

**Lane Early Learning Alliance
Parent Advisory Council
June 10, 2021
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Notes

1. Welcome & Introductions

- **Welcome our new Family Engagement Coordinator, Adriana Medina!**
- **Icebreaker**
- **Reminder of Group Agreements**

2. ELA Governance Consortium Report

- Nina Watkins & Adrian Pollut, parent representatives to the Governance Consortium reported on May 14th meeting
 - Deciding body of Early Learning Hub - want to bring parent voice to them!
 - Lack of qualified child care in Lane Co- looking at why folks don't want to take the jobs; employers can't pay high enough wages, parents can't pay any more for child care
 - If individual parents are home with their child, they can take in up to 3 other children without being licensed (unregulated); possible strategy to get the word out about this; one way to grow the supply
 - Creative ways for providers to pay themselves more without it falling on parents
 - Brought different sectors to the table
 - Regional Child Care Stakeholder group to convene in July
 - Heidi: was difficult process to get paid through state after babysitting; process is supposed to have gotten easier
- Brief overview of agenda for upcoming June meeting - questions, comments, public comment opportunity
 - United Way of Lane County (UWLC) - working towards 3rd grade reading proficiency (more than half of third graders aren't reading at grade level); direct correlation between this marker and high school graduation (in 3rd grade switch from learning to read to reading to learn); closing opportunity gap

3. Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) & LaneKids Social Media

Emily Reiter, Education Program Coordinator, UWLC, talked about Triple P and LaneKids blog topics.

- Is there anything you would change about the Triple P page to make it more engaging?
 - Could use some videos - hard to tell exactly what it is
 - Testimonials from parents who have gone through
 - Simultaneous interpretation for Triple P discussion groups.
 - Hard to tell the difference between the online group & the discussion groups
 - List upcoming discussion topics -- links to the calendar directly

- The three boxes look like a 3-step program instead of separate, independent things
- What would be an effective way to hear about Triple P that would make you want to check it out?
 - Child's school
 - Head Start
 - Pediatrician's offices
 - Marketing around the topics during the hot times of year
- What blog topics would you like to read about?
 - Covid re-entry
 - What could parents do this summer to prepare our kids for fall?
 - Parenting experiences -- joyful times
 - Sign language classes for children
 - Tantrums
 - Alternatives to technology/weaning them off technology after this year of distance learning
 - Age appropriate chores would be an interesting topic
- What topics would you like to discuss with other parents?
 - Working with kids who are medically fragile, disabilities, autism spectrum (0-5)
 - I would be interested in a topic around keeping only children (or young children whose older siblings are in school) busy and how to play independently. I see a lot about getting kids to get along with each other. I need more help getting my kiddo to occupy himself!
 - Early childhood mental health -- how parents can help their kid's anxiety or sadness
 - Re-entry after COVID.
 - Discussion groups just for dads - what does it mean to be a good dad?
 - ideas for open-ended outdoor play
 - Teens: border of adulthood, but still need parent guidance
- In a post-COVID world, are you more likely to attend an in-person group (with dinner and childcare) or a virtual group (with meal delivery and activities for kids)?
- What sorts of parenting-related Facebook posts catch your attention or feel useful to you?
 - Pictures - short post with a link

4. Announcements or other news good for the order

- Legislative Session update
 - Legislative: expulsion/suspension bill for preschoolers is at risk of not passing; waiting to hear about expansion of Preschool Promise
- Summer meeting hiatus
 - No meetings in July and August; see you September 9th!