



# Early Learning Hub

*of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties*

Governing Board Packet April 2024

Governing Board  
Early Learning Hub  
April 5, 2024  
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## Packet Overview

In your Governing Board packet for April 2024, you will find the following information:

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  - b. Legislative Update – Informational
5. Workgroup Updates
  - a. Health Care Integration
6. Program Updates
  - a. Pollywog
  - b. Business Liaison
  - c. Coordinated Enrollment
  - d. Parent Leadership Council



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## Agenda

### Governing Board Members

Claire Hall, Co-Chair  
Lincoln County Commissioner

Lola Jones, Co-Chair  
Samaritan House

Shelagh Baird  
Samaritan Health Services

DeAnn Brown  
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

Belit Burke  
Department of Human Services

Dean Craig  
Willamette Workforce Partnership

Jeff Davis  
Linn-Benton Community College

Barbara Dougherty  
Samaritan Early Learning Center

Laura Farmer  
Parent

Susan Halliday  
Philomath School District

Jason Hay  
Linn Benton Lincoln  
Education Service District

Todd Jeter  
IHN-CCO – Standing Position

Stephany Koehne  
Kids & Company of Linn County

Steve Martinelli  
Scio School District

Bettina Schempf  
Old Mill Center

Paul Smith  
Strengthening Rural Families

Diane Wilkinson  
Lincoln County School District

Lynnette Wynkoop  
Child Care Resource & Referral



## Governing Board Meeting

April 4, 2024

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 – Strategic Planning
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Fiscal Report
- V. Consent Items
  - a. February Meeting Minutes
- VI. Discussion Item
  - a. UpStream Initiative Update – Informational
  - b. Legislative Update – Informational
  - c. Workgroup & Program Updates – Informational
    - i. Health Care Integration Workgroup
    - ii. Pollywog
    - iii. Business Liaison
    - iv. Coordinated Enrollment
    - v. Parent Leadership Council
- VII. Next Meeting – May 2, 2024
- VIII. 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 fallback voting process, the individual with the conflict of interest may not participate in that final vote.

## Fiscal Report

### February Financial Narrative



**Early Learning Hub**  
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## Finance

February 2024

### MONTH-END DETAILS

#### **Revenue:**

In the month of February, we only received our monthly amounts of \$34,200 for Coordination.

#### **Expenditures:**

Wages came to a total of \$51,125.75 for the month of January. The benefits total was \$36,799.58. And the total for services and supplies came to a total of \$7,076.95.

#### **Other Information:**

We were awarded a grant in the amount of \$181,661 for the Asset Mapping project. LeAnne will have more details.

## January Financial Summary

### Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties Early Learning Hub - 2-Year Budget (7/1/23 - 6/30/25) Governing Board Summary Financial Update as of the end of February 2024

Revenues	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Balance	% Rcvd
<b>Grant Resources</b>					
Pollywog	\$ 300,921.16	\$ -	\$ 119,260.16	\$ 181,661.00	40%
<b>State Resources</b>					
Dept. of Education - ELD - Coordination (carry-over)	\$ 132,779.30	\$ -	\$ 132,779.30	\$ -	100%
Coordination	\$ 817,724.00	\$ 34,200.81	\$ 270,511.05	\$ 547,212.95	33%
Coordinated Enrollment	\$ 725,074.00	\$ -	\$ 203,380.82	\$ 521,693.18	28%
<b>Reimbursement Grants</b>					
Dept. of Education - Title IV-B2	\$ 238,747.00	\$ -	\$ 17,802.00	\$ 220,945.00	7%
Dept. of Education - Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation	\$ 477,814.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 477,814.00	0%
<b>Total All Resources</b>	<b>\$ 2,693,059.46</b>	<b>\$ 34,200.81</b>	<b>\$ 743,733.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,949,326.13</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Used</b>
<b>Grant Expenditures</b>					
Pollywog Program	\$ 300,921.16	\$ 22,542.06	\$ 202,381.61	\$ 98,539.55	67%
<b>State Expenditures</b>					
Coordination	\$ 950,503.30	\$ 36,969.52	\$ 317,427.24	\$ 633,076.06	33%
Coordinated Enrollment	\$ 725,074.00	\$ 35,490.70	\$ 274,517.40	\$ 450,556.60	38%
<b>Reimbursement Grants</b>					
Title IV-B2 Funds	\$ 238,747.00	\$ -	\$ 17,802.00	\$ 220,945.00	7%
Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation	\$ 477,814.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 477,814.00	0%
<b>Total All Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,693,059.46</b>	<b>\$ 95,002.28</b>	<b>\$ 812,128.26</b>	<b>\$ 1,880,931.20</b>	<b>30%</b>
Ending Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

