

**Lane Early Learning Alliance
Early Learning Stakeholders Meeting
Thursday, February 24, 2022
3:00-5:00 pm**

NOTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

- **In attendance:** Sojin Oh; Greta Nelson; Adam Rokakowski; Michelle Hjelm; Claire Hambly; Yajaira Guzman; Jeanine Taylor; Adriana Medina Garcia; Tricia Merrick; Sara Loveless; Ilana Jakubowski; Heather Gray; Marissa Lovell; Peggy Whalen; Gretta Sagolla; Ana Maria Dudley; Debra Dreiling; Mindy Linder; Marlene Andrade; Susana Chavez; Drea Smith; Ariana

2. Early Learning Alliance Updates

- Governance Consortium Update
 - January: update from ELD; hub grant delay from state; report from Parent Advisory Council
 - February: legislative update; Kindergarten readiness CCO metric presentation; regional child care efforts update; RFA update
- UW Update
 - Staff Transitions
 - Bess left for a position at PacificSource
 - Claire Hambly is now Director of the Early Learning Alliance and Michelle Sheng-Palmisano is Director of Early Learning Strategies
 - Michelle Hjelm, Preschool Promise Manager
 - Yajaira Guzman, Preschool Promise Enrollment Coordinator
 - Training opportunity from Banyan Consulting *Leading for Racial Equity* for non-profit leaders
 - Preschool Promise
 - Free high-quality preschool for Lane County families, age, at or below 200% of FPL
 - Still have vacancies in Creswell (please spread the word), Cottage Grove, Dorena
 - Providers that are full have little to no waitlist
 - Upcoming year: application not available yet, families can join Interest List
 - Will be getting lots of additional slots
 - Reach out to Quality Care Connection if agency is interested in applying to be PSP
 - Black Early Learning
 - Capacity to serve Black early learners or parents raising Black early learners
 - LaneKids
 - Planning to fund 13 community partners in parenting education

- Expanding Triple P offerings; please complete Triple P survey and share parent survey with parents
 - Triple P Provider Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PMHT3YB>
 - Triple P Parent Survey (English): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9T6YWS6>
 - Triple P Parent Survey (Spanish): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PXGWYYW>
- Triple P Online is free for all Lane County families

3. Oregon Kinship Navigator Program

- Adam Rodakowski, Director of Foster Care, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI)
- KEEP for Kin program- <https://oregonkinshipnavigator.org/>
 - KEEP classes for non-child welfare involved families
- Personal connection/support
 - Google meet group
 - Facebook group for grandparents and family members
- Available statewide to all families in Oregon
- Will send out flyers in English and Spanish
- Also have folks check out OKN on Facebook, where we have private support groups for relatives to connect and get support/advice from others: <https://www.facebook.com/OregonKinshipNavigator>

4. Agency updates

- First Place Kids
 - In process of licensing preschool
 - Hiring for teacher, please help spread the word
- Eugene 4J
 - Working on rebooting transitions work; entry into Kindergarten support
 - KITS coming soon
- Family Relief Nursery
 - Hiring multiple positions (Creswell, CG, Drain) teachers, home visitors, aids in the classroom (looking for bilingual, no experience necessary)
 - Renovating space
- Marissa Lovell, Lane County
 - Expanding Family Check Up to all families
- Maternal Child Health
 - Pregnant individuals or new parents, send our way
 - Family Connects was postponed, opening in 2023
- 90by30
 - Parent Cafes are happening; open to partners attending/observing; presented in English and Spanish; ASL available

- Parent Café registration link for today:
<https://uoregon.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEod-6sqzkoH9fGuG36n7MvrNGFIFB3a7vC>
- Check back here for future dates - and there is a \$40 incentive for registration and active participation for each event.
- <https://90by30.com/parent-cafes/>
- ODHS
 - Approved for emergency allotments for SNAP benefits for March
 - Emergency allotments may end April 1
- Early Childhood CARES
 - Free developmental screenings ages 0-5
 - Hiring several positions; teaching assistants posted, teaching assistant sub, 2 lead teacher positions
- Adriana
 - Last month, PAC would like to continue discussion on COVID impact on education; guest speaker next Month: Springfield Alliance for Equity and Respect (SAfER), educate parents on how to report when the schools aren't doing due diligence, especially for Latinx families
- Michelle Hjelm
 - UWLC launched Racial Justice Fund: listening sessions inviting communities of color to voice input
- Parenting Now
 - Hosting in-person gala on March 4; hybrid event- free to join; honoring Ana Maria Dudley
 - Hiring bilingual parenting group facilitator
 - Gearing up for Spring, most programming will be on Zoom
 - Teen program- teen parents
 - MPAP adapted to parenting during COVID
 - Car seat program on hold
- South Lane SD
 - Finally have PSP applicants
 - Bringing back First Steps nursery; to serve teen parents in high school; goal to have it open in the fall; will also introduce students to Early Education model as a profession
 - KITS coming
 - 22 Mam-speaking 3-year-olds
- Eugene Science Center
 - Fully open to the public, running day camps for K-5
 - Bringing back Tot Days

NEXT MEETING: March 24, 2022