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**Lane Early Learning Alliance
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Thursday, March 21, 2019
3:00-5:00pm**

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(3171 Gateway Loop, Springfield)

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NOTES

1. Welcome and Introductions- (5 minutes)

In attendance: Claire Hambly, UWLC; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Bess Day, UWLC; Shayna Higashi, Willamette Family; Amber, Willamette Family; Lela Ross, Lane ESD/NAACP; Tim Scott, Eugene Science Center; LuCinda Gustavson, Springfield Public Library; Doug Sannes, DHS; Jenny Mendoza, UofO Learning Lab; Lynne Swartz, Parenting Now!; Jaclyn Mahoney, Daisy CHAIN; Lenora Johnson, Trillium; Cheryl Henderson, Parent-Child Preschool; Caitlan Rivera, Downtown Languages; Matt Trimble, First Place Kids; Annetta Forrer, Willamette Family; Silvia Ceja, Springfield SD; Dave Hulbert, Springfield SD

2. Raise Up Oregon: ELD Strategic Plan Discussion- (70 minutes)

- Bess Day, United Way Director of Education
- Background
 - Strategic plan from ELD
 - Critical brain development in early years
 - 1. 1 million new neural connections every minute in the first 3 years!
 - RAND reviewed 115 ECE programs
 - 1. 90% positive effect on at least one outcome
 - 2. \$2-4 return on investment
 - Less than 10% of current investment is before age of 5
 - Also effected by ACEs at this time
 - Large opportunity to close opportunity cap in Oregon (racial and economic disparities)
- Vision
 - Plan to best impact kids over the next 5 years
 - All of Oregon's young children deserve the best start- zip code, race, and family income should not predict the health, educational, and life outcomes of Oregon's children.
 - Three goals:
 - 1. Children arrive ready for kindergarten
 - 2. Children raised in healthy, stable, and attached families
 - 3. The Early Learning system is aligned, coordinated, and family-centered
- Nuts and Bolts
 - Equity objective: investments are prioritized in support of equitable outcomes for children and families
 - Governor's Recommended Budget: \$388M for early childhood
- How you can help:
 - Spread the word: to community partners and parents
 - Hubs:
 - 1. Compare it to your local plans/priorities
 - 2. Incorporate elements into plans/activities
 - Support: Early Childhood Advocacy Day – April 9th, 12-4 pm, Oregon Capital Building, Salem. [Register to attend](#), and contact us if you'd like to carpool!

- Questions
 - <https://oregonearlylearning.com/raise-up-oregon>
 - Contact: Sue Parrish – sue.parrish@ode.state.or.us
- Reactions/Thoughts
 - What is the deadline for data collection? Indicators are mostly identified; calling for all 5 sector's population-level data to create a data dashboard- hopefully by the start of the next biennium; questions around who's going to be in charge of this.
 - Support from various legislators?
 1. Joint committee on student success looking at all of Governor's recommended budget; subcommittee on Early Childhood Education co-chaired by John Lively and Lew Frederick; could write to/contact Julie Fahey, Nancy Nathanson, Senator Beyer
 - a. Lane Co. is fairly progressive- for the most part, our reps are all "pro". However, currently seeing disaggregation of programs from the system – starting to parse programs out from the whole system; takes power away from coordinated systems piece
 - b. Ways and Means Committee
 - c. OR is 48th in country for funding education
 - d. Marijuana tax money?

3. Early Learning Alliance Updates- (15 minutes)

- Governance Consortium Update- *Bess Day*
 - Raise Up Oregon overview
 - 60 bills that the ELD is watching; 10 Bess is watching – can share updates as these make their way through the session; will update on the ELA website
 1. Bill to end state-sponsored assessments for K-2nd grade; eliminate kinder assessment. Small but loud voice for not testing young kids but these tests help identify kids who need support
 2. Imagination Library bill – state may go in on 50% of funding
 3. Amendments to Preschool Promise bill
 4. Oregon pre-k (Head Start)
 5. Parenting education bill
- UW Updates:
 - [Summer Reading Guide](#)
 1. Americorps Vista created guide for starting your own Summer Reading Spot
 2. Food For Lane County Summer Food Program sites will be back in June 2019 – site map coming soon.
 - LaneKids Preliminary Award Announcement
 1. Awards going to Bethel SD, Family Relief Nursery Cottage Grove, Lowel SD, Oakridge SD, Parenting Now!, Pearl Buck Center, Relief Nursery, First Place Family, South Lane SD, Eugene Suzuki Music Academy
 - a. Jenny Mendoza also works for Eugene Suzuki Music Academy: designed for parents with young children; lead them through songs and rhymes; want to expand program to low-income families but the challenge is that it is costly; grant will allow low-income families to attend and will also be including a workshop piece to talk more about parenting skills; will integrate Circle of Security into existing music curriculum – using music as a parenting tool
 - i. Recruiting in the fall – will share info with this group for recruitment
 2. Still contingent on UW receiving grants from OPEC and Lane Co. (will hear in May)
 - Save the date: May 21, Dr. Wendy Ellis will present on the Building Community Resilience (BCR) Initiative
 1. Will send out additional information in a couple of weeks
 2. Open to everyone – including parents
 3. Can offer certificates of attendance
 4. OPEC conference in Corvallis on May 19-20
 - Teen/Tween parenting survey coming soon!
 1. Look for the survey soon; no more than 10 minutes to complete
 2. Current gap in resources for parents of teens; looking to fill this gap and we need feedback from the community
 3. Please complete the survey and share it with your network
 4. OPEC/DHS have entered into an agreement where DHS will provide funding for teen/tween parenting education; we want to build capacity quickly in order to hit the ground running