## February Financial Summary

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<b>Total All Resources</b>	<b>\$ 2,693,059.46</b>	<b>\$ 44,200.81</b>	<b>\$ 709,532.52</b>	<b>\$ 1,983,526.94</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Used</b>
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<b>State Expenditures</b>					
Coordination	\$ 950,503.30	\$ 42,860.62	\$ 280,457.72	\$ 670,045.58	30%
Coordinated Enrollment	\$ 725,074.00	\$ 35,645.89	\$ 239,026.70	\$ 486,047.30	33%
<b>Reimbursement Grants</b>					
Title IV-B2 Funds	\$ 238,747.00	\$ -	\$ 17,802.00	\$ 220,945.00	7%
Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation	\$ 477,814.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 477,814.00	0%
<b>Total All Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,693,059.46</b>	<b>\$ 100,986.00</b>	<b>\$ 717,125.98</b>	<b>\$ 1,975,933.48</b>	<b>27%</b>
Ending Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

## Consent Items

### February Meeting Minutes

#### Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties Governing Board Meeting Minutes

<b>MEETING COMMENCED</b>	3:00 pm, February 1, 2024 Online via Zoom
<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Jeff Davis
<b>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Connie Adams, Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, Jinguang Lin, Ana Reyes, Sam Rounsavell, Carmen Santacruz, Kelly Schell, Bryan Steinhauser, LeAnne Trask
<b>VERSION</b>	Draft
<b>RECORDED</b>	Yes

#### Agenda topics

ROLL CALL		Board Members Present or Absent							
	Present	Absent		Present	Absent		Present	Absent	
Shelagh Baird	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laura Farmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephany Koehne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DeAnn Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Claire Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Martinelli	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Belit Burke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Halliday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bettina Schempf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dean Craig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Jeff Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Todd Jeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diane Wilkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barbara Dougherty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lola Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynnette Wynkoop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>QUORUM</b>		A Quorum was present. There are currently 18 seated Board members and 11 of them were present at this meeting.							

<b>FISCAL REPORT</b>	Matt Grams
Matt presented the revenue, expenditures, and miscellaneous reports for December 2023.	
Kristi explained the KPI funding formula and process to the Board.	
The Board asked if the fiscal oversight committee was still active. It was explained that that committee was in place when the EL Hub was establishing our policies and procedures. At that time, the accountant was the full department accountant, was not attending the board meeting, and was not available for the board to ask questions and do the report. Now that Matt is the EL Hub accountant and attends the Board meetings, the fiscal oversight committee is not active.	



The Board asked about the timeline for Title IV-B2 funds. Those funds will be held until after strategic planning is complete unless something that is an immediate need in the region would align with those funds.

**CONSENT ITEMS**      December 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Board was asked to approve the December 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion: Bettina Schempf

2<sup>nd</sup>: Lola Jones

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Shelagh Baird	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laura Farmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephany Koehne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DeAnn Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Claire Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Martinelli	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Dean Craig	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Hay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Todd Jeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diane Wilkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Dougherty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lola Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynnette Wynkoop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Abstentions: Dean Craig, Stephany Koehne

The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**      Hub Roles & Responsibilities Discussion with BUILD

The Board was informed in December that DELC would be convening a group working with the BUILD initiative as consultants to work with EL Hub Directors, DELC staff, and a few Early Learning Council members to look at the roles and responsibilities of Hubs.

The first meeting was recently held between DELC, BUILD, and Early Learning Hubs. Kristi shared a summary of that meeting.

The anticipated outcomes of this discussion include:

- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of Hubs
- Inform case for funding and inform DELC's budgetary ask
- Identify if rules that guide the implementation of the Hub statute need updating
- Update DELC's grant agreements with the Hubs
- Clarify roles and responsibilities of Backbone Agencies
- Identify strengths and gaps in DELC's infrastructure to support Hubs
- Clarify Early Learning Council's Champion Role

DELC created a draft vision statement for Hubs. It states:

*There will be an aligned, coordinated, and family-centered system of early childhood services that include early learning, education, health, housing, and human services. Hubs will play a leadership role in the creation of this system.*



The Board shared comments and concerns about this statement.

