

**Lane Early Learning Alliance
Early Learning Stakeholders Meeting
Thursday, December 2, 2021
3:00-5:00 pm**

NOTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

- **In attendance:** Michelle Hjelm, UWLC; Bess Jayme, UWLC; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Gretta Sagolla, Eugene 4J; Marissa Lovell, LCPH, Nurturely; Nancy Berge, Families Connected; Jeanine Taylor, EC CARES; Leslie Finlay, Relief Nursery; Adriana Medina Garcia, UWLC; Kate Adams, Ages & Stages; Giselle Marquez, UofO; Heather Murphy, South Lane SD; Sara Loveless, 90by30; Ilana Jakubowski, FPFC; Sarai Barrera, Looking Glass; Sojin Oh, MCH; Ayanna Moriguchi, UWLC; Peggy Whalen, Family Relief Nursery; Heather Gray, Parenting Now; Rachael Perry, Eugene Public Library; Fernanda Martinez, Down Town Languages.

2. Early learning Alliance Updates

- Governance Consortium Update
 - No meeting this month
- UW Updates:
 - Preschool Promise
 - Free high quality preschool for 3 and 4 year olds, still have vacancies (91% full) spots in Creswell, Dorena (provide transportation to CG), Junction City, downtown Eugene
 - Income maximum doesn't matter for foster kids
 - Doing interest survey to understand community capacity
 - PSP Interest Survey:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/4405c68dbbbf43b68edbe69e70a2e0db>
 - Please fill out if you are a current or future provider!
 - Black Early Learning
 - Not doing park visits in the winter; doing home visits
 - Betty Snowden gave donation to buy gifts for kids
 - Have books for kids preparing for kindergarten
 - amoriguchi@unitedwaylane.org
 - LaneKids-notice of funding opportunity
 - Notice of funding opportunity was sent out- for parenting education
 - If you didn't receive this, email Claire chambly@unitedwaylane.org
 - TPOL- free for all Lane Co families!
 - Please refer families - available in English and Spanish
 - LaneTripleP.org

3. Navigating IFSPs, IEPs, and 504s

- Judy Newman
- Slides available
 - What is IDEA
 - Early Intervention Program (mandated in Oregon)
 - Early Childhood Special Education
 - Principles of IDEA
 - Procedural safeguards (links available in slides)
 - Least Restrictive Environment- least means in the same class as typically developing peers
 - Special Education Process
 - Referral
 - Evaluation
 - Eligibility
 - Write IFSP or IEP
 - Determine services
 - Eligibility Categories
 - IFSP/IEP
 - 504 Due Process Rights
 - 504 Plan tips
- Questions?
- Nancy: worked with 504 a lot, only observable within the school environment
- Sarai: any recommendations for parents who have spoken with staff about starting process but haven't seen much movement
 - Judy: I have heard this a lot right now; you do have rights to push it; Direction Services Counseling can help
- Michelle: if kid has IFSP and heading into preschool, is it up to the team to determine where services should be provided? Who decides.
 - Judy: team decision, educational team makes this decision; almost always a consensus is reached

4. Basic Assessment of Speech Sounds-Research Edition (BASS-RE)

- Kate Adams, Ages and Stages Research International, kgadams33@gmail.com, 541-255-5101
- Seeking participants ages 2-6 years old
- Parents fill out form, virtual assessment with Speech Pathologist
 - Total 25-30 minutes; \$50 gift certificate
 - Also need teachers to do assessment with the same child; \$25 per child
- Question: does teacher do the virtual piece? No, only paper assessment
- Ayanna: is there an alert that they need additional services? Would get free online assessment with Speech Pathologist - would depend on what happens with that child; getting the results is not the purpose of this, purpose is to see if this works
- Jeanine: Would suggest referring kids to EC CARES if the visits reveal a speech delay
- Jeanine: connect with Quality Care Connections

- Sarai: for teachers, what does this process look like for getting consent from parent?
 - How are bilingual/multilingual children being considered? There will be a Spanish translation if it works
 - Required to be monolingual English speakers? Will get back to you
- Heather: looking for any specific demographic? Looking for diversity of demographics; both kids who may be developing typically and kids who may have a delay
 - Materials or website for parents? Can provide flyer and can speak to parents
- Include flyer

5. Agency Updates

- Lane County Public Health
 - Family check-up ages 2-18 through Lane County
 - [https://lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/health_and_hum an_services/youth_services/family_mediation/family_check- up](https://lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/health_and_hum_an_services/youth_services/family_mediation/family_check-up)
 - Schools: lots of turnover, staffing issues; some schools have no capacity to do nutrition programming
 - If anyone has questions about the Family Check Up program or school-based prevention, email Marissa at Marissa.lovell@lanecountyor.gov
- Nurturely
 - Brand new perinatal lounge is open!
 - Postpartum preparedness starting again in January
 - Self-paced course for non-birthing parent
- Eugene 4J
 - Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS)
 - LETERS training coming up - training in early literacy skills; Portland public schools training all of their teachers
 - Focuses on early stages of reading; sound recognition
 - Research based; based on work by Dr. Moats and Dr. Tolman
 - Have flyer and info to share
 - <https://www.voyagersopris.com/professional-development/letrs/overview>
 - Possible course modules that you complete on your own time - 1 year time commitment, 60 hours of work, \$350 to participate, looking to get group of 40
 - Nancy: could this be used to fill in for loss of school?
 - Equips educators to prepare kids to be ready for reading skills
 - Looking to train teachers, SPED teachers, administrators
 - Supports BIPOC students
 - Was research only done in English? I believe this program is for English Language Learning, but some is likely universal
- Early Childhood CARES
 - Free developmental screenings for kids 0-5
 - Just finished census push, have been very busy! Afraid lots of families aren't getting services they're eligible for
 - Still hiring - masters level specialist; teacher (on UofO website)
- Looking Glass

