

Lane Early Learning Alliance
Early Learning Stakeholders
Thursday, May 23, 2019
3:00-5:00 pm
United Way of Lane County

In attendance: Claire Hambly, UWLC; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Emily Little, Well Mama; Julia Morrill, South Lane SD; Theya Harvey, QCC; Doug Sannes, DHS; Ryan Taxara, Willamalane; Stacie Grabo, Lane County Maternal & Child Health; Sara Loveless, 90by30; Lisa Quaid, FFLC; Ilana Jakubowski, First Place Family; Natalia Piar, Migrant Ed Program; Holly Kriz-Anderson, YMCA; Taylor Worley, Springfield Public Library; LuCinda Gustavson, Springfield Public Library; Laura Dahill, The Arc & Families Connected; Tracy Stafford, OCP; Nancy Berge, The Arc & Families Connected, D. Ann Williams, Zora Montessori; Bess Day, UWLC; Gretta Sagola, Eugene 4J; Kari Rosenfeld, SMART; Silvia Ceja, Brattain House; Lise Schellman; Peal Buck Center; Lenora Johnson, Trillium; Jeanine Taylor, EC CARES; Leslie Finlay, Relief Nursery, Shayna Higashi, Willamette Family; Rachel Perry, Eugene Public Library

The Arc & Families Connected- Laura Dahill & Nancy Berge

- Serves 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, camp leaders, etc – how they can 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
- Families in Arc are 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 3rd Saturday of every month from 1:30-3:30 (not listed in newsletter)
 - Childcare is provided
 - Closed Spanish Facebook group containing translated information
 - 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:
 - Stepping Out: adult community enrichment program if they do not work
 - EmployAbility program: helps secure employment
- How to refer families:
 - Location: 42nd and Main, Springfield
 - No qualification, prerequisite, or diagnosis required to receive services
 - Families can come to the building or staff with 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
- Email upcoming events that Arc families can also attend
- Closed Facebook group to allow for private conversation between families
- The Arc Park:
 - 5 year plan
 - \$2 million to raise
 - Fully inclusive park
 - Wheelchair accessible; track around the perimeter to enclose park and to walk, ride bikes
 - Will be located behind the Arc building
- How can Spanish speaking families connect to the groups?
 - Open and closed groups on Facebook; email Laura or Nancy (laura.dahill@arclane.org or nancy.berge@arclane.org); Spanish-speaking staff at the Arc
- Community connectors: recruits/hired Personal Support Worker, if families are approved, staff meets with family to find out needs; recommends 3-4 candidates for family and they decide which one to hire
 - Developmental Disability refers families to the Arc and other agencies
- Include contact info with the notes

Food For Lane County Youth/Child Programs- Lisa Quaid

- Summer Food Program
 - Kids up to 18 receive free meal M-F
 - USDA program; FFLC sponsors
 - 45 sites in Lane County
 - Oakridge, Cottage Grove, Veneta, Bethel, Eugene, Springfield
 - Site listing now available online
 - Begins June 24th
 - Every site needs a Site Supervisor – volunteers needed!
 - All kids welcome; no registration, no paperwork, just show up; children ages 1-2 must be with an adult

- Lunch must be consumed on site
- Parents may not take a lunch
- Grant to produce a commercial in English and Spanish; PSA on radio
- Hiring bilingual/bicultural Site Supervisor
 - Only for the summer
 - Contact Lisa (lquaid@foodforlanecounty.org) to apply
 - Locations: Churchill Youth Park, Springfield Library, Maple
- Expanding menu: doing 2-week rotation instead of 1
- South Lane: using SFP for Migrant Ed and KITS families – communicates to FFLC when the kids will be there so they know to bring more
- Please use logos on advertisements
- Other programs
 - Cereal for Youth:
 - Companies partner to make granola that is available to kids for free
 - Available at 140 locations
 - Contact Karen Roth (karen@foodforlanecounty.org) for more information
 - Snack Pack
 - Sponsored by Umpqua Bank
 - Kids take home snacks on the weekend
 - Produce Plus
 - Free produce given out at 6 sites in the area including most DHS sites; no registration required
 - Update from Carrie:
 - In process of interviewing 2 master student interns from the UofO for food pantry project; will know more in the coming weeks and will be in touch with agencies who were interested in participating

Summer Recreation/Activity Programs

Willamalane- Ryan Taxara

- Celebrating 75th year!
- 1PASS
 - <https://willamalane.org/1pass/>
 - For \$55, kids 18 and under get into 15 local activities for free all summer
 - Also functions as a bus pass
 - Arc families Personal Support Workers get free entry to all activities if child has a 1PASS
- Sounds Like Summer
 - Live music and movies
 - Listed on website
 - Rec guides available
- Camps
 - For all ages & Youth camps
- Summer Playground Program
 - Partnering with FFLC summer food sites

- 1-time registration
- 8 weeks, M-Th
- Leader supervise kids; provide activities
- Parents don't have to sign kids in and out
- Open to everyone (can be in or out of district)
- Springfield Library will be visiting sites to sign kids up for summer reading program and receive a free book
- Scholarships are available
 - Run on the fiscal year (July 1-June 30)
 - Families can apply for scholarship for the end of this fiscal year and again in July
 - \$150 for every family member
 - Willamalane.org