- The business sector is not mentioned
- Child care and CCR&Rs are not mentioned
- It is worded as if the system is not yet created, but there is already a system
- This statement does not include a role for Hubs beyond creating the system.
- Equity is not mentioned
- This is more like a mission statement: what you do. A vision statement should be what you aspire to be and the impact you want to have.
- A Hub vision statement needs to focus on the impact of the Hub system on our children.
- The vision statement needs to be a somewhat qualitative statement of what will be as a result of the work of the mission being accomplished.
- Words to describe the vision: Actualized. Self-Actualized. Care Taker and Bread Winner
- The vision needs to reflect that our families have somewhat differing values and kinds of priorities from region to region.
- If we are successful, this is what it looks like for our children and families is the “vision statement.” Then, objectives and strategic planning will show how to achieve the vision.
- RUO also contains a vision statement. How can the Hub's role and vision support that vision statement? “The early childhood system includes a full set of supports that young children and families need to grow and thrive” is a good vision. Then, a list of objectives to show how Hubs will contribute to and support this vision.
- The Board expressed a desire to share their feedback with DELC.

<b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b>	Legislative Updates
<p>Kristi shared the 2024 Oregon Early Childhood Coalition Legislative Agenda. We are signed on to that list of priorities as an Early Learning Hub Association, the Head Start Association, the Children's Institute, and many other organizations around the state.</p> <p>Lynnette shared an update on the Infrastructure funds. An initial round of funds will be released in April 2024, and the rest will be released next year.</p>	

<b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b>	Agency Roundtable Legislative Information
<p>Kristi used this meeting time to create a space for agency partners to share what's going on with their own agencies and legislative session.</p> <p>Jason shared that there is a good possibility that \$22 million will come to ESDs. He suggested a talking point for state-level meetings. Mention the amount of interest the</p>	

state is earning on funds they have yet to send out to agencies. The lack of movement on getting funds out means that the state is earning interest while agencies have to float payroll and other essential expenses.

Stephanie shared that next week is the big legislative push for Head Start. They visit legislators every year.

Jeff shared that he attended a local legislative breakfast. The legislators were reasonably optimistic about the upcoming short session.

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	2:00pm, March 7, 2024 Online via Zoom
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	3:50m



## Discussion Items

### UpStream Initiative Update

There are no handouts for this item



## Legislative Update



# 2024 Legislative Session Report

*In February 2024, the Oregon Legislature convened for a short 32-day session. As a Governor-led executive branch agency, the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) did not take a position on any legislative proposals. However, DELIC had a number of important budget items up for consideration, and the legislature made critical investments that support the agency's mission to foster coordinated, culturally appropriate, and family-centered services that recognize and respect the strengths and needs of all children, families, and early learning and care professionals. Following is a short summary of DELIC budget items and bills of interest.*

## DELIC Budget Items

### House Bill 5204 – Allocations Bill

[House Bill 5204](#) is an omnibus budget bill that includes budgetary actions associated with House Bill 4002 (the "Measure 110 bill") as well as other investments centered around the recriminalization of possession of a controlled substance, establishment of deflection programs to be operated by local governments, and enhancements for behavioral health programs. Section 3 of the bill increases the current 2023-2025 General Fund investment for Relief Nurseries by \$2.7 million. Relief Nurseries provide therapeutic and family support services to families with children from birth through age five.

**Effective Date:** When the Governor signs.

### Senate Bill 5701 – "Christmas Tree" Budget Reconciliation Bill

[Senate Bill 5701](#) is the 2024 omnibus budget reconciliation or "Christmas Tree Bill." This is the name for the budget bill that the Oregon Legislature uses at the end of every session to allocate remaining funds and balance the state budget. Senate Bill 5701 includes a number of investments in DELIC.

- **Employment Related Day Care (ERDC).** In total, DELIC received an additional \$99.2 million for the ERDC program in its 2023-2025 budget. The legislature also granted DELIC an additional \$72 million Special Purpose Appropriation for ERDC, which DELIC will have to request from the Emergency Board in order to access the funds. This critical investment in ERDC will assist with stabilizing the program and ensuring that families currently enrolled in the program can continue to receive subsidized child care through the end of the biennium.

