

Lane Early Learning Alliance
Early Learning Stakeholders
Thursday, April 25, 2019
3:00-5:00 pm
United Way of Lane County

In attendance: Claire Hambly, UWLC; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Michelle Maher, US Census; Irie Hoffman, OAFS; Jenny Mendoza, UofO; Jacqueline Moreno, LCPH; Ilana Jakubowski, First Place Family Center; Stacie Grabo, LCMCH; Gretta Sagolla, Eugene 4J; Celia Caffery, 90by30; Julia Morrill, SLSD; Doug Sannes, DHS; Jeanine Taylor, EC CARES; Rachel Perry, Eugene Public Library; Michelle Sheng-Palmisano, UWLC; D. Ann Williams, Zora Montessori; Bess Day, UWLC; Estee Auerbach Genosar, Co-Op Family Center, Silvia Ceja, Springfield SD; Dave Hulbert, Springfield SD; LuCinda Gustavson, Springfield Public Library; Laura Raines, Generation PMTO, Theya Harvey, QCC; Lise Schellman, Pearl Buck Center

Open Adoption & Family Services

- PNW agency, serve families all over country
- Wide range of clients; only 1.5% go to adoption – all options are discussed
 - Resources, parenting, abortion, adoption
- Will travel to rural areas to provide counseling
- Closed, semi-open and open adoption
- Only 2 cases where adoptive families decided was not good match
- Work with tribes? ICWA – attorneys keep up to date with laws; if expectant parent is registered, get permission of tribe to move forward
- Follow up with parent who gave up child? Set up counseling session before leaving hospital; can come in for counseling as long as they need to; drop-in birthparent groups
- Cost: fully funded by adoptive parents; fee per service (about \$27-28,000 per adoption)
- Birth parent can choose not to have contact – encourage to fill out open adoption to have if they want it later
 - When can they change their mind? In OR, when signed papers and placed child, cannot change your mind
- What % of children adopted have special needs? Small amount ~15%
- How can providers refer families?
 - Outreach packet
 - If working with a woman who is unsure, send to OAFS and they will help with decision
- Work with Spanish speakers
- Never reject pregnant woman for any reason

Census 2020 and Early Learning

- Michelle Maher, US Census Specialist
 - 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
 - Yes, still fill it out – some funding goes to non-citizens
- Jobs available as census staff
 - Must be 18+ and a citizen

Early Learning Alliance Updates

- Governance Consortium Update
 - Site visit from ELD: reviewed partner survey, governance survey; scoring rubric on progress on goals; state making sure hub is doing the work well; GC shared successes and challenges; received kudos for partnerships – also for # of responses on survey!
 - KITS updates
 - Legislative updates – as of April 9th all early childhood bills still in the running
 - GC are public meetings – anyone can attend! 2nd Friday of every month btw 3-5; give Bess heads up if you want to attend; located at EC CARES
 - Notes on earlylearningalliance.org/
 - If you have a concern you don't want to bring to UW, can talk to Lise & Eileen to bring it to GC
 - How is GC selected? When hubs were established, legislative bill determined who needs to be there: early ed, k 12, health, human services, community (private, parents)- organizations that are decision-makers; stakeholder reps can vote on things (Lise's term up in the fall)
- Bookfest
 - Michelle did interview on KVAL! On UW fb page
 - Still taking book donations; for more information visit: www.unitedwaylane.org/bookfest
 - Book sort with Emerging Leaders brought in over 2,000 books and \$600
 - 48 businesses doing book drives
 - Partnering with libraries- getting info to kids about summer services

- Early reader books at st vinnies for 79 cents! St Vinnie's donates too
- Resource through scholastic books: Judy Newman's Book List (a different Judy Newman), books for \$1
- Dental health initiative
 - Opportunity to be trained as oral health educator
 - 4 hour workshop
 - Insert curriculum into others to develop positive regular dental health routines
 - Per diem rate for training, mileage, grant for access to supplies – book, toothbrush
 - 2 sessions offered in the state- gauging interest now
 - If you or someone at your agency is interested, email Annette Leong annetteleong@icloud.com
 - No cost to agencies
 - Expectations not clearly laid out yet – that you will use the training
 - 25 slots for the whole state
- May 21, 6-8 Dr. Wendy Ellis- Building Community Resilience: A Call to Action
 - Registration is now open!
 - At Eugene 4j District Office, 200 N Monroe
 - 150 seats; free and open to the community but registration required
- Supporting Families with Complex Dynamics training
 - 6 hours
 - June 10th 9-3:30 at 4J auditorium
 - Free
 - <https://ComplexDynamics.eventbrite.com>.

