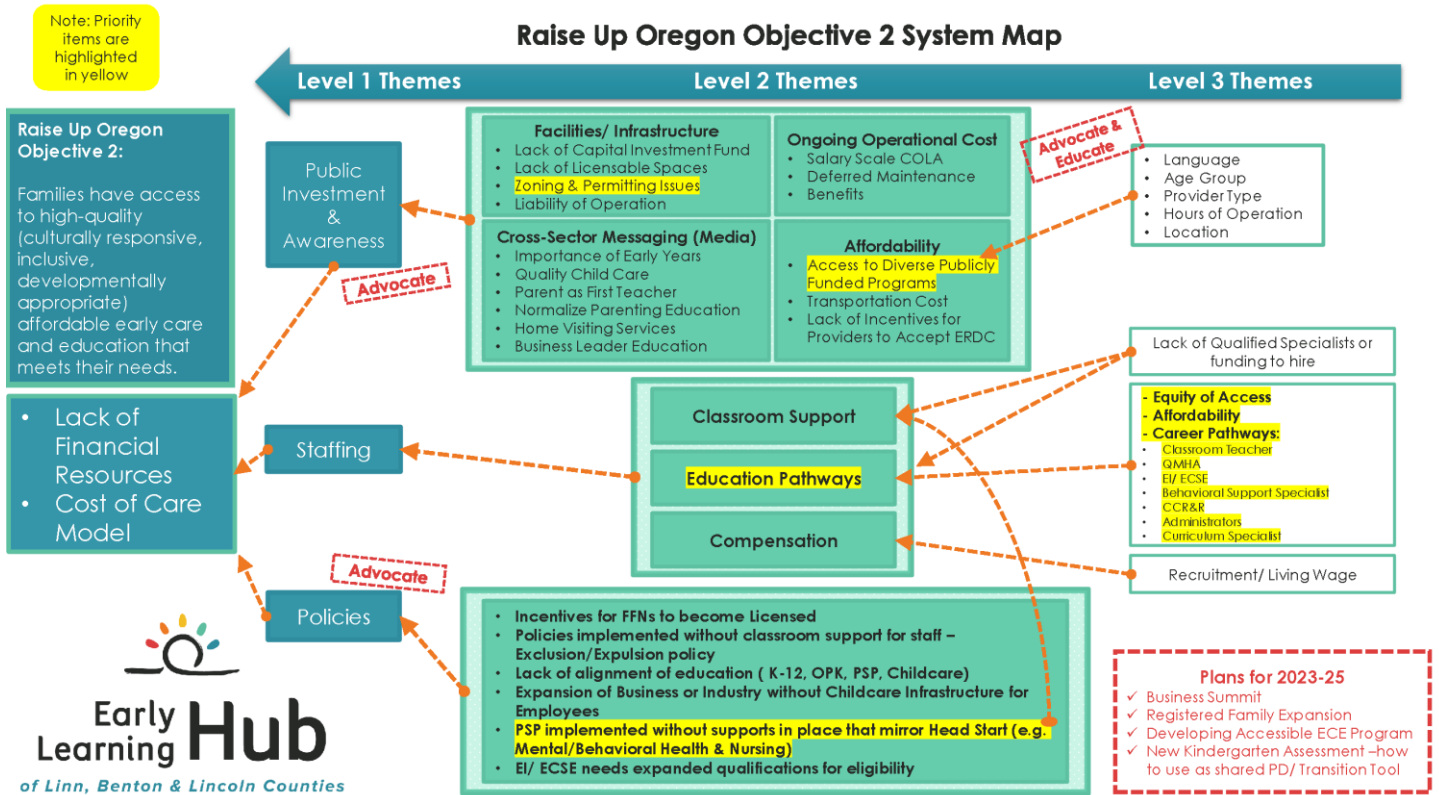
PROGRAM UPDATE	Family Connects Update
The Family Connects 2022 Program Review is available in the Board Packet.	

PROGRAM UPDATE	Coordinated Enrollment Update
The Coordinated Enrollment Update is available in the Board Packet.	

NEXT MEETING	2:00 pm, March 2, 2023 Online via Zoom
MEETING ADJOURNED	3:56 pm

Discussion Items

Regional Systems Assessment



Board Member Resignation

From: **ELIZONDO Karol** <Karol.Elizondo@bentoncountyor.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 7, 2023, 11:55 AM
Subject: Governing board
To: Kristi Collins <kristi.collins@linnbenton.edu>
Cc: YAGER Charlene <Charlene.Yager@bentoncountyor.gov>

Hi Kristin,

I hope this email finds you doing well.

I wanted to let you know that because of an increase in my work load, I can't continue with my participation in the Governing Board.

Thank you for the opportunity and for letting me be part of this great group of Community Leaders.

