



**Family Resource Center Meeting**  
**April 8, 2019 9:00 – 11:00 am**  
**United Way of Lane County**  
3171 Gateway Loop, Springfield, Oregon

**Group Members**

**Bethel FRC**

Anne Johnstone-Diaz

**Creswell FRC**

Sue Wickizer  
Crystal Perdue

**Crow-Applegate-Lorane FRC**

Donna Willits

**Cottage Grove FRC**

Ana Maria Dudley

**Eugene FRC**

Gretta Sagolla  
Alicia Longoria

**Fern Ridge FRC**

Olivia Johnson  
Jim Domingue

**Lowell FRC**

Dan Silver

**Marcola FRC**

Shana Hockema

**McKenzie FRC**

Lacey Joy

**Oakridge FRC**

Kack Camerer

**Pleasant Hill FRC**

Lorena Hammond

**Springfield FRC**

Silvia Ceja

**Notes**

**1. Welcome/Introductions- 5 mins**

**In attendance:** Claire Hambly, UWLC; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Laura Dahill, Arc Families Connected; Nancy Berge, Arc Families Connected; Laura Clegg, 90by30; Gretta Sagolla, Eugene 4J; Alicia Longoria, Eugene 4J; Shana Hockema, Marcola; Silvia Ceja, Springfield SD; Julia Morrill, SLSD; Michelle Maher, US Census; Dan Silver, Lowell SD; Donna Willits, Crow; Lacey Joy, McKenzie; Anne Johnstone-Diaz, Bethel; Sue Wickizer, Creswell SD

**2. 2020 Census- 15 mins**

- Michelle Maher, US Census Specialist
  - [Michelle.r.maher@2020census.gov](mailto:Michelle.r.maher@2020census.gov), 541-953-7967
- Decennial census done every 10 years
  - Funds for the county, non-profits (not schools)
  - Children under 5 are under-counted
  - Lane Co. 30% incompleteness rate
  - Can be done online
  - Phone number with instructions on how to fill out
- Please help publicize the census at your organization!
- Return form to Michelle or provide her with your contact info
- Confidentiality
  - Information is protected
  - Use aggregate data; goal is to produce quality data through samples of the population
- Contact Michelle for:
  - Census logo to add to website
  - Booth at events
  - Information in Spanish
  - If your organization is not receptive
- Citizenship question
  - Federal gov't is wanting to add citizenship question; the census does not want this
  - Currently in court
  - If left blank, the form will be considered incomplete and census staff will want to follow-up
  - Not citizens but have legal status
    - a. Yes, still fill it out – some funding goes to non-citizens
- Jobs available as census staff
  - Must be 18+ and a citizen

**3. Arc/Families Connected- 30 mins**

- Laura Dahill & Nancy Berge
- Serve families with children with developmental disabilities
- Families supporting families (peer networking)
  - Provide support
  - High expectations for child (strengths-based)

- Work across community to make events/spaces more welcoming
- Why: Parents need to connect with other parents
- How: “Natural supports” – ex: finding a peer to accompany your child to a dance class
  - Work with community partners – how they can better support diverse families
  - Presentations in classrooms – talk to children about what it’s like to have a disability; how they can be supportive to their peers
  - Camp leaders
- Families in Arc more confident that their children will be successful
- How we serve families:
  - Parent trainings; mentoring; presentations; resource navigation; advocacy (both personal and at legislative level); person-centered plans; weekly events; recreation co-ops during school breaks; newsletter with upcoming local events
  - Spanish-speaking group meets regularly the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 1:30-3:30 (not listed in newsletter)
    - a. Childcare is provided
    - b. Closed Spanish Facebook group containing translated information
    - c. Please register for the group
- How is it different than OFSN?
  - OFSN focuses on mental health; FC is more intellectual disabilities
  - Families can access both services
- Other programs at Arc
  - Jumpstart: afterschool, Saturday, summer programs for youth 5-13
  - ESTEAM: ages 14-18; teaches science, tech, engineering, art, math; plants seeds for what it means to work
  - Community Connectors: work with children and youth on skill building both in the home and community
  - Adult programs:
    - a. Stepping Out: adult community enrichment program if they do not work
    - b. EmployAbility program: helps secure employment
- How to refer families
  - Location: 42<sup>nd</sup> and Main
  - No qualifications, prerequisite, or diagnosis required to receive services
  - Families can come to the building or staff will meet families in their home
  - No cost: sometimes events have low cost; also many free events
- Volunteers
  - Background check not required
  - Great opportunity for HS students
- Rural areas?
  - Goal is to reach all locations in Lane Co.
  - Outside of Lane Co?
    - a. Not in Linn, Benton Co.
  - Wanting to get group started in Oakridge and host trainings in rural areas
- Please spread the word to families!
- Email upcoming events that Arc families can also attend
- Closed Facebook group to allow for private conversation between families
- No groups in Cottage Grove – would appreciate help getting started in rural areas; also seeking to nurture/empower family leaders

