

**Early Childhood Hub of Lane County
Early Learning Stakeholders Meeting
Thursday, January 26th, 2023
3:00 - 5:00 pm**

1. Welcome and Introductions

- In attendance: Jaycob Nolte, UWLC; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Kris Coomes, UWLC; Jessie Daher, UWLC; Yajaira Guzman, UWLC; Mariela German, Arc of Lane County; Ariana Matthews, Willamette Family; Rowen Pemberton, Lane County Public Health; Kalina Glover Moresi, Parenting Now; Sarai Barrera, Looking Glass Counseling; Marissa Lovell, Lane County Public Health; Krystal Sanchez, Migrant Ed; Kim Giasante, Early Childhood Cares; Gretta Sagolla, Eugene 4j School District; Zayra Longoria, Self Sufficiency ODHS; Traci Kennedy, Willamette Family; Leslie Finlay, Relief Nursery; Rebecca Saxon, Eugene Public Library; Kristen Helton, Quality Care Connections; Peggy Whalen, Family Relief Nursery; Teresa Baur, Lane County Diaper Bank; Sara Loveless, 90by30; Tracy Stafford, Oregon Community Programs

2. Early Learning Alliance Updates

- New Staff & Hub Leadership Transition
 - Kris Coomes new hub co-director!
- Governance Consortium Update
 - Looked at the programming within the hub to determine if programs should stay with the hub or could be shifted to different community partners who engage in similar work.
- Program Updates/Announcements:
 - Triple P- TPOL: free for all Lane Co families!
 - Black Early Learning
 - Preschool Promise
 - Focused on hiring
 - Still have some openings and looking to plan for next year
 - Focusing on Outlook and Recruitment for the upcoming year

3. Lane County Diaper Bank

- Teresa Baur, Founder, Executive Director, Lane County Diaper Bank
 - Lane County Diaper Bank was established in 2019 and annually give out 300,000 diapers free of charge
 - They currently operate with partner agencies that are already serving families to act as distribution centers for their families
 - They are currently expanding to have their own diaper distribution center in Springfield in Feb 2023 which will serve as a distribution site for the general public
 - There is a limit on how many times a family can receive services held by the parent agency, each package of diapers has 25 and each family can get 2 packages a month for a total of 50 diapers
 - The main source of getting diapers is through grants and funding and they also do diaper drives throughout the year which takes both unopened and opened packages of diapers

- They are also expanding with a mobile diaper unit later this year and partnering with 4 more agencies in more rural communities so if your agency or any agency you know could benefit from this service please contact Teresa.
- Website: <https://lcdiaperbank.org/>
- Email: teresa@lcdiaperbank.org

4. Agency Updates

- Looking Glass Counseling:
 - Continuing to hire therapists
 - The bilingual counselors that started last year are receiving clients to fill their caseloads and currently overall have 5 clinicians who identify as BIPOC
 - If you have a person looking for bilingual services make sure to ask for the bilingual receptionist
 - They still have the slot funding where folks can get ten free sessions if they do not have insurance.
 - Starting up a BIPOC therapy group if any one knows of folks in the community who would be interested please let Sarai know.
 - They continue to implement a new modality called child parent psychotherapy, family oriented model (currently in the second month of 18 months training process)
 - Looking for BIPOC referrals can get in telehealth within a month and in person a little bit longer
 - Looking Glass Services fliers attached in English and Spanish
 - Email: sarai.barrera@lookingglass.us

- Early Childhood Cares
 - Continue to hire staff
 - Always taking referrals for kids and all services are free to children who qualify

- Lane County Public Health
 - Finally embarking on Family Connects development universally
 - Intense home visit done by a registered nurse of family systems and physical and mental health as well as locating services in the community
 - Starting to recruit folks who would like to have input in this program if you are interested please contact Rowen: Rowen.Pemberton@lanecountyor.gov

- United Way Lane County:
 - United Way is looking to hire a Resource Development Coordinator: <https://unitedwaylane.applicantpool.com/jobs/917467.html>

- Relief Nursery
 - Returned to in person parenting education and parents for recovery groups
 - Bilingual Peer Support and Bilingual counselor positions have been filled

