

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

- In attendance: Jenny Mendoza, ELD; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Jaycob Nolte, UWLC; Michelle Hjelm, UWLC; Tricia Merrick, ODHS; Momone Maley, Connect Oregon; Lise Schellman, Pearl Buck; Kristin O'Connor, Unite Us/Connect Oregon; Andrea, Pearl Buck; Krystal Sanchez, Migrant Ed; Rowen Pemberton, LCPH; Sojin Oh, LCPH; Heather Gray, Parenting Now; Rebecca Saxon, Eugene Public Library; Katherine Ryan, PacificSource; Ariana Matthews, Willamette Family; Adriana Medina, UWLC; Peggy Whalen, Family Relief Nurse; Yajaira Guzman, UWLC; Siobhan Cancel, UWLC; Claire Hambly, UWLC; Ilana Jakubowski, First Place Kids; Evyan Daugherty, OCP; Marissa Lovell, LCPH

2. Early Learning Alliance Updates

- Racial Justice Community Gathering (Sunday August 28, 2022 from 1-3pm)
 - This will be a gathering to let the public know what United Way will be doing with the funds gathered by the Racial Justice committee. There will be food trucks, crafts, and art for all ages.
 - If you know anyone who wants to be in a listening session, regarding racial justice please let UWLC know!
 - <https://www.unitedwaylane.org/events-calendar/racial-justice-community-gathering>
- Governance Consortium Update
 - There was an exercise about the Regional Systems Assessment about what are the current barriers to more accessible childcare in Lane County
 - If you would like to be the new representative from the Stakeholders meeting to join the Governance Consortium in their once a month meetings please let Claire know.
- Program Updates/Announcements:
 - Welcome new team member Jaycob Nolte!
 - Black Early Learning
 - Home visits for any family with early learning age child who identifies at Black/African American
 - <https://www.lanekids.org/black-early-learning/>
 - Reach out to amoriguchi@unitedwaylane.org
 - Triple P
 - TPOL- free for all Lane Co Families!
 - Two Training opportunities available (Both virtual)
 - Discussion groups - 2 hours for parents and caregivers
 - Stepping Stones - weekly group parenting series for parents of children with disabilities

- United way will cover cost of training as well as materials/ways to lower barriers for parents/caregivers attending
 - Reach out to ereiter@unitedwaylane.org for more information
- Preschool Promise
 - Enrollment process for the first Lottery of Preschool Promise 22-23 has been completed
 - Enrollment process for second lottery will be for new and expanding Preschool Promise providers in addition to any empty slots from the first lottery
 - Families can still apply in the meantime for any existing open PSP location, Dorena, Creswell, and Ellie's Preschool and Daycare still have spots available
 - For more information please visit; <https://www.lanekids.org/preschool-promise-2/> or email mhjelm@unitedwaylane.org

3. Connect Oregon

- Connect Oregon is a platform that allows agencies to create closed loop referrals
- You can refer clients and track their progress in the referral to check in with them at future meetings and make sure they get the care that they need
- Connect Oregon is provided at no cost to agencies and is currently available in 33 counties around the state and already implemented in 97 community organizations within Lane County
- For more information or a more in depth demo please contact momone.maley@uniteus.com (541)-901-1015
 - Kristin.oconnor@uniteus.com
 - Katharine.ryan@pacificsource.com
- There is a currently scheduled Information Session on Tuesday September 6th 11:00 am – 12:00pm
 - [https://uniteus.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtcu2pqDkjHdVokizttABZv03EvE80M1e](https://uniteus.zoom.us/j/91234567890)

4. Regional Systems Assessment

- The ELD directed each of the hubs to conduct an assessment designed to take a systemic look at what the factors helping and hindering access to childcare within Lane County
- Once the data has been compiled from all hubs, it will be used to show barriers across the state and be a guide for local hubs to see how they can improve conditions in their areas
- In Lane County we will be looking at it from three perspectives: parents and caregivers, childcare providers, and large employers with each having focus groups and/or surveys being used to collect anecdotal data as well as large scale data
- If you have any interest in participating in or helping out please contact Claire Hambly or Michelle Sheng-Palmisano

