











SOUTHERN OREGON SUCCESS UPDATE

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INNOVATION NETWORK BEGINS WITH A DESIGN TEAM & A PRIORTIZED WORKSTREAM

As part of our transition from a traditional board/staff governance model to a more design-focused Innovation Network model, Southern Oregon Success has formed its first design team and chosen a dual generation approach to Kindergarten Readiness as the Network’s first prioritized workstream.



The Innovation Network model comes to our region courtesy of [CoCreative](#), a national consulting firm that specializes in effective collaboration. With support from the Gordon Elwood Foundation and the Ford Family Foundation, CoCreative has been working with Southern Oregon Success over the last several months to make the change to a more flexible, hands-on, design-centered way of working together.

The shift changes our collaboration a network model where a small design team reviews data and existing work in the region, brainstorms on new strategies and goals, engages in interviews with systems leaders as well as “voices of experience”— local people facing the challenges we’re trying to address—and brings information, ideas and proposals to the greater Network, made up of people from all of our partner organizations and communities throughout Jackson and Josephine counties.

The Network then brainstorms and designs strategies, pilots and prototypes to make progress towards shared specific, ambitious and timebound goals, meeting twice a year to measure that progress and build on the work together.

“There has been such great foundational work over a number of years in building the relationships that make up our collaboration,” states Program Manager Peter Buckley. “There’s been great momentum built up as well by our work with ACEs and resilience in the region. The Innovation Network model now gives us a way to deepen and accelerate our work and get better outcomes for children, families and communities.”

As part of the transition, the first Design Team for the Southern Oregon Success Innovation Network has been chosen. The team members are Todd Bloomquist from the Grants Pass School District, Rene Brandon from Southern Oregon Early Learning Services (SOELS), Kathy Bryon from the Gordon Elwood Foundation, John King from Southern Oregon University, Belle Shepherd from the Oregon Health Authority, and Buckley, representing the collaboration’s backbone operation with the Southern Oregon Education Service District.

The Design Team has worked with CoCreative and the current Southern Oregon Success Steering Committee to review current workstreams, and to decide on our first prioritized workstream to engage with the full network process. Given all that has been learned from our previous work, including our strategy map effort in 2018-19, the discussion quickly centered on the need to work upstream as much as possible, and to



make sure we are taking a dual generation approach that will not only have positive impacts on current children and families, but future families as well.

With SOELS taking lead on efforts focused on preconception to age 5 to increase Kindergarten Readiness, Southern Oregon Success is now working to not only support and partner in SOELS' work, but to also share the goal of Kindergarten Readiness as we take lead on efforts focused on the next generation of parents.

“There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm with this transition,” Buckley reports. “We’re excited to be able to align our work with the [Community Health Improvement Plan](#) for our region as well as the introduction and expansion of programs included in the [Student Success Act](#) for early childhood and K12 education. We have great partner organizations to work with to make sure the next generation of parents have the skills, information and support they need for all of our families to thrive.”

DIRECT SERVICE NETWORK TEAMS TO COORDINATE SUPPORT WORK IN GRANTS PASS, ROGUE RIVER AND MEDFORD

As part of our mission to have every youth succeed in school and life, the Southern Oregon Success Youth Development Work Group is reintroducing Direct Service Network Teams (DSNTs) in October with the Grants Pass School District, Rogue River School District and Central Medford High School.

The teams, made up by representatives from human service groups, juvenile justice agencies and a variety of community organizations, plan to meet twice monthly to coordinate support plans for youth in “pre-crisis” and are willing to take advantage of resources in the community.

Referrals can be made by school or agency personnel, with no personal information included in the referral. The DSNTs will discuss and develop a coordinated support plan and return it to the school or agency contact making the referral. If the youth and the youth’s parent or caregiver choose to participate in the plan, the parent or caregiver signs a release of information in order to be connected with the DSNT member organization that is taking lead on the coordinated effort.



DSNTs operated in Jackson County a number of years ago, and with support from the partner organizations in the Youth Development Work Group, we're looking forward to bringing back the program and helping youth who could use a boost.

SOU CONFERENCE ON “SEAMLESS & FUTURE-READY EDUCATION IN THE ROGUE VALLEY

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS IN SELF-REGULATION & RESILIENCE TO HIGHLIGHT “RESILIENCE AWARENESS MONTH” IN NOVEMBER

Trainings in the evidenced based “Strengthening Families” curriculum as well as open trainings in Understanding ACEs (the Adverse Childhood Experiences study) and workshops in Self-Regulation & Resilience will take place in both Jackson and Josephine counties as part of the third annual “Resilience Awareness Month” in November.

In addition, Rogue Community Health’s annual luncheon, [Rogue Way to Health](#), will also be featured on the Resilience Awareness Month schedule, taking place on Wednesday, November 6 at the Inn at the Commons in Medford. Early reservations are recommended.

The full schedule of events will be announced in early October. If you would like us to include events your organization is hosting in November that focus on resilience for children, families or communities, please email information to peter_buckley@southernoregonsuccess.org.



JACKSON COUNTY TO HOST CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY TREATMENT SERVICES

Responding to the often-heard comment that people don't know what mental health and community support services are available or how to access them, Jackson County is presenting a three-day conference to draw attention and provide information on the excellent resources we have in our community.

BUILDING RESILIENT FAMILIES CLASSES OFFERED BY THE FAMILY CONNECTION & SOUTHERN OREGON SUCCESS

Building Resilient Families: a community of parents



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Meets once per week for 2 hours
Tuesdays 6-8pm
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450 S. 4th Street
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“NOW WHAT?” ANSWERED FOR K12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

In the three and a half years that Southern Oregon Success and the Southern Oregon ACEs Training Team have been doing presentations on ACEs & Resilience, we’ve reached just under 13,000 people in Jackson and Josephine counties. Almost half of the participants in the training sessions have been educators, and a very



common response to the information presented is “Now what?” The information in the training sessions changes how child development is understood and calls into question many longtime educational practices.

Educators also report an increasing number of students struggling with social and emotional skills that are foundational to learning, and are seeking proven ways to help teach those skills.

Change is often challenging, but after being immersed in these issues for years now, we can point to four specific programs/curriculums that answer the question of “Now what?” Each of the programs/curriculums are trauma-informed and compliment and align with each other, and each of the programs/curriculums have solid data to show significant growth and positive outcomes for students:

For Kindergarten into the early elementary school years: the [PAX Good Behavior Game](#).

For all Kindergarten through elementary school classrooms: [Positive Discipline](#).

For all grade levels, but particularly middle schools and high schools: [Restorative Justice](#) and [the Discovery Program](#).

No program or curriculum can address every issue and solve every problem, and every program and curriculum requires training and a commitment to implementing it with fidelity. But these four programs/curriculums have proven track records. With new resources coming to school districts next year through the Student Success Act, more of our local schools can, if they choose, introduce or expand efforts to teach social and emotional learning.

It’s exciting to be able to offer a very clear response to “Now what?”

To schedule an ACEs training session or workshop in Self-Regulation & Resilience for any group, or for more information, contact peter_buckley@southernoregonsuccess.org.

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