

**Lane Early Learning Alliance
Parent Advisory Council
January 13, 2022
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Zoom Meeting**

Notes

1. Welcome & Introductions

- **Icebreaker**
- **Reminder of Group Agreements**

2. Preschool Promise - Michelle Hjelm

- Slides available
- 2021-22 PSP Info
 - 43 classrooms
 - 319 slots
 - Availability in Cottage Grove, Creswell, Dorena, Eugene, Junction City, Springfield
 - Providers have short or no waitlists
 - Eligibility:
 - Child is 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2021
 - Live in Oregon
 - Family income below 200% FPL
 - Application link on slide
- Current openings
- Hoping application for next year will be available late Spring/early Summer; parents can get on an interest list now
- Not first come, first served; based on priority groups in this order:
 - Transfers
 - Currently enrolled in PSP whose family has been paying
 - Siblings
 - Catchment area
 - Priority populations:
 - Emerging language learners
 - BIPOC children
 - Special needs who have IFSP
 - Rural
- New for 2022-23
 - SchoolMint: new digital application for families to apply
 - Eligibility requirements will change: income maximum is slightly higher; will have more spots available (gaining up to 260 spots, TBD where these will be)

- New priority populations: adding category “children living in socially complex families (teen parents, incarcerated parents, substance abuse, parents with cognitive limitations, student parents)
- New marketing materials; will be inviting you all to Regional Stewardship Committee in March
- Our timing is dependent on the state of Oregon and they don’t yet have a timeline for applications
- Reach out to Michelle with any questions: michelleh@unitedwaylane.org

3. LaneKids Parenting Education Update - Claire Hambly, United Way of Lane County

- LaneKids gets funding from a few main sources: Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative (OPEC), Lane County Public Health, Early Learning Division
- Funds typically go to community partners to put on parenting education classes
- Attempting to make it easier for partners to apply; this year just released “notice of funding” instead of formal application
- This year, awarding 14 agencies; 13 for parenting education, 1 to larger training grant for Willamette Family Treatment:
 - The Child Center, Fern Ridge School District, Family Relief Nursery, Relief Nursery, Pearl Buck Center, South Lane School District, First Place Kids, Lift Every Voice, 90by30, Nurturely, Oregon Community Programs, Options Counseling
 - 5 groups in Spanish, rural, last 2 mental and behavioral health agencies (newer partnerships); heard from the community that there is a huge need for mental health support for parents and children; this funding isn’t tied to insurance reimbursement; hope to see capacity grow in this area
- Sol: I would like to receive a copy of the places that will be available for mental health services; to share with families in the community
 - When can folks start to access these services?
 - Claire: this is specific to parenting education that have trauma informed practices in place, not traditional therapy; the funds will start July 1, 2022; can also pull together list of agencies that provide mental health support

4. Feedback about last meeting:

- Beneficial to hear from Judy Newman and Cassandra Ferder? Additional questions for them?
 - Heidi: was great to hear her perspective but was focused on Eugene, would be great to hear from other school board members too from other communities
 - Adrian: would like to hear rural voices
 - Kathryn: Agree, maybe it’s a system-level thing that all districts are experiencing; school board members, superintendents take it to the state level?
 - Are folks interested in this? (several yes’s)
- Cassandra Ferder, Early Learning Division
 - Have not heard back about trainings

4. Announcements or other news good for the order

- Sol: Want to invite parents to school board meeting on Feb 14 in Springfield, regarding Springfield Public Schools- Adriana has the flyer with QR code; in person and on Zoom
- Sol: for everyone in the community if you want to speak to the school board, must sign up before 12:00 pm on the 14th
 - Springfield school board website
<https://www.springfield.k12.or.us/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=27&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=13738&PageID=1>
- Heidi: having 90by30 Parent Cafe on Thursday, Feb 24th (more perfect union cafe - parenting and social justice); able to do a stipend for the first 12 participants; Spanish interpretation available; funded by ELA last year
 - <https://uoregon.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEod-6sqzkoH9fGuG36n7MvrNGFIFB3a7vC>
 - Heidi: you can contact me at hjohnson@hsolc.org
- Jen: I wanted to share the Pigs in the Garden class being offered at The Parker Learning Gardens this March. If you are interested you can like the Parker Learning Gardens Non-Profit on Facebook.
 - Reconnecting kids with nature; educational non-profit; Helping Hands Farmstand will be out there
 - Teresa: do they offer scholarships? Send message to the Facebook group; would love to have that available in the future
- Announcement: 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
 - <https://www.calclane.org/programs/springfield-alliance-for-equality-and-respect-safer/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/escudolatino>
- New stipend amount \$50
- Niyah: H.O.N.E.Y.: serve multi-ethnic and low-income; moving into a space to start tutoring for any age; trying to build stronger relationship with Latinx and Native/Indigenous communities
- Adriana also trying to connect with Latinx community, more resource sharing

Next meeting dates

February 10, 2022

March 10, 2022