Have a great day.

Karol Elizondo, RN, BSN, MBA/MHSA
Public Health Nurse | Family Connects Lead
Maternal & Child Health Program

Benton County Health Department
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Desk: 541.766.6134 | **Mobile:** 541.224-3139
Email: karol.elizondo@co.benton.or.us
[Public Health - Maternal & Child Health | Benton County Oregon](#)

In-person meetings

The current Board meeting schedule is on Basecamp and the Hub website. We propose changing the in-person meeting months to better align with events and deliverables.

February – In-person Board Retreat, Benton County

June – In-person Board meeting, Lincoln County

October – In-person Board meeting, Linn County

Health Care Integration Workgroup Update



Health Care Integration Workgroup Update 6 April 2023

- 1) The Health Care Integration Workgroup (HCI) meets the second Tuesday of each month, from 9:30-11:00am, via Zoom. We used to rotate between the three counties to hold meetings, but we have found that we have MUCH better attendance by holding our meetings remotely. Our average attendance is between 25-30 people.
- 2) Our Committee Chair is Deanna Barkley from Family Tree Relief Nursery, the Co-Chair is Katie Walsh from Samaritan Health Plans, and the Pollywog staff facilitate these meetings.
- 3) The HCI met on March 14 and Kristi Collins and Jinguang Lin presented the EL Hub's request to create asset maps of various cities within our region:
 - The purpose of taking on this project –
 - Availability of resources and services
 - Gaps in resources and services
 - Use information to develop future plans
 - Defining the boundaries of the project –
 - Community with a population less than 20,000
 - Community with 2 or more conditions:
 - Has a health center
 - Has a library
 - Has a grocery store selling meat and fresh produce
 - Defining which assets are going to be mapped in each community –
 - Health Care (Physical + Mental Health)
 - Dental
 - Food /Groceries (Stores, Farmer's Markets, Food Banks)
 - Transportation
 - Child Care (All Types)
 - Places to hang out
 - Places of learning (Preschool to College, Library...)
 - Places to exercise

- Places of Worship
- Other Services that family's access
- Where do we begin –
 - 5 Rounds of asset mapping, visiting each town
 - 17 cities will be mapped
 - Round 1 consists of Harrisburg, Philomath and Lincoln City



- 4) The HCI group was asked for feedback, and then asked for their approval, and we received a unanimous show of support for the project. At next month's Board meeting, I will be presenting a more detailed report, and giving you the specifics of our first Round 1 visit.

Business Liaison



Business Liaison

March 2023 Progress Update

Accomplishments:

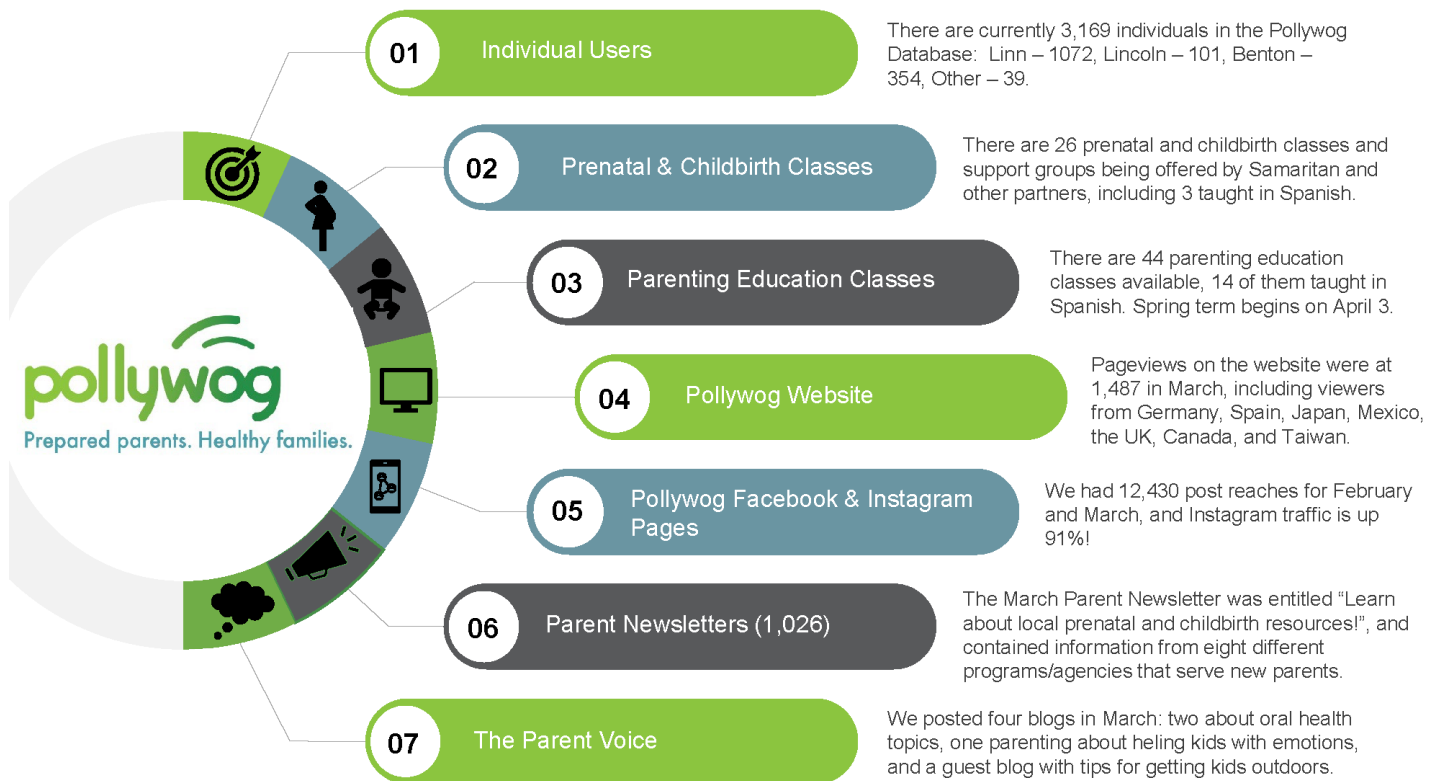
- Registered Family Home-Based Child Care Expansion Project:
 - Won the 2023 Albany CDBG Grant for \$55,000 for use as start-up funds
 - Signed contract with Madison Avenue Collective for marketing/recruitment campaign
 - Met in person with Lincoln County Commissioner Kaety Jacobson and their marketing rep to coordinate the expansion project
 - Met with the employment catalyst organization Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN) to discuss the expansion project
- Business Outreach Initiative:
 - Met with Brownsville Chamber of Commerce to discuss child care matters
 - Signed up for the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Biz Expo (Apr 18) to host a booth representing the EL Hub
- Met with Xan Augerot, Benton County Commissioner, to discuss EL Hub projects relating to child care. Was asked to perform a formal presentation for all three commissioners.
- Met with Spencer Nebel, Newport City Manager, to discuss child care
- Joined and participated on a Child Care Media Campaign committee hosted by Onward Eugene, made up of a collection of CCRR directors seeking media exposure, tasked with increasing CCRR exposure

Near term goals:

- Submit grants for start-up funding and media buy for the following organizations: United Way Basic Needs, Corvallis Social Services Fund, Ford Family Foundation Technical Assistance Grant, Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, and Spirit Mountain Community Fund
- Continue developing home-based expansion project for tentative rollout in early spring 2023

Pollywog Update

6 April 2023



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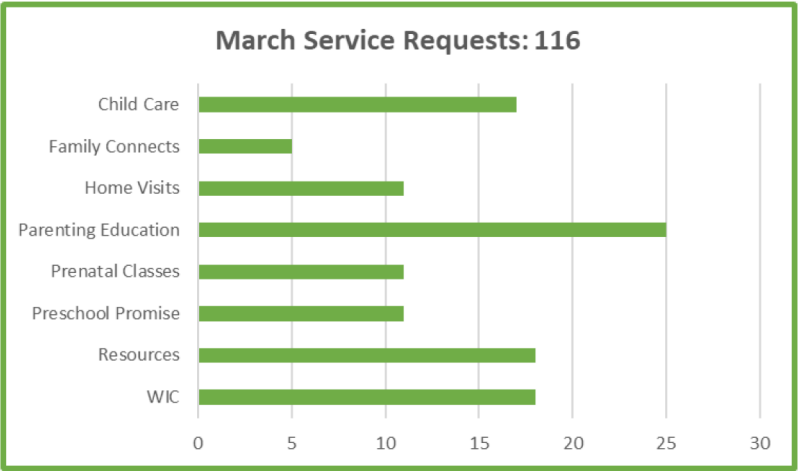
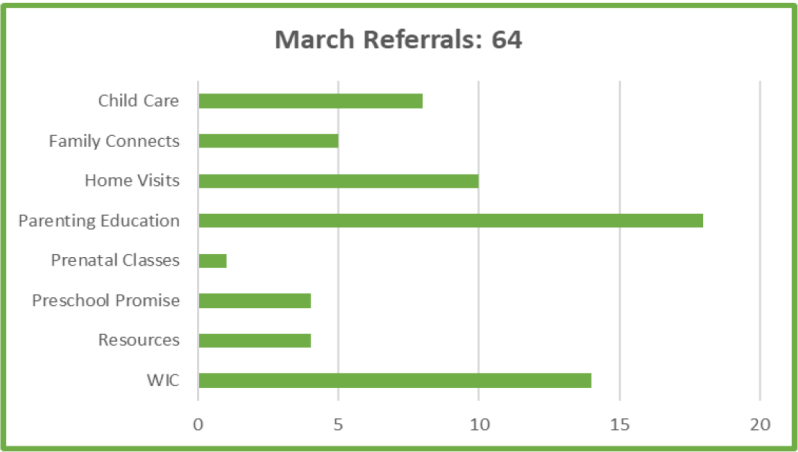
7 Database Dedicated Users