#### 4. FRC Training Manual Components- 30 mins

- Draft of FRC Coordinator job description
- We would love your feedback! Please email Claire
- Anne: omit salary, captures about 15% of job; would like room for flexibility

- Flexibility with schedule required (evening events, last minute requests)
- Alicia: Work closely with principal to develop family engagement goals
- Nice skeleton/outline; need ability to add in individual components
- Depends on the year and building (what will be provided to families)
  - Community responsiveness
  - Don't know what will walk through the door each day
- Difficult to capture what FRCs do
- Principals want families to utilize FRCs but not enough staff time is dedicated to them
- Helping families with enrollment- and often end up connecting to basic needs assistance
- School district supported position: should invest through supervision, financial support, space
- Laura: Can this information be used in the 90by30 report? Verbal yes from all (and please also share the strengths)
- Include which meetings they are expected to attend (encouraged, supported, valued)

## 5. UW Updates

- Save the date- May 21, 6-8 Dr. Wendy Ellis- Building Community Resilience: A Call to Action
  - At Eugene 4j District Office, 200 N Monroe
  - 150 seats; free and open to the community but registration required
- Teen/Tween parent education survey coming soon!
  - Interest in/capacity for offering teen parenting ed
  - Working with County to determine interest, capacity, what supports are needed
  - Look for it in the next couple of weeks
- Follow up from curriculum survey: Triple P
  - Triple P was the curriculum most respondents were interested in
  - Interest in this group? Would like to do individual follow-up; potential to send folks to training
  - Need to also have organizational capacity to implement
  - Shana, Dan, Anne, Gretta, Donna, Creswell 2<sup>nd</sup> person
- LaneKids Preliminary Award Announcement
- Due dates
  - April 15- Quarterly Reports due
  - April 30- Invoices due
    - a. Submit invoices *at least* quarterly; you may invoice more!
- Triple P Online available in English and Spanish – let Emily know if you would like a demo code

## 6. FRC Updates- 30 mins

- **Springfield**
  - Chavez event successful; many agencies attended
  - Learning Littles performing at Día de los Niños
  - Kinder conference for Spanish-speaking families on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Guy Lee; some agencies will attend
- **Eugene 4J**
  - Noche Cultural: partnering with middle school this year
    - a. Last year was over 700
    - b. Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
    - c. Dancers; music; families are preparing food (adults \$5, children \$2); tabling events; country of origin fair; artwork
    - d. River Rd. and Kelly share families so they are coordinating
- **Crow**
  - Getting ready for kinder roundup; more kids this year than ever
  - Had Dr. Seuss giveaway: all kids received a book
  - Grandparents and tea book fair (FRC supports kids who need it)
- **McKenzie**
  - Kinder orientation; more kids this year

- Wrapping up parenting class (struggling this year with numbers)
- End of the year events; science night
- No custodian services to grant-funded programs – spends a lot of her own time cleaning up
- QCC can provide manual for sanitation guidelines
- **Creswell**
  - Spring activities: recruiting for KITS and Preschool Promise
  - Securing funding for KITS
  - Community organizing: facilitating a group of Preschool promise providers in Creswell school district to sponsor STEAM night
    - a. Has broken down barriers btw providers
    - b. Each provider has one or two tables with activities
    - c. Eugene Science Center also attending on Thursday
    - d. Providers more welcoming when school wants to provide information
  - Crystal organizing event to bring parent groups together with the goal of creating an online presence
  - Need for low-income housing: rise in homeless families; Creswell often bypassed due to population of well off and high needs- places average in the middle
    - a. Goal to raise awareness; provide more opportunities for homeless families
  - Kindergarten tours
- **Bethel**
  - MPAP: 3 families showed up out of 12 registered
  - Crecer: 1 family out of 9 registered
  - Raising A Reader going very well
  - Music Mondays; Baby Sign (4-week baby vocab class)
  - Yoga with Amber from Fern Ridge was fun
  - Art Tuesdays
  - 2 more science nights
  - Children in Nature storytime night in May
- **Lowell**
  - Dan's one-year anniversary!
  - School is becoming resource for the community
    - a. Dan trained in risk assessment when kids say troubling things
  - Following up on grade-school referrals gives Dan an in with troubled kids' families
  - 8-week summer program upcoming
  - Difficult DHS family: wife reached out to get connected to Womenspace; dad reached out for employment resource
  - Launching parent book club – The Explosive Child (collaborative problem solving)
    - a. Please provide an update on this at next meeting!
- **South Lane**
  - Ramping up for KITS, kinder round up
  - Superintendent *almost* committed to KITS
  - Tabling to promote FRC & Imagination Library
  - Lots of new families during drop-in time; helpful to share building with Head Start & Early HS
  - Storytime on Tuesdays, STEAM on Thursdays; Drop-in on Tues/Thurs
  - Trying to find balance w/ RaR
  - Collaborative problem solving: The Child Center reached out; schools are interested in this
  - Need to start branding things that we sponsor – “Brought to you by Peggy's Primary Connection, FRC, and SLSD”
    - a. Printed stickers for FRC postcards

**Next meeting: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 At United Way**