YMCA- Holly Kriz-Anderson

- Swim lessons/rec swim
- Gym time
- Tennis
- Health and wellness
- Youth development: belonging, accomplishments, relationships
- Summer camps:
 - Community service
 - Where does our food come from?
 - Field trips on school buses
 - Team work – group games
 - Hiking
 - Counselor in Training program
 - Learn a new skill
 - Trip to the beach
 - Color runs
 - Middle schools – boundary breaking conversations
- No inclusion specialists – if child has a PSW, communicate this to the Y. Come see the environment, and talk about how it can fit your child
- Financial assistance – sliding scale, what can you afford? Tell your story. Sometimes able to make room for McKinney-Vento children
- No district guidelines

Early Learning Alliance Updates

- Governance Consortium Update
 - Kindergarten assessment data review/analysis
 - Kindergarteners assessed when they enter kinder- how ready they are for k
 - Bess can share data at this meeting in the future
 - Lane County Public Health submitting Letter of Intent for Family Connects (home visiting program); looking for 3 or 4 early implementation regions
 - Student Success Act passed and was signed by the Governor; will go to voters in the fall

- Conversation around ELA funding requests from community partners; creating process
 - Will look to see what the budget looks like and will dedicate a pot of money for these types of requests
- UW Updates
 - Bookfest
 - Starts tomorrow!
 - Targets schools with highest numbers of students not meeting 3rd grade reading benchmark and highest number of low-income families
 - Happening in 9 different schools; fundraising/book drives were successful enough to add another school!
 - Preschool Promise enrollment is open!
 - <https://www.lanekids.org/preschool-promise/>
 - Changes from last year: instead of a 2-step process, this year all the information is gathered in one application
 - No longer accepting sensitive documents through email; have secure link through file share or can fax or drop them off at UW
 - 175 slots, will take applications through the summer; first wave of placements in August
 - No family supports; although some agencies such as Relief Nursery offer this
 - Placement based on priority, not first come first served:
 - Racial equity; those who don't speak English; kids with disabilities; families experiencing homelessness; kids in foster care; kids with high indicators of trauma; 4-year-olds who have not had preschool
 - ELA Stakeholders will not meet in June or July and will reconvene on August 22nd, 2019

Agency Updates, Networking & Announcements

- South Lane SD
 - Extended school year, students in school until June 18
 - Active Facebook pages in Cottage grove
 - FRC page: Peggy's Primary Connection
 - What's going on in Cottage Grove
- Bess Day, United Way
 - Governance Consortium not meeting in June or July
- 90by30
 - Expanding pilot for Roots of Empathy – will be doubling, pilots in Springfield and Bethel
 - Seeking volunteer instructors (time commitment: ½ day/week); 3-day training at the end of the summer
 - Seeking volunteer families w/ a baby born between now and August
- First Place Kids
 - Paella Festival Fundraiser on June 22nd: tickets are \$35; located at Hayworth Vinyards in Coburg
 - Seeking volunteers for 2 days/week to lead arts/crafts, sports for school-aged kids; have lots of craft supplies
 - Ilana approved to do poverty coach training: will be able to give Poverty 101 trainings!

- Springfield Public Library
 - Summer reading! Flyers available in print and online; free programs, no library card required; programs every day – special performers, all ages
 - Summer Reading Program: no library card required, free book for signing up; free ice cream, free tickets to Oregon State Fair; classrooms can participate together
 - Received grant from Mills Davis to start “Get on Board” program to help families with transportation barriers get to the library; families receive 10 punch ride pass for the bus, get free book at the library; field trips from the schools
 - Hiring bilingual person for part-time, temporary position for 9 months, want to start in August to help with the program
 - Free library cards for all Springfield students and their families- can live in the city or not
 - Remote book drops at Willamalane and Splash!
- Eugene Public Library
 - Summer activities! All are free, open to everyone with or without card
 - Summer Reading Program: kids receive free book
 - Family Music Time on Saturdays is now bilingual
 - First year as a FFLC summer food program site at downtown location
 - Working to eliminate fines for kids – no time frame on this yet
- The Arc & Families Connected
 - Please sign up for the newsletter!
- Brattain House
 - Summer calendar for early literacy program – 6 field trips, most will be coupled with FFLC free lunch sites; story time, activity, snack, music
 - Preschool promise in August
 - Will share calendar
- Zora Montessori
 - Currently hiring multiple positions, see their [Facebook page](#) for details
 - 3 summer camps: sports, science, art
- United Way
 - Triple P Online is an online parenting education course free for any family who is a Trillium member! Available in English and Spanish, mobile optimized
 - <https://www.lanekids.org/triplep/>
 - New and improved lanekids.org is up and running; activity calendar is filled with free and low-cost activities for parents – please add your events to the calendar!
- Early Childhood CARES
 - Flyers for inclusive preschool classrooms- continuing classrooms in Florence, Fern Ridge, Eugen/Springfield; enroll typically-developing peers in classroom of diverse learners; very inexpensive tuition – one will be taught in sign language
 - Hiring Assistant Teacher and will post for Associate Teacher (lead)
 - Free developmental screenings for kids 0-5!

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 22, 2019

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