34 Linn County Partners

22 Lincoln County Partners

26 Benton County Partners



Family Connects



Family Connects Update, April 2023

Data Discussion

Population Reach – Population reach is calculated by dividing the total number of completed visits by the eligible birth population (all babies born in our three counties). As a universally-offered program designed to transform communities via systems-level changes, Family Connects relies on a high population reach percentage. Our site is currently in the implementation phase and expected to increase the population reach to 60-70%.

2022 Overall Population Reach: 20%

2023 January Population Reach: 24.2%

(January is the most recent month where data is complete)

Program News

FCI Site Visit – Family Connects International (FCI) and the local health departments are planning for clinical site visits in May. FCI's Associate Director of Nursing, Jenny Jenson, will observe home visits and documentation practices and meet with FC team members.

2023-2025 Reimbursement Rate – OHA's Reimbursement Advisory Committee for Family Connects Oregon, which included various FCO stakeholders, has concluded its work to determine the reimbursement rate for FCO visits. This rate takes effect July 1, 2023 and will be announced by March 31, 2023.

Funding for Non-Reimbursable Visits – The frustration of FCO visits which couldn't be reimbursed due to high-deductible insurance plans has been eased with a plan to increase funding from OHA for the local health departments. If enacted, OHA will give a calculated amount to each county, based on the percentage of infants who are covered by a high-deductible plan in that county, plus a base amount of \$5,000. Previously, OHA had asked health departments to send claims for those visits to OHA and it hopes that this funding will alleviate the claims process burden on health departments and OHA. In addition, the health departments will receive \$50,000 to cover expenses from non-reimbursable visits completed before July 1, 2023.

Reapplication for Community Lead Designation – Our designation as the Community Lead for the Linn/Benton/Lincoln Family Connects program, which lasted three years, is up for renewal. As the Community Lead, the Early Learning Hub is responsible overall program administration and program staff must meet service and training requirements. Our application to continue to serve as the Community Lead is due April 28, 2023 and must include letters of support from each of the three health departments in our area.

Coordinated Enrollment



PRESCHOOL P R O M I S E

Coordinated Enrollment Update March 30, 2023

Preschool Promise Providers	City	Total Slots Awarded	Available Slots
Awesome Blossom Child Care, LLC	Albany	12	0
Baby Boomers	Toledo	9	0
Bobbi Ann Corwin	Waldport	4	0
Bright Bumble Bees	Newport	7	1
Cubby Preschool	Newport	9	0
Gratitude Gardens	Corvallis	6	0
Happy Munchkins Preschool and Childcare	Lebanon	12	0
Hey Diddle Diddle Learning Center Inc	Albany	11	0
Mid-Willamette Family YMCA	Albany	40	0
Nana's Daycare	Albany	6	0
North Albany Learning Center	Albany	7	0
Old Mill Center for Children and Families, Inc.	Corvallis	18	0
Rainbow Readers	Albany	10	2
Samaritan Early Learning Center	Lincoln City	18	2
South Shore Elementary	Albany	17	0
Strengthening Rural Families-Alsea Pups	Alsea	18	7
Sunrise Elementary School	Albany	18	0
Taft Early Learning Center	Lincoln City	8	3
Waverly Elementary School	Albany	18	0
Wee Irish	Waldport	10	0
Yachats Youth and Family Program, Inc	Yachats	18	7
Total		276	22

Out of the 276 slots awarded, we have placed 254, with 22 slots to be filled. Most vacant slots are in Lincoln (13) and Benton counties (7). We have only two empty slots in Albany. We have a waitlist and call parents when we have slots available to offer the option of placing their child with a different provider, but parents have declined the placement for different reasons. We check with parents regularly depending on what their preferences are.

Applications for this school year have slowed, but we have received calls from families interested in the 2023-2024 school year.

We are keeping these families' contact information, and they will be contacted as soon as the new application goes live.

Matt is working on the new application for the next school year to be available in 10 different languages.

We recently added a **new Coordinated Enrollment Specialist - Ana Reyes**

The Coordinated Enrollment Team is looking for recruitment opportunities to spread the information about Preschool Promise and opportunities to meet with providers to answer any questions they may have about Preschool Promise.