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### Parent Advisory Council

September 23, 2020

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

### Notes

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

#### 2. Group Agreements

- How we want to create space so everyone can be their authentic selves.
- Together you know a lot, want to honor your wisdom, ELA staff are not the experts, you are the experts when it comes to issues around parenting. Want to encourage questions and enable everyone in the room to lead
- Create group agreements that we can use going forward; will refer to them each meeting
  - No judgement, either positive or negative – let people share their experience without judgement
  - Confidentiality/privacy
  - Open mind to different parenting views and situations
  - Anything shared about our personal life/family remains here with the group
  - Unsolicited advice: sometimes people just want to share to share, other times are asking for advice; maybe we communicate what we're looking for: say I just want to share or I'm looking for advice
  - Respect; courtesy towards others in the group

#### 3. Group discussion: where do you look for local resources? What are the most helpful ways to get information about resources (social media, website, email, someone you trust, etc)?

- Where do you find the resources that are most helpful to you?
  - Parenting Now resource poster; especially when waiting for the doctor
  - Facebook: 4J's page, City of Eugene, Parks & Rec
  - Public library, Posters at the library
  - Food banks, Parenting Now, call 211
  - WIC office
  - LaneKids Newsletter
  - GoMomGo
  - 90by30
- Who do you trust to recommend resources?
  - Libraries
  - Facebook – “you have friends interested in this event”

- School – PTO
  - Personal recs from friends and educators at the school
- We can bring representatives to come and talk to you. Who would you like to hear from?
  - Tutoring and online navigation; in-person help with distance learning; other parents having the same issue.
    - NAACP has space at Eugene Science Center for a few days a week but numbers are limited
  - Springfield Library
  - United Way
  - In groups on Facebook: food insecurity, access to food in this school year; 4J has expanded locations around town but still prohibitive to working families; anyone in the community working to get food to families?
    - Burrito brigade delivers food to families
    - 4J is starting to deliver meals to families
  - Anyone focusing on supporting birth parents, people who are expecting, brand new families, how they're being connected to one another and to resources

#### 4. Overview of LaneKids.org website and Facebook

- [www.lanekids.org](http://www.lanekids.org)
- Anything in bold in pink is a link to other resources
- Child Care & Distance Learning
  - Employment Related Daycare (ERDC): the income level is lower due to COVID, pay \$0 and can get 12 months of childcare financial support if they qualify before October 31st.  
[www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/CHILD-CARE](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/CHILD-CARE)
- Parenting Resources
  - Black Early Learning; Blogs; Classes & Workshops; Community Resources; Coronavirus Resources; Imagination Library, KITS; LaneKids Newsletter; Preschool Promise; Talking About Race
- Triple P
  - Online parenting course free for any family on OHP, temporarily free for families in need of financial assistance
- Activity calendar
  - Mostly free/low cost, virtual and in-person events
- LaneKids Newsletter: community spotlights, activities, events, in English and Spanish, sign up anytime
- Facebook page: daily posts of local parenting resources; a variety of helpful information, community resources, inspiration, parenting humor
- Have lived here for 3 years and have never heard of LaneKids – are you working on advertising?
  - We rely on organizational partners to help get the word out; trying to get more visibility and welcome ideas!
  - LaneKids flyers – make virtual?

- Day/time of meeting only good for half of attendees. Will send out another Doodle poll to schedule October meeting.

- Occasionally have early childhood organizations interested in hearing from parents (Early Childhood CARES, for example) and would like to join the meeting.