5. Social-Emotional Health CCO Metric

- Designed to look at the social and emotional health of children at age 5
- CCOs alongside the steering committee are still in development as to how this will look but have a 3-year glide path
- They are currently looking for what are the existing data sources
- If you have an interest in this work please let Claire know

6. Agency Updates

- Saint Vincent de Paul First Place Kids
 - Programs have consolidated into one location
 - All programs are now all being held at the previous “Annex” location
 - Contact ilana.jakubowski@svdp.us if you would like more information about St. Vincent de Paul Youth & Family Services!
- Lane County Public Health
 - New Hires:
 - System coordinator; Rowen Pemberton
 - They will be presenting at next meeting about specific services at LCPH
 - Healthy Family Screener Position; Sarah
- Pearl Buck
 - New Director hired: Crystal Morrison
- Eugene Public Library
 - Trying to get back to services back up to what they were pre-pandemic
 - Story times will be coming back September through November including baby story time
 - Link to events: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=77> (You may need to switch the calendar to September to see all the story times)
 - Looking to get even more events back in the new year with old and new partnerships
 - Rebecca’s contact information: rsaxon@eugene-or.gov
- Oregon Department of Human Services
 - State of Oregon extended their Health State Emergency for another 90 days
 - They are still looking at ways to continue to support families once the emergency has been lifted
 - SNAP Emergency allotments, receiving max allotments regardless of income, and those with max will receive additional \$95
 - PEBT (Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer) will be sent out to families with children 5 or younger (Full press release: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDHS/bulletins/327a9f2>)

- If families receive SNAP if at any time they had a child age 5 or younger between September 2021 and May 2022 will receive an extra \$63 food benefit per child up to \$567 for each child eligible
 - These benefits will be issued in fall 2022
- Non-recurring short-term payments for families who receive TANF can receive payments on May 15th, August 15th, and November 15th for clothing. Will be based on previous quarter up to \$270 per family
- Healthier Oregon went into effect on July 1st
 - Youth 19-25 and adults 55+ can now qualify for full OHP benefits
- Oregon Community Programs
 - Parent Toddler Workshops: 9/14, 3:00 – 6:00 pm; 10/15, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm; 10/26, (Virtual) 3:00 – 6:00 pm, Spanish workshop to be scheduled!
 - <https://www.oregoncommunityprograms.org/services/parent-toddler-workshop/>
 - Parents/caregivers will receive a meal and childcare during each session along with \$75 of incentives and PCIT approved toddler toys
 - PCIT= Parent-Child Interaction Therapy
- Migrant Ed
 - Recently finished their summer school for preschool to 7th graders with a gala at the end
 - Migrant Ed is looking to build more relationships with more preschools
- Parenting Now
 - New Executive Director at Parenting Now: Theya Joslin
 - Trying to hire for two new positions: <https://parentingnow.org/employment-opportunities/>
 - A Part Time Bilingual Educator
 - Healthy Family Home visitor
 - Also having a Triple P online discussion group on tantrums
- Lane County Public Health
 - Held a coordinated approach to child health training in June
 - Head start of Lane County was able to purchase sun glasses and hats for their students
 - Will be going out to schools for mental health promotion and nutrition classes
- PASS Lane
 - There are limited seats remaining for Fall term PASS Lane ECE AND we have financial resources! Including a grant to support undocumented/DACA students. <https://www.lanecc.edu/media/1469>

- Willamette Family Treatment
 - The Child Development Center is expanding services to families who are in our Intensive Day Treatment and Outpatient programs who are using Willamette Family housing.
 - There are four staff who are in the process of working toward obtaining their Child Development Associate credentials to become teacher qualified
 - They received funding for lending library, more on that soon
 - Children will also be given books when they enroll in the Child Development Center

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 3:00 - 5:00 pm