- Swamped with referrals at counseling program, one of my goals is to reach out to universities to hire BIPOC folks
- Have early childhood team building, getting trained; also Spanish speaking team and LGBTQ team
- Sarai Barrera, Bilingual Mental Health therapist (Spanish/English), BIPOC Outreach Coordinator, (541)484-4428 ext409, sarai.barrera@lookingglass.us
- Maternal Child Health
 - Have openings on most home visiting programs (baby's first, cocoon, healthy families) - families with kids around 2 months or older, please send them our way
 - Hiring soon for bilingual home visiting nurse; always looking to expand bilingual/bicultural staff (lived experience as well)
- 90by30
 - Looking for families with new babies to participate in Roots of Empathy program
 - Sharing videos and photos of baby, possibly Zoom in (don't have to live in Lane County!)
 - Contact Sara saraL@90by30.com
- United Way of Lane County (Bess Jayme)
 - OHSU Oregon Family to Family information center hosting panel in Spanish called "Table Talk" regarding selecting and purchasing pediatric wheelchairs
 - New toolkit for selecting a wheelchair, reach out to folks on the flyer if you have any questions
- Families Connected
 - Family Navigator position open
 - Doing lots of vaccine events- doing drive thru so child doesn't have to get out of the car; created sensory bags, playing music, see-through masks
 - Just did internet safety course, will do again at beginning of the year
 - Deescalation training coming up; helping kids to deescalate and creating environments for deescalation
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1064599140970158>
 - Events are for all kids/families
- Parenting Now
 - Gearing up for winter term- have full schedule but still virtual
 - Squishtivities - Wednesday morning activities for toddlers
 - Facilitating online Triple P piece
 - MPAP DHS for families in the system who need hours
- Fernanda/Downtown Languages
 - Free conversation classes for English learners
 - Merger btw DTL Centro and Huerto de la Familia info coming soon
- First Place Kids
 - FPK actively running preschool program for unhoused children; under age 3 parents need to remain on site- can access basic needs like laundry, internet
 - Running parent support activities - had first Triple P discussion today!
- Eugene Public Library
 - Open at all locations- open all days now

- Computer access for all ages, play games
- Story times at downtown tuesday nights 6:30, thursday morning, saturday morning - all ages, include ASL and Spanish
- Story times starting up at branches as well- thursday, fridays, registration required
- Visit websitem (<https://www.eugene-or.gov/4422/Eugene-Public-Library>)
- Book clubs for older kids (7-18) info online
- Kids in 4J and Bethel schools eligible for library card for free- teachers as well!
- Imagination Library expanded to all of Lane County! Kids 0-5 receive free book in the mail every month
 - <https://www.lanekids.org/imagination-library/>
- Diaper awareness push- free at all locations
- Doing outreach at Centro Latino; FFLC going out every Wed and setting up mobile food pantry (open to everyone); gave out 100 books!
- Checking out wifi hotspots, please tell families about it; can take the box anywhere, keep it for 3 weeks at a time
- No longer charge fines or fees for kids or teens
- South Lane School District
 - Early learning department works with a lot of Spanish and Mam-speaking families; scaled from staff of 3 to 21 since March!
 - Community resource specialist, interpreters, 3 PSP classrooms, FRC
 - Dec 17 bottom half of building is being renovated
 - FRC doing playgroups Tues/Thurs, Mam-speaking group, looking ahead to mom and baby group, parenting ed
 - About to graduate PILAS class, another coming up in the spring
 - Training and professional development happening
- University of Oregon
 - Ongoing studies at the lab with Spanish-speaking families
- Springfield Library
 - Spl bookmark contest- All entries due 7:00 p.m. January 3rd
 - Rules- Bookmark designs should fit 2022 Summer Reading Theme, “Read Beyond the Beaten Path,” or be about books, reading, and/or libraries. Design must fit inside the box (see entry form). Use ONLY colored pencils or markers, no crayons or other media. Design must be your own, original work. May be submitted in any SPL book drop or to SPL staff while the library is open. One entry per person in grades K-12. Winners may be presented to the Springfield City Council at the February City Council Meeting. Winners will receive an oversized print of their bookmark in addition to a stack of their bookmarks to share.
- United Way of Lane County (Michelle Sheng-Palmisano)
 - I put your agency's events on the LaneKids event calendar so check it out! www.lanekids.org/events

NEXT MEETING: January 27, 2022