

Lane Early Learning Alliance
Early Learning Stakeholders Meeting
Thursday, May 26, 2022
3:00 - 5:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

- In attendance: Jeanine Taylor, EC CARES; Tracy Stafford, OCP; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Gretta Sagolla, Eugene 4J; Marcia Koenig, LCC; Leslie Finlay, Relief Nursery; Peggy Whalen, Family Relief Nursery; Heather Gray, Parenting Now; Tricia Merrick, ODHS; Lise Schellman, Pearl Buck; Adriana Medina, UWLC; Krystal Sanchez, Migrant Ed; Ariana, Willamette Family; Stacie Grabo, MCH; Lidia Kensler, Family Relief Nursery; Yajaira Guzman, UWLC; Marissa Lovell, LCPH; Becky Lamoureux, Moss St. Child Center

2. Early Learning Alliance Updates

- GC update - no meeting last month; will meet next month
- Program Updates/Announcements:
 - Black Early Learning
 - Home visits for any family with early learning age child who identifies as Black/African American
 - <https://www.lanekids.org/black-early-learning/>
 - Reach out to amoriguchi@unitedwaylane.org
 - LaneKids
 - Branding Update: hope to share new name and logo next time we meet; LK and ELA website will merge
 - TPOL- free for all Lane Co Families!
 - Preschool Promise
 - 21-22 enrollment has closed
 - Gearing up for 22-23 year
 - Family interest list; hope to have applications by early summer
 - Working on 22-23 marketing materials

3. PASS Lane Early Childhood Education Program

- Marcia Koenig, Academic & Career Coach, LCC
- Flyers in English and Spanish
- www.lanecc.edu/pathways/pass-lane
- Marcia Koenig, Career Pathways LCC 541-321-6498 koenigm@Lanecc.edu
- Pathways, Academic Skills, and Services (PASS)
 - Earn a short-term certificate with academic support; new cohort starting in the fall
 - Certificates available: teacher aide, guidance and curriculum, infant and toddler
 - Can get credit for prior workshops
 - Can build to an Associate's degree
 - Classes 1x/week on Zoom

- If receiving SNAP benefits, can get training for free; fund for documented and undocumented students; many students are making money attending classes right now

4. Eugene Public Library All Ages Summer Reading

- Miriam Touchton, Eugene Public Library
- Registration will be very simple, take adventure card
- Free books for kids and teens
- Raffle prizes for all three age groups
- Programs happening over the summer: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=29,30,77,58&showPastEvents=false>
- Have baby bags if you have families with kids 0-2 (at all locations); can also distribute these yourself
- Miriam Touchton: mtouchton@eugene-or.gov
- Amy Seto Forrester: aforrester@eugene-or.gov

5. Agency Updates

- OCP
 - Connections program ages 7-18 funding mindfulness nature program
 - More toddler groups upcoming
 - social/emotional skills building group; more info next time
- LCPH
 - Hosting a CATCH training academy in mid-June on school-based program, 4th day open to any childcare providers
 - About CATCH: <https://catch.org/>
 - Training Dates: June 13th – June 16th
 - Registration Form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJYRVXM>
 - And my email is Marissa.lovell@lanecountyor.gov. Please feel free to share with anyone who would be interested!
- Eugene 4J
 - Overflowing with KITS applications; will let families know by the 1st; looking for resources to send out email to families who are in the program or not
 - Waiting on PSP RFA
 - Always looking for staff
- Migrant Ed
 - Delivering kits to families
- Early Childhood CARES
 - Free developmental screenings for kids 0-5
 - Continue classes in the summer
 - Lots of referrals and evaluations right now
 - Co-Director position, evaluation positions, Jeanine's position will be posted, hiring a BA level position
- Family Relief Nursery

- Starting to offer 5 days/week in Creswell (2 classes for toddlers and preschool), bringing back respite 1 day/week; doing outreach to get spots fill
- Doing additional hiring in CG; hopefully opening another class there soon
- Open all summer long, have openings, doing outreach
- Services in Creswell and CG are in English and Spanish
- Relief Nursery
 - Year round as well; outreach with home visiting parenting ed; classrooms are pretty full but have some space for families who need home visits
 - Open positions: open cook position for the past year
- Parenting Now
 - Shifting back to virtual programming
 - First three years, MPAP; DHS group starting in August (online has been easier)
 - Hiring for many positions: Parenting Educators, Home Visitors
 - Testing stage of MPAP in Spanish 2nd Ed.
 - Starting new Triple P Discussion Group topics; upcoming Supporting Your Partner
- LCC
 - Moving back on campus, lots of classes in person and online
- ODHS
 - Approved for emergency allotment for June, may have for July but not sure
- Becky Lamoureux (Moss St/UofO)
 - Enrolling for summer, fall
 - 2 positions available
- MCH
 - Job posting for Healthy Families Screener- bilingual, posted through May 31; will be in the hospital trying to recruit families
- Pearl Buck Center
 - Lise is resigning; looking for Director
- Family Leadership Council
 - Taking on writing letters to lawmakers; will compile these into one letter to send; half English half Spanish speakers; a letter template was provided by one of the parents (English and Spanish)
- Willamette Family
 - Open year-round
 - Getting new playground equipment

NEXT MEETING: August 25, 2022