Agency Updates, Networking & Announcements

- Springfield SD (Silvia Ceja)
 - Kinder conference for Spanish speaking families; agencies will have tables with information, partnering with Migrant Ed program (April 30 5:30-7:00 at Guy Lee)
- First Place Family Center
 - Will run preschool all summer; hiring additional summer staff – job is posted on Indeed and First Place website- need help spreading the word
 - Building enrichment program for school-aged children at center, looking for 4 different groups who could commit to provide crafts/activities – if anyone is interested in this, connect with FPFC
- Maternal Child Health
 - Want to get word out about programs: first time pregnant mothers; another for second time; Cocoon
 - Packets have provider referral forms; self-referral form
 - Information in Spanish in packets
- 90by30
 - Launched k(no)w more lane county!
 - www.knowmorelanecounty.org/
- South Lane SD

- FRC serving many new families; sharing facility at Early Learning Center w/ Head Start and Early Head Start– very successful! Send families to Peggy’s Primary Connection
- Seeking info on Latino services; if there are services that can be brought to CG – call Julia
- DHS
 - Child welfare: new phone number for child abuse hotline – now centralized and 24/7; more holistic approach to find out more about the family unit
 - 1-855-503-7233
 - Currently long waits; have not hired enough staff
 - Doug to email flyer
 - Self-sufficiency: piloting Two Gen program; focusing on the whole family, training family coaches- how to have conversations with parents, helping parents advocate for their children
- EC CARES
 - Free developmental screening for kids 0-5 in Lane Co; even if parents just wonder if they might have delay
 - Hiring Teaching Assistants – temporary right now, email resume to Jeanine, need experience with kids, caregiving, special needs preferably; permanent positions coming soon
 - Hiring new Early Intervention Specialist in Florence
- Eugene Public Library
 - Celebrating Día de los Niños/Libros– changed a little this year, giving away books – push to provide more services to LatinX families in Eugene
 - Family music times on Saturday mornings will all be bilingual
 - Gearing up for summer – first year as downtown FFLC summer food site (serving 100 kids 0-18)
 - New library director
 - Partnering with UW about improving 3rd grade reading level
 - Summer reading theme is space!
- QCC
 - Hired new staff; extended hours to be open until 6
 - Seeking part time Provider Support Specialist: bilingual position, 15-20 hrs, early childhood experience
- Laura Raines, Generation PMTO – same family as KITS
 - Training for therapists – parents are children’s best teachers; train to work with families in different contexts, developed 50 years ago by Jerry Patterson, will bring info next time
- Zora Montessori
 - Montessori school in Bethel: take care of families, students, staff – anti-biased, anti-racism work embedded in classroom
 - Community closet- clothing and toys (6 weeks to 6 years)
 - Opened September 2017
 - Garden to bring food into classrooms and to distribute to families on weekend
 - Training to do home visits in the fall

- Monthly parenting classes on the 2nd Saturday – low attendance; topics are generated by needs of families (\$10/family for childcare)
- Seeking to open another location over summer
- Free educator conference this Saturday: State of Emergency- how to support children of color; LCC main campus
- Montessori conference in Portland June 21-23 for parents & educators at Lewis & Clark University, how to bring in anti-bias, anti-racism into classrooms
- LaneKids
 - Please post your events on the LaneKids website! www.lanekids.org
 - Triple P is an online parenting course free to any family on OHP (parent or child); available in English and Spanish!
 - Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library
 - Kids receive a free book in the mail every month
- Springfield Public Library
 - Día de los Niños/Libros celebration on Saturday 1-4: bands, learning littles, dance, crafts, food, 37 community tables!
 - Summer reading programs!
 - Send calendar electronically
 - FFLC food site this summer
 - Every Tuesday bilingual storytime with free lunch
- Dave Hulbert
 - Potential for bilingual kits program – working with OSLC
 - Encourage parents to apply for kits – Guy Lee, Mt Vernon, Dos Rios – difficult to fill slots even with barriers removed
 - Lost funding this year- district picking up this funding
 - Preschool Promise for families with kids 3-5
- United Way of Lane County
 - Preschool Promise applications going to printer tomorrow! Open enrollment starts next week; volunteers will bring application packets; can also send electronically
 - Free high-quality preschool for school year at 13 locations across county
 - Just hired new bilingual PP coordinator
 - Wed, May 1st launching the new and improved lanekids.org!
 - Newsletter launching in June
 - Partner spotlights, parent resources, upcoming events
- FFLC
 - Ramping up for summer season; working out final details – don’t have site poster yet, hopefully in a week or so
 - Attendance numbers have been stagnant- people don’t know about the program
 - Grant to do commercials on KEZI
 - Tweaking the menu
 - Opportunity for community volunteers as site supervisors
 - 2-week commitment
 - Can bring kids to play or help!

- www.unitedwaylane.org/volunteer – can post volunteer needs and volunteers look for open positions
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- Pear Buck Center
 - Hiring Home Visitor Parent Educator
- Co-Op Family Center
 - Celebrating 40th anniversary
 - Hosting educational conference next Saturday, May 4th – encourage educators to register
 - Teachers are presenting their work
 - Celebrating at the end of the summer
 - Completed garden to table
- Jenny Mendoza (University of Oregon)
 - Research associate at UofO
 - Bellys, Birth, Babies expo on May 4th
 - Families, pregnant women, new babies to learn info about services in town
 - Bob Keefer Center
- Michelle (United Way of Lane County)
 - Spanish language newspaper in county now
 - Creswell and Cottage Grove newspapers still active – Creswell Chronical and Cottage Grove Sentinel

NEXT MEETING: May 23, 2019

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