- **Birth Through Five Literacy Plan.** The Legislature approved \$9.4 million to DELC for the Birth Through Five Literacy Plan created by HB 3198 (2023). The plan is intended to expand culturally specific early literacy programs for children from birth to age five, provide training and coaching for direct service staff in early literacy, and to develop and expand language revitalization efforts by federally recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon.
- **Child Care Licensing Division Staffing.** Prior to September 2022, DELC received approximately 1,500 Central Background Registry (CBR) applications per month. Since then, the agency consistently receives about 3,000 applications for enrollment each month. When the CBR backlog first began in Fall 2022, DELC leveraged one-time federal funds to double the capacity of the CBR team. To ensure quality service, timely processing of background checks, and prevent future backlogs in enrollment, the legislature approved \$1.4 million in additional funding and position authority to support the DELC background check unit.
- **ERDC Staffing and Communications.** In order to maintain the level of communication families need during, and after, a waitlist, DELC received money for a position and \$294,000 for printing and translation of communications materials. The agency also received three limited duration positions to handle the increased call volume and billings in the Direct Pay Unit, as well as \$250,000 for ONE system costs associated with refining and, eventually, closing the ERDC waitlist.
- **Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten Fund Shift.** The bill includes a budget adjustment shifting \$5 million in Oregon Prenatal to Kindergarten funding off of General Fund on to Other Fund Early Learning Account dollars. The bill is limited to funding source changes and not result in program changes.
- **Personal Services Clean Up:** DELC received 80 new positions in the 2022 legislative session. When vacancy rates were frozen in April 2022, approximately 30% of the agency was vacant. As a result, DELC did not receive sufficient funding to hire all positions. SB 5701 increased the DELC operations budget by \$3.7 million to address this shortfall.

**Effective Date:** When the Governor signs.

## Legislation of Interest

### House Bill 4098 – CHIPS Child Care Fund

House Bill 4098 establishes a new CHIPS Child Care Fund and appropriates \$5 million to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to build new child care and provide funding for those in construction apprenticeship programs to pay for child care. The measure will build off of current programs facilitated by DELC, including the OBDD Child Care Infrastructure Account and the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) Apprenticeship Related Child Care Program. The legislature approved \$366,245 for DELC's Direct Pay Unit and the Child Care Assistance Program to accommodate an anticipated workload increase associated with new child care slots added to the BOLI program. DELC will likely be asked to participate in a work group established under the bill for purposes of developing recommendations related to financial contributions by businesses that receive a CHIPS program grant or loan or federal assistance.

**Effective Date:** When the Governor signs.

### House Bill 4086 – Scope of Child Abuse Investigations

House Bill 4086 requires the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to commission studies through a private facilitator on the scope of child abuse investigations in Oregon and the state's response to children exhibiting problematic sexual behavior. The measure requires both studies to involve advisory committees and to submit reports to the legislature by September 2025. DELC is not specifically named in the study group related to child abuse investigations, but will likely contribute to the advisory committee for that study, as the group includes both child care providers and professionals who are licensed, certified or endorsed to provide services to children. DELC also conducts joint investigations with the ODHS Office of Training, Investigations and Safety (OTIS) and at times Child Protective Services, who are often critical to DELC's work on licensing and the Central Background Registry. If major changes are going to take place in how ODHS conducts child abuse investigations at a child care facility, it is important for DELC to have a voice at the table.

**Effective Date:** When the Governor signs.

### **House Bill 4122 – FBI Rap Back System**

[House Bill 4122](#) establishes a new Rap Back program in the Oregon State Police (OSP) allowing authorized state and local government agencies to subscribe to the program and requiring employees or licensees of those agencies who are subject to fingerprint-based background checks to enroll in the program for the duration of their employment or licensure with the agency. This OSP Rap Back program will integrate with the federal Rap Back system maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and allow authorized agencies to receive real time notifications of Criminal History status updates (arrests and convictions) on individuals enrolled in the program. If DELC chooses to participate in the program, this would remove the requirement for program participants to be fingerprinted upon renewal of their Central Background Registry enrollment. The bill requires agencies that wish to subscribe to the program to submit an implementation plan to the legislature by December 31, 2024 outlining how they will ensure accessibility to the program, timelines for enrollment, plans for notification and education about the program, and projected costs. DELC may coordinate with OSP and perhaps other state agencies that conduct background checks in order to better understand the cost of participation and develop an implementation plan by the December 31 deadline.

