

Lane Early Learning Alliance
Early Learning Stakeholders Meeting
Thursday, September 22, 2022
3:00 - 5:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

- In attendance: Adriana Medina Garcia – UWLC; Michelle Sheng-Palmisano – UWLC; Michelle Hjelm – UWLC; Ayana Moriguchi – UWLC/Lane AABSS; Emily Reiter – UWLC; Jaycob Nolte – UWLC; Krystal Sanchez – Migrant Ed; Rowen Pemberton – Lane County Public Health; Gretta Sagolla – Eugene School District; Kim Giansante – Early Childhood Cares; Sarai Barrera – Looking Glass; Rebecca Saxon – Eugene Public Library; Kristen Helton – Quality Care Connections; Zayra Longoria – ODHS; Crystal Morrison – Pearl Buck; Samantha Duncan – Be Your Best; Kendall Sebold – Family Relief Nursery; Sara Loveless – 90by30; Nena Hayes – Lane County Public Health and Prevention; Kyle Riege – Family Relief Nursery; Taylor Worley – Springfield Public library; Ariana Matthews – Willamette Family Treatment; Yajaira Guzman – UWLC;

2. Early Learning Alliance Updates

- Governance Consortium Update
 - Discussed the Early Childhood Hub's Strategic Planning
 - Showed the group all the current programs and projects that the Early Childhood Hub is doing in the area in order to work strategically and intentionally to make sure we are working towards our goal
 - Family Leadership Counsel is looking to help parent voice their concerns and get it to policy action
- Program Updates/Announcements:
 - Triple P
 - TPOL- free for all Lane Co Families!
 - Available in both English and Spanish
 - Lanetriplep.org
 - Preschool Promise
 - Know who our new providers are
 - Application Drop: September 23rd, 2022
 - Application Due: October 9th, 2022
 - Lottery Round 2: Week of October 10th, 2022
 - Registration Due: October 23rd,2022
 - If a family has submitted after the first lottery but before the second lottery they can change location preferences on their own, but if they have been run in the first lottery they will need to contact preschoolpromise@unitedwaylane.org
 - There are around 570 slots with new locations in Mapleton, McKenzie and Pleasant Hill, also 72 slots available at a new Springfield location

3. Black Early Learning & Lane AABSS (African American/Black Student Success)

- The Black Early Learning and Lane AABSS program through United Way serves children from Birth – Age 5
- Eligibility to receive assistance from the program is not income based and is offered to any Black Diaspora child 0-6 in Lane County
- Within the program Ayanna assists families based on their needs including Family Visits, referrals to community resources, park playgroups, preschool to kindergarten transition, and other activities based on a family's needs
- To learn more about the program and where funding comes from please see attached PowerPoint
- Contact Information
 - For Birth to Age 5 children contact Amoriguchi@unitedwaylane.org
 - More information on K-12 students contact Shanae Joyce-Stringer; sjoycestringer@lesd.k12.or.us
- Families can sign up at <https://www.lanekids.org/black-early-learning/>

4. Lane County Family Child Health Programs

- For general information surrounding program please see attached PPT
- For more information contact Rowen Pemberton: Rowen.Pemberton@lanecountyor.gov
- Who to refer:
 - All pregnant individual
 - Newborns under 3 months
 - Children and youth up to 21 years of age with complex diagnoses whose family could use more support navigating resources
- Refer patients as soon as possible, there are various programs that are tied to gestational time
- There are a lot of Guatemalan Mam speaking groups from South Lane that are involved in this program
- All of their staff are home visit based, and if clients are not comfortable with that there are a bunch of other locations available to meet
 - If the client wants to meet at a family members house they can do that as well

5. Migrant Education Program

- The Migrant Ed program is a federal program for preschool to high school graduation 3-22 under the ODE
- During the school year a minimum of 3 home visits with educational kits is provided to families within the program
- They have a summer school from preschool to middle school with teachers from Mexico, around 70 preschoolers attended this summer school this year
- How can we collaborate
 - Sharing Information Attendance – IFSPs
 - Visiting Classrooms

- Increasing Preschool Enrollment
- For more information please refer to attached PPT or contact ksanchez@lesd.k12.or.us

6. Agency Updates

- Lane County Public Health
 - Health Family Coordinator position is coming back into Lane County
 - Picking Catch Back up
- Quality Care Connections
 - Working with United Way to kick off Preschool Promise (PSP) and were funded to hire 2 more PSP coaches in classrooms supporting teachers with social emotional skills for students (Now 3 coaches total)
 - Working with the new start up and expansion grant, currently looking through interest applications and will review them before sending them off to research institute at Western Oregon
 - If you know of an agency that wants to startup or expand their childcare practice they can apply, you just need to be licensed
 - Starting a market price survey to collect data on cost/tuition of childcare for the state
 - New training bulletin just went out for fall classes
 - Just had a survey gone out to see what childcare providers need
- Eugene Public Library
 - Story times at downtown locations and both other branch locations throughout the week
 - Trying out a new story time blocks (set time periods ie fall, spring) instead of having them every week throughout the year
 - Does not have sensory story time currently; however they are hoping to bring it back in the new year (ie. January).
 - Eugene Public Library storytime calendar (you need to move to a specific month to see events that month so it just shows Sept right at the link):
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=77>
 - More information contact : rsaxon@eugene-or.gov
- Looking Glass
 - Early Childhood team starting an 18 month training program (Childcare and Psychotherapy)
 - 4 folks on Early childhood team taking clients 0-5
- Springfield Public Library
 - Currently has story time 3 times a week, including Bilingual story time on Wed. and a varying level of bilingual story time on Sat
 - Will begin an emerging reader group in October
 - Also has book clubs for kids and tweens
 - Springfield Public Library calendar: <https://wheremindsgrow.org/events>
 - For more information you can contact tworley@springfield-or.gov
 - Springfield Public Library made "Springfield A to Z" a book containing art from artists of all ages and abilities with historical artifacts and facts about Springfield

- <https://friends-of-the-springfield-public-library-inc.square.site/>
- Oregon Department of Human Services
 - Emergency allotments have been approved through October
 - Remind clients if they lost food during any emergency there are ways to get replacements
 - First \$270 of clothing payments went out yesterday
 - The big one hasn't happened yet but will still be happening
- Early Childhood Cares
 - Heather B. will be new co-director
 - Free developmental screenings for kids 0-5 and will go on for eligibility evaluations if screenings show a need
 - Please refer clients as you can!
- Family Relief Nursery
 - Kyle Reige new head
 - Currently have slots available for children aged 2-5
 - Would love to create some kind of collaboration
- Eugene School District
 - Opening another Preschool Promise location at Buena Vista (bilingual)
 - Currently hiring bilingual/bicultural
 - Great time with KITS this summer
 - Offering conscious discipline training for prek-2nd grade teachers as well as childcare providers
 - If you are interested you can join them in a training or through grant money, no strings attached, you can be provided access to an ecourse to learn 7 skills of conscious discipline
 - Adult first and regulation and brain states to co regulate with kids
 - For information or want to participate contact: sagolla_gr@4j.lane.edu
- 90by30
 - New position open for a Communications Manager.
- Willamette Family
 - Open to families receiving in the treatment receiving outpatient
 - Have construction going on in some classrooms, working on getting a lending library
- Pearl Buck
 - Started classes this week and has spots available with Preschool Promise
 - Also working on a support group for parents with 0-5
- UWLC
 - Currently has 3 job openings, a Coordinated Enrollment Manager, Coordinated Enrollment Specialist, and a Finance Manager

NEXT MEETING October 27, 2022 3:00 - 5:00 pm