

**Lane Early Learning Alliance
Early Learning Stakeholders Meeting
Thursday, September 23, 2021
3:00-5:00 pm**

NOTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

- **In attendance:** Claire Hambly, UWLC; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Bess Jayme, UWLC; Gretta Sagolla, Eugene 4J; Sra Loveless, 90by30; Amy Seto Forrester, Eugene Public Library; Miriam Touchton, Eugene Public Library; Heather Gray, Parenting Now; Jeanine Taylor, Early Childhood CARES; Debra Dreiling, QCC; Ana Quintero-Arias, Migrant Ed; Ayanna Moriguchi, UWLC; Tricia Merrick, ODHS

2. Early Learning Alliance Updates

- Governance Consortium Update
 - Announcements:
 - Preschool Promise enrollment: working to get kids enrolled in the fall; lots of shuffling right now; as of today, 26 vacancies out of 329 spots; Dorena has vacancies (school district will bus); Creswell
 - LCC - 2nd preschool classroom at downtown location; will be open soon
 - Many of you have received an invitation to Regional Stewardship Committee- updating plan after legislature passed additional funding; doing data review and discussion; if you're interested and able, put your name in chat or let Claire or Bess know; please also fill out Doodle poll if you're attending
 - Reviewed COVID related health and safety guidelines- childcare and schools; helpful to see where the differences were
 - Reviewed coordinated enrollment implementation plan
 - Reviewed sector plan and updates
 - Invitation to regional stewardship committee
 - Grant for Florence to support childcare providers to enhance their space (applications were due on Monday)
- UW Updates
 - Lane African American Black Student Success Program
 - Having family dinner tomorrow! Last chance to be outside in nice weather
 - Lane ESD is hiring 3 navigators- if you know anybody, preferably Black people, job is at Lane ESD
 - Lane Community Health Council looking for Community Health Program Manager
- Migrant Ed update:
 - Summer school had great attendance
 - Looking for preschool specialist: bilingual

- Parents concerns: interest in families to get into preschool settings; please reach out to Migrant Ed if you need help getting info to fams
- Always buy books to share with families across ages that reflect identity of the student; just got brand new order of books- if you are in search of a list, can share this or come and look at the books at ESD

3. LaneKids: Update and Opportunities

- LK is parenting education hub for Lane County; UWLC is the backbone support agency
- Gets support from OPEC and also Lane County Community Health Prevention
- Developments over the past couple of years- have new funding streams available, larger than anticipated (passed Student Success Act which included parenting ed; and partnership btw OPEC and ODHS funding for parents of teens for families involved with ODHS)
 - Exciting and daunting! Need to brainstorm what to do with funding- any new ideas you may be having
 - Traditionally ages 0-6, furthest from opportunity
 - SSA funding will have these same stipulations (evidence-based parenting education)
 - Funding through ODHS is intended for parents of older children (7-17), self-sufficiency families
 - LK moving to support more families of color, languages/cultures other than English
- Triple P
 - Slides can be found on the ELA website
 - Triple P: Positive Parenting Program is one of the projects housed under the LaneKids umbrella. Triple P started in 2015, funded by Lane County Public Health Prevention in partnership with LaneKids, Parenting Now, and Oregon Research Institute Community and Evaluation Services. Cornerstone Community Housing joined the Implementation Team in 2018.
 - Triple P Online
 - 8 module course that covers 17 key principles of positive parenting
 - Information delivered in variety of formats including video
 - Parents have access fo 1 year after signing up
 - Available in English and Spanish
 - New module and guide on parenting during COVID-19
 - Now free for all families in Lane County!
 - Let Emily know if you would like a demo code
 - Discussion Groups
 - 2-hour sessions that give parents a chance to explore a particular parenting issue with a small group of other parents and caregivers.
 - Parent feedback very positive
 - Upcoming groups can be found at www.lanekids.org activity calendar
 - Providers
 - Currently 13 active Triple P Providers

- If you think you might be interested in providing Triple P discussion groups for parents of young kids or teens, please send Emily an email! We're always looking to form new partnerships with folks who are excited about the program. We'll cover the cost of training, materials and implementation supports but we do ask that folks commit to using the program if they get trained. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have.
 - ereiter@unitedwaylane.org
- Also taking advantage of ease of training - easier to access these trainings when we don't need 20 people to commit to the same curriculum and fly trainer out
- Have healthy training budget- if you have training needs, please reach out
- Still offering mini-grants for parenting education; next round will be out in November
- New partnerships in development: Options and Center for Family Development; newly forming Lift Every Voice (designed as family wellness hub for LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC families)
- Still a lot of opportunity- any ideas? Suggestions? New partnerships?
 - Lise: have lots of situations where parents with cognitive challenges parenting gets tougher when kids become teens- once we have program, how to adapt it to families; also applies to low literacy families
 - On youth committee for affordable housing board, need to focus on prevention to homelessness- providing parents with skills; how to talk with children
 - Sara: finding incentives for families; pool of resources available to help remove barriers to participation
 - LK grant that 90by30 received to deliver parent cafes; gift cards for child care; third party that could deal with that piece? Not sure what the magic number is
 - Bess: found that \$20-25/hr, \$40 for 1.5 hr meeting; gift cards for Target, Walmart, Fred Meyer have been well-received, can send them immediately online
 - Bringing folks with lived experience to the table, paying them like we are getting paid for our time
 - Gretta: KITS does drawing for parent group, also count on UW \$ for that - second 3rd party contributions; but paying everyone feels better than "maybe you win maybe you don't"
 - Lise: We do a drawing and then take out names after they have won once.
 - Shout out for Conscious Discipline- full throttle with Title 1, applying for grants, something 4J is invested in as a district; based on brain science, connects with KITS; trauma-informed what to do and what to say
 - Bess: The Blue Mtn. Early Learning Hub (eastern Oregon) has done a Hub-wide adoption of Conscious Discipline, which is an exciting idea to me.