**Effective Date:** 91 days following adjournment of the 2024 legislative session.

### **House Bill 4151 – Task Force on Youth Behavioral Health**

[House Bill 4151](#) directs the System of Care Advisory Council to convene a subcommittee on the youth behavioral health workforce. The Early Learning System Director, or a designee of the director, will be on the subcommittee. Among other tasks, the subcommittee will identify state-issued professional authorization options for existing and emerging behavioral health professions and for determining the structures and supports needed to sustain the youth behavioral health workforce. The subcommittee will submit an initial report to the legislature by September 2024 and a final report by December 2025.

**Effective Date:** When the Governor signs.

### **Senate Bill 1532 – Immigrant Student Success Plan**

[Senate Bill 1532](#) directs the Department of Education (ODE) to develop and implement a statewide education plan for students who are asylum seekers, refugees, or any other immigrant regardless of immigration status. ODE is required to form an advisory group including representation from DELC and other education groups. DELC will advise on the development and implementation of the plan, grant recipient eligibility criteria and expectations, and any rules to be adopted by the State Board of Education.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2025

### **Senate Bill 1552 – Education Omnibus/Educator Advancement Council**

Senate Bill 1552 contains a number of different education related initiatives and changes to current programs. Specifically, as part of the Educator Advancement Council, DELC is required to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Department of Education, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Senate Bill 275 (2023) removed state agency names from the list of parties to the intergovernmental agreement, and this bill corrects that. This correction allows the Educator Advancement Council to make updates to the existing intergovernmental agreement with DELC and early learning professionals represented. Senate Bill 1552 also amended the previous definition of “educator” to include professionals working with students in early learning settings. This will allow for the Educator Advancement Council and its connected initiatives to better provide professional learning to those working with Oregon’s youngest children.

**Effective Date:** When the Governor signs.

### **Questions about this report?**

Please contact Kate Denison, Government Affairs Manager: [kate.denison@DELC.oregon.gov](mailto:kate.denison@DELC.oregon.gov)



## Workgroup Updates

### Health Care Integration Workgroup Update



## Health Care Integration Workgroup

Update 30 March 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. We did not hold an HCI meeting in March because our presenter had to reschedule. Joyce Stone from Unite Us will be presenting at our April 9 meeting, and she will be addressing the issues and concerns of the HCI membership, based on their feedback from our January and February meetings, and the comments left on the Jam Boards created for that feedback.
4. On February 29, we received an email from the Oregon Health Authority announcing that we were being awarded a Public Health Equity grant of \$181,661 for our proposed Asset Mapping project! The grant runs from 2/1/2024 through 6/30/2025, and requires that we complete the entire project during that timeframe. We are working to begin our Round 1 visits to Harrisburg, Philomath, and Lincoln City.

Program Updates

Pollywog

# Pollywog Update

## April 4, 2024

There are currently 893 Pollywog clients in the Unite Us database, and our data is still being massaged into a workable format.

There are 32 prenatal and childbirth classes and support groups being offered by Samaritan and other partners, including 7 offered in Spanish.



Recent topics for our blog, The Parent Voice, included: A Day in the Life of a Baby, Do you know your Cavity Risk?, Flying with our 9-Month Old Baby, and Navigating Housework as a New Mom.

There are 51 parenting education classes available on the website, 13 offered in Spanish.

The Parent Newsletter for March was "You are your Child's First Teacher", and it was emailed to 1,238 families and 274 partners. We also emailed out a "2024 East Activity Guide" on March 20 to 1,240 families and another 2,249 were reached on Facebook!

In March, 2,402 users viewed 6,861 pages. Most viewers were interested in Classes & Workshops, Preschool Promise information, and Resources for Families.

Our Facebook page reached 6,541 people in March. The most popular posts were the Nurturing Fathers Program and the upcoming Free Dental Clinic in Corvallis. In addition, our Instagram page reached 69 people and visits were up 15%.



## Pollywog Partners & Unite Us



Advantage Dental  
 Community Doula Program  
 Comm. Health Centers, Linn & Benton Cos.  
 Community Services Consortium  
 Crossroads Communities  
 Family Tree Relief Nursery  
 IHN Maternity Care Coordination  
 Kidco Head Start  
 LBCC Parenting Education  
 Monarch on 4th  
 Old Mill Center  
 Parenting Success Network  
 Preschool Promise  
 Reconnections Counseling  
 Rideline  
 Samaritan Family Med., Sweet Home  
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## Pollywog Funding News

We received news from the IHN-CCO that we will be getting a Traditional Health Worker contract in the next few months, and we will be receiving bridge funding of \$50,000 to hold us over until the contracting process is complete.