- The Arc of Lane County
 - Do you know of a Latino family in Lane County raising a child with a disability, we have a Latino parent support group they can join monthly in person meeting and monthly zoom meeting. Please feel free to send them Mariela's way.
 - Doing more in person meetings for Familias en Conexion
 - Have both an English and Spanish version of Families Connected, Mariela runs the Spanish sessions and Nancy runs the English ones.
 - This Saturday will be meeting the first time in person for a support group
 - During in person meetings it is more casual and there is a training afterwards so if you know of any families with a child with a disability send them their way
 - Their current focus for the Spanish groups is to connect with south lane and hold more in person sessions down there so if you know of any providers to partner with please let Mariela know.
 - Nancy is working on bringing the English series to support families in Oakridge and Florence
 - Contact: 541-206-3951 cell, mariela.hernandez@arclane.org

- Parenting Now
 - Currently hosting in-person parenting education groups and will be starting a general Make Parenting a Pleasure (MPAP) in the next couple weeks
 - Also have an Infants class starting up as well

- Eugene Public
 - In-person Story times at the Bethel and downtown branches <https://www.eugene-or.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=77> (this will show you the storytimes in January and you can move to future months to see even more storytimes!).
 - Looking to start planning for summer and doing more park story times
 - Almost entirely new staff at the Bethel Library so if you would like to come see some of the changes taking place please come down

- Quality Care Connections
 - Goal of increasing childcare in Lane County and keeping programs open and increasing capacity in Lane County
 - Supporting providers who have received 1-2 grants in the county
 - Working hard with the PSP and doing vision screenings at PSP sites
 - They have hired another coach to go out and help teachers with best practices
 - Continuing on with Spanish business support network but have stopped the English sessions
 - Starting new infant toddler network specifically with infant toddler mental health
 - Starting a new program called Catch, a physical activity program that Head Start uses in place of NAPSACC
 - Starting in South Lane then doing a Spanish speaking group

- Have a Business Accelerator Program to help with aspects of starting own childcare facility and a Fast Track Program for people to learn new childcare components to open your own facility
 - A bunch of scholarships for 28 credits towards ECE degree closed but they will open more in the future
 - Getting ready for mini grants
 - Working with Holly the Childcare Sector Strategist
 - Parenting Now and Lane Workforce are conducting presentations over zoom to parents focusing on helping parents understand what quality childcare looks like
 - What meets their needs
 - How to pay for child care through DHS
 - For parents who want to stay at home how to open your own childcare setting
 - Email: Kristen Helton, Quality Care Connections; heltonk@lanecc.edu
- Eugene 4J
 - Back to offering in person parenting education nights
 - Still hiring for a preschool promise lead teacher at the Buena Vista preschool promise location
 - Also planning for the KITS program and expanding that into the summer for about 8-weeks
 - If you have questions please call Gretta at: Gretta Sagolla
sagolla_gr@4j.lane.edu 541-968-3193
- Migrant Ed
 - Starting to look to summer with the summer school program starting so if anyone knows of any preschool providers who don't work during the summer and want to, please refer them
 - The jobs will be posted in March and will be just for the month of July
 - When they are posted they can be found here:
<https://www.applitrack.com/lesdk12or/onlineapp/>
- ODHS Self Sufficiency
 - Losing the emergency allotments for SNAP families, starting in March a large portion of families are going to see a reduction in food benefits
 - Please make sure families that you work with who are on these benefits are checking their mail or get in contact with them so they know what change is coming and the impact it will have on our community as well
 - Info regarding changes to Employment related day care (also attached)
<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/CHILD-CARE/Pages/Parents.aspx>
 - Takes into account:
 - driving time
 - being a student
 - Includes asleep hours for parents who work night shifts

- Medical leave or if they are taking care of a family member
 - Zayra Longoria ODHS Self-Sufficiency Programs;
zayra.longoria@odhs.oregon.gov; 458-221-2025.
- Family Relief Nursery
 - Still hiring for 2 positions in the Cottage Grove site
 - Getting ready to launch a parenting class in-person and offering a Spanish language Make Parenting A Pleasure in Cottage Grove
 - Also have slots available in Cottage Grove or Creswell locations
- 90by30
 - Hiring a communications coordinator (communications and marketing)
 - Still waiting on UO to approve the description to get the link if you know of anyone please reach out
 - The position is up to 100% remote
- Oregon Community Programs
 - Looking for therapists for individual and family therapy
 - Starting a PCIT Toddler Workshop in Spanish
- Willamette Family
 - Still hiring teacher candidates
 - Still supporting staff members getting their Child Development associates credentials
 - Got a grant to be able to help interns get credentialing behavioral health providers and substance use treatment providers
 - Open up the services that they can provide

NEXT MEETING February 23rd, 2023