- Amy: Parents who are homeschooling for a short or long period of time; not as connected as we would like to be; resources for homeschooling families
 - Nationwide trend: early learning around reading b/c 3rd grade reading scores have gone down nationally; help find materials for early reading, help them connect to the cognitive science in a way that makes sense
 - aforrester@eugene-or.gov
- Tricia: from own lived experience; our youth esp low income, could use more access to extra curriculars (sports, robotics, anything with significant costs), weave in additional scholarships; have to jump through many hoops to participate
 - Thinking more about older youth, Respect Ed (sex education)
 - Looking Glass?
 - Tricia: <https://connectedlane.org/> is a fantastic resource for extra curricular activities
 - <https://www.respectedpeereducation.org/Home>
- Gretta: I love that! Connection - kids needing connection to other kids, sense of belonging; access piece is so huge; probably many parents struggle with disengaged youth; kids involved in sports and then parents connect for a group (Kids Sports, YMCA)
- Bess: one idea around training, have a cohort on call for independent contracts for LK to run parenting groups
 - Heather: wonderful idea; PN is hiring, looking for MPAP facilitator but it can be a hard ask
 - Possibly recruit stay at home parents
- Gretta: Our Whole Lives curriculum; hard to get into; human growth and sexuality, consent, empowerment; heard that what they offered in school was insufficient; was available at church? Weekly for a year, barriers for some families
 - Parent ed piece (1-time workshop)
- If you have any thoughts or ideas, please share with Claire, Emily, Bess

4. Agency Updates

- 4J
 - Doing KITS in fall
 - Doing Conscious Discipline kick off with staff
 - Looking forward to PD opportunities with PSP staff, ECCO teen parent program
- Springfield Public Library
 - Weekly Wed programs on outdoor plaza since July, last one is next week
 - Will shift back to virtual programming: baby toddler story time, preschool story time (live streaming on Fb and YouTube, no registration or Zoom)
 - Teen Tuesdays continuing, teen advisory board is growing- asked about in person or virtual and kids felt virtual was fine if in-person isn't necessary
 - storytime will include a weekly display in the library with take-home DIY activities that will be themed with storytimes.

- Springfield History Museum
 - Open 1 day/week (Sat 11-4)
 - Exhibit on youth, growing up in Springfield (up through end of December)
 - For Hispanic Heritage month & Dia De Los Muertos - traditional Mexican costumes, everything is bilingual, accessible for all ages; scavenger hunt; avg. 10-20 people each weekend
- Jeanine
 - EC CARES does free developmental screenings for newborn to 5; currently serving half numbers that we were pre-covid
 - Putting up posters in public places
 - Send packets to local doctors, in touch with school districts
 - Looking for staff as programs are growing; come with university benefits
- Eugene Public Library
 - This Saturday, partnering with Centro to do community health fair; drive through vaccination- swag bags, tamales
 - Story times - still have live streams on Wed; in-person downtown on Saturdays (first come first served, 10:30 and 11:30) also at Echo Hollow Pool and Sheldon Rec Center
 - Book clubs: book buddies for 6-8, 9-12, OBOB, Middle, teen all still virtual; not mailing these out anymore but can come in to pick up
 - Take and make weekly activities were popular during summer, not continuing at quite the same volume but trying to work out how to keep it up
 - Ready to Read grant- looking at book giveaways, baby bags; how to get books out into the community
 - Launched wifi hotspots that can be checked out; check out for 3 weeks, no late fines (though they will stop working after they are due); have 250; check them out like a book
- Parenting Now
 - Received grant from OCCU foundation to interpret MPAP 2nd Ed into Spanish; cultural relevant; should be completed early 2022
 - Kicking off groups: first three years, infants, ones, twos, threes; having a little trouble filling these; still virtual for safety
 - Will be offering MPAP DHS group kicking off in October
 - Squishtivities: free activities, going through fall; twice weekly; geared towards preschools using items you find at home; walk away with "recipe book"
 - Partnering this fall with community birth center; holding prenatal classes at PN
 - Looking for folks to join team; Pam retired this year, looking for new director of training, enrollment and volunteer coordinators, expanding parenting educator team- esp. Bilingual (will train)
 - Hoping to expand to rural communities; have LK funding to expand to Oakridge- if you have any Oakridge contacts
- Pearl Buck Center
 - MPAP modified for parents with cognitive limitations
 - Hiring teacher, family support person

- Preschool is up and running; RideSource is also hiring, don't have the staff to do so; are transporting kids themselves
- ODHS
 - Approved for max allotment for snap benefits for october
 - Continue to do no interview for snap, through end of the year; still struggling to process things timely with new system
 - New ERDC co-pay structure: avg. co-pay for family is going from \$272 down to \$16; max copay also; still waiting on income limits
 - Cost of living increase on snap benefits (can make more \$ and still get benefits); food benefit amounts increasing as well
 - <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/FOOD-BENEFITS/Pages/P-EBT.aspx> for more information
 - If you are expecting P-EBT and have not received the benefits by Aug. 15th, please contact ODHS by emailing ebt.schoolmeals@dhsosha.state.or.us or by calling 503-945-6481
- 90by30
 - Recruiting for roots of empathy instructors and families- delivered in 1st and 2nd grade classrooms
 - Ask for 2 year commitment; bulk of folks are retired; as much as ½ a day a week; rewarding
 - Families born this summer until September interested in sharing videos, photos, answering kids questions

NEXT MEETING: October 28