In addition, the IHN-CCO also discussed the new Community Capacity Building Funds related to the 1115 HRSN Waiver, and encouraged us to seek this funding source. The application deadline is May 31, and we are reviewing the application now.

## Unite Us Data for March 2024

**Families served - 40**

**New cases - 34**

*Each client need is a separate case.  
Data was pulled 3/21/24 for this report.*

**Referrals sent: 7**

**Referrals received: 2**

Parenting Education - 3

Prenatal Classes - 4

Parenting Resources - 2

## Business Liaison



Business Outreach Initiative

### Business Liaison

#### **Dec 2023-Mar 2024 Progress Update**

##### Accomplishments:

- Applied for and received early awarding notification for Albany CDBG grant to support Growing Care, for approx. \$50,000
- Applied for Benton Community Foundation grant for \$10,000 to support Growing Care start-up grants and marketing in Benton County
- Launched two concurrent paid marketing campaigns to support Growing Care, a \$25,000 campaign performed through Madison Avenue Collective, as well as \$5,000 campaign through Mailbox Merchants
- Assisted Little Beavers Preschool to support their child care expansion plans, with grant writing assistance and help dealing with Benton County zoning problems
- Performed Business Outreach Initiative support with Starker Forests, Inc. of Corvallis, helping them with their employer-sponsored child care options, including custom employee surveys and feedback analysis, finding them an implementing partner to run a potential on-site child care program (Old Mill Center), and working to coordinate with DELC Office of Child Care for a pre-certification inspection visit
- Continued facilitation with Samaritan Health Services to assist with employee child care assistance, including their agreement that in 2025 they will subsidize child care costs for their employees by contributing to DCFSA costs
- Met with a senior representative from Green Light Development, who create affordable housing using braided public-private funding sources, to develop a joint venture certified child care center development in Corvallis
- Was asked to participate in the Washington County Child Care Forum to provide information about employer-sponsored child care to local employers.

##### Near-term goals:

- Continue assisting Little Beavers Preschool with expansion plans
- Explore Growing Care grants with The Ford Family Foundation and the JTMF Foundation
- Develop housing development child care project with Green Light Development and other housing development agencies as they appear
- Develop Senior Living on-site child care project, with a well-sourced presentation

## Coordinated Enrollment



### Coordinated Enrollment Update

April 2024

Enrollment for 2023-2024 has stayed over 90%. As of March 19, 2024, 231 out of 252 slots are full (91%). Throughout the course of the year, 14 of the 20 of the providers have been at 100% capacity.

Children who are or are turning 4 years old take priority in the placement process. For the upcoming year we have 104 eligible children, 64 of them returning and 40 on the waitlist. We will be starting the 2024-2025 year at 44.44% full. This helps us identify where our recruitment efforts should be focused.

Applications for 2024-2025 are expected to be live early April. The PSP team will work on processing them as they are received as well as participating in recruitment events.

DELIC is currently in the process of developing a reallocation process for slots that were previously allocated to our region and aren't being offered by the previous provider. We have recommended that the reallocation process be open to new providers and are already working with a couple who we know are interested. For our region, there is the potential of 40-50 slots that could be awarded through reallocation.

## Parent Leadership Council



### Parent Leadership Council Update

April 2024

Over the last few months, the team has been working on recruiting parents for the Parent Leadership Council (PLC). As of March 20<sup>th</sup>, we have four parents who have committed to the role and responsibilities of the PLC. Parents will be compensated for their time through a Personal Services Contract, the first meeting is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. During the first session, the Early Learning Hub Director, Kristi, will have the opportunity to meet the members and talk about what the EL Hub is. As a part of the first session, Matt will train members how to fill out a Personal Services Contract and invoice for their participation time.

Parents are asked to commit to four two-hour sessions a year for a maximum of two years. The PLC's goal is to have three groups of 6-10 parents per county: Linn, Benton, and Lincoln. The EL Hub team will continue recruitment efforts until those goals are met. To prevent further delay of meeting opportunities, the PLC will start as one group.