4. Agency Updates, Networking & Announcements- (30 minutes)

- Food For Lane County
 - Idea for intern to share resources/programs at FFLC sites
 - Small group met to discuss this – vetted idea with PPPM intern instructors and they were on board
 1. One possible intern for this summer, may need to wait until fall
 - Email Carrie Copeland at FFLC or Claire if you are interested in participating
 - Intern will spend 1 or 2 days getting to know the agency/programs and gathering materials; hand out materials at food pantries
 - Intern will also track materials/families
 - Spend a couple of weeks per agency
- Parenting Now!
 - OPEC parenting education conference: PN providing “advanced facilitation skills” workshop for any curriculum (basic skills, challenging situations)
 - PN doing foundation of facilitation all around the state in the next year
 - MPAP 2nd edition is out – discounts for agencies in hubs (training and curriculum)
 1. Several trainings in April, May June
 2. See details at <https://parentingnow.org/>
- Quality Care Connections
 - Looking for additional trainers (childcare resource and referral); operate on academic calendar, provide trainings to early educators; can become Oregon registry trainer – if you have any level of expertise in early childhood and are interested, contact Theya Harvey
- Eugene Suzuki Music Academy
 - Still recruiting for current infant class
- Springfield Public Library
 - Next week is spring break – full week, 2-3 programs every day, expecting hundreds of kids
 - Día de los Niños is on April 27th from 1-4
 - May: teen librarian putting together teen volunteer fair (usually younger teens)
- Eugene Science Center
 - Expanded early education programming – every Friday morning, STEM-based storytime
 - 1 day/month is tot day: interactive, hands-on
 - Museums for All: families can get in for \$1 with the card (please help spread the word!)
 1. <https://museums4all.org/>
 - April 14th – open house, free all day
- NAACP
 - April 7th ACT-SO competition
 - NAACP recruitment mixer on April 12th – inviting educators, community members to join
 - Ongoing: Saturday partnership with SMART reading program (K-3); homework club for teens next door
- Lane ESD
 - April 17th: Achieving Excellence Through Equity summit
 1. Keynote speaker and afternoon sessions
 - April 27th: conference for students, parents, educators
 1. ODE reps, Joyce Harris is keynote
 2. Addressing house bill 2-16 – African American student success; educating on inherent bias, institutionalized racism, trauma informed care, counseling; student break-out sessions
 3. Both conferences are free
- First Place Kids
 - Finishing up a busy winter term; a month or two where they were full or turning away kids every day
 1. Making requirements a little stricter – kids who aren't homeless or who are eligible for public preschool can no longer attend; FPK will help families transition into new programs
 - Fully staffed; Eugene library coming every week
 - Ilana facilitating Parent Café for families in the night shelter
- Springfield School District
 - Overseeing programs, looking at budget, transitioning families from EC CARES
 - Budgeting around KITS – hopeful to operate full program
 - PP site success
- Downtown Languages
 - Pilas – literacy program for Latino families
 1. Begins April 1st in Springfield
 2. Located at Dos Rios and Fairfield

3. For the whole family: newborns to adult; learn separately and together; cultural and family literacy
 4. Need help spreading the word!
 5. Accept families through second week of program
 6. Contact Caitlyn for presentation at your agency
- Cheryl Henderson
 - Ages & Stages Questionnaire
 1. ASQ is upgrading to ASQ 4; looking for families who are open to having their child tested
 2. Families receive \$25 Target gift card per child
 3. Only in English
 4. Ages 1 month – 6.5 years
 - Eugene Parent-Child Preschool
 1. Formerly First United Methodist Preschool
 2. Cheryl hired to facilitate communication btwn. staff, board, parents
 3. Preschool classroom has closed – looking for community partners/resources to help preschool reopen in the fall
 4. Annual fundraiser on April 27th – Where The Wild Things Are play
 5. Co-op model – parents help out in the classroom
 6. Serves families who aren't eligible for Head Start or PP but can't afford more expensive programs
 - Springfield/Brattain House
 - César Chávez event at Hamlin Middle School – invite partners
 - Infant group (Learning Littles) will perform at Día de los Niños
 - Spanish kindergarten conference at Guy Lee for families to ask questions in Spanish
 - Families check LaneKids for free/low cost events
 - United Way
 - Triple P Online is available in English and Spanish and free for any family on OHP
 - Eugene Public Library
 - New Director has been hired
 - Día de los Niños – events through April; every Sunday is a bilingual event – open to all community members if you have library card or not
 - Outreach to Spanish-speakers w/ kids 0-5 – seeking feedback on programming
 1. Pass feedback onto library; these programs will increase over the next year
 - Springbreak
 1. Elephant and piggy party
 2. Friday, March 29th Lasers in the library: after-hours event for laser tag in the library!
 - Library staff can come to your agency!
 - Trillium
 - First community baby shower coming up on April 4th at ORI
 - Bags with baby supplies; giving away prizes, baby shower games
 - Daisy CHAIN
 - Doula support, lactation consultant
 - Currently meeting families where they are (figuratively and literally)
 - Upcoming training: gender diversity in reproductive health – local doula has developed 4-part series

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2019
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