



Southern Oregon
Early Learning Services

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Agency Advisory Council

Date: 8/9/2019

Time: 10:00- 12:00

Location: Southern Oregon ESD
101 N Grape Street, Medford

Members in Attendance: Susan Davis (Josephine County Library), Lisa Farlin (Southern Oregon Head Start), Devon Finley (CCRN), Cecilia Giron (SOCFC – LISTO), Cathy Lemble (CCRN), Geoff Lowry (OCDC), Jessica Machen (DHS), Talia Mathias (United Way), Eileen Micke-Johnson (RCC), Chedric Monahan (Kairos-Jackson County), Nancy Peterson (Jackson County Library Services), Carrie Prechtel (AllCare Health), Brystan Strong (Jackson County Library Services), Samantha Watson (JCC), Brittain Zimmerman (Kid Time)

SOELS Staff Members Present: René Brandon, Chelsea Reinhart and Karen Johnson

Raise Up Oregon – Commitment to Action in Southern Oregon

The group focused on the second of three goals in the Early Learning Council’s RAISE UP OREGON system plan: ***Children are Raised in Healthy, Stable, and Attached Families***. Following is the input received:

Objective 7: Parents and caregivers have equitable access to support for their physical and social-emotional health.	
<u>What are we doing?</u>	<u>What else can/should we do?</u>
Strategy 7.1: Increase equitable access to reproductive, maternal, and prenatal health services.	
CCO’s offer: Babestore, Starting Strong, Doulas, Wrap-Around Services	Healthcare for all (region and state)
La Clinica offer: Access for anyone and Spanish language ;mobile clinics at schools and missions	Elementary/Middle/High School reproductive class and consent comprehensive curriculum
Home Visitors (MIECHV, EHS, Siskiyou Community Health Center/HFO,NFP)	Increase awareness of available services
Planned Parenthood	Implementing CHIP
Prenatal Task Force (JoCo) and Reproductive Health Taskforce (JaCo)	Need to better serve Latino community, especially mental health
Teen Parent Support Groups	<u>Live</u> interpretation for deaf community
Oasis Center – Work with families with opioid dependency	Childcare providers need access to healthcare – Power to the Profession
Magdalene Home	
Pregnancy Center	

Mom Support Groups	
JCLS - Parent resource materials	
JCLS – Partner with Maslow	
Points of Contact: CCOs, Hub, MIECHV, NFP	
Strategy 7.2: Improve access to culturally and linguistically responsive, multi-generational approaches to physical and social-emotional health.	
100 interpreters for region	Schools and teachers need more training around culture-response and trauma
Asante Sanctuary program and training staff with trauma informed/culture response	Hire bicultural/bilingual staff
The Family Connection grant with providence	Help parents feel more comfortable and confident in advocating for their children at school
Kairos – two bilingual therapists	Translating material into Spanish
Equity/Inclusion training (DHS, agencies)	Easier billing process
DHS resource groups – LGBTQ, Latino, African American (recruit staff and foster parents)	Better services for special needs
DHS mental health navigators	Need more navigators – everywhere!
JCLS – Offers Sensory Storytime, bilingual (Spanish) Storytime	More acute care options across the board – especially for youth
JCLS – Translate marketing material into Spanish	Need more bilingual material
JCLS – Tai Chi in Medford	Extend additional offerings
State Library – Talking Books program/Braille	Include “Story Walls”
Hub convening new Early Learning Equity Taskforce	
Points of Contact: Hub, TFC, DHS, JCLS	

Objective 8: All families with infants have opportunity for connection.	
<u>What are we doing?</u>	<u>What else can/should we do?</u>
Strategy 8.1: Create a universal connection point for families with newborns.	
Library Storytimes/groups	Improve the process in which the birthing team hands off the new mom to agencies that can provide support (doula – mom’s groups)
FS&C – New Mom Circle	Provide quicker follow-up with family following birth
Dad’s Circle	Begin connecting with agencies before birth to help support the family later
Home Visiting – SCHC/Healthy Families, NFP, EHS, CCOs	Hospitals sharing resources with a softer approach
Kid Time – Toddler/Baby programs	Standardized screening/support for anyone who works with an infant

Doula Program/Midwives/La Leche	More open and safe spaces for Latino families with newborns
Grandmas2Go	
Social media “Mom groups”	
Kaleidoscope Play and Learn groups	
Asante Eat, Sleep, Console	
S.O. Pediatrics screens for post-partum	
LISTO – New parent group	
OASIS supports to pregnant and new moms	
Child Welfare – Increased visits for bonding	
Kairos – Needs/strengths assessment for newborns (DHS can better plan for serving family/foster family)	
Babies First Book →	Include resources (succinctly)
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Books	
Hub and CCO’s surveying health care providers to find best way to get parenting ed and family resources to families through providers	
<i>Points of Contact: Hub, HFO, NFP, CCOs,</i>	
Strategy 8.2: Provide paid family leave.	
Family Friendly Business Project	Advocacy from community and local businesses
“Babies in the Library” programs	Look to other nations/systems that already are already providing proper family leave for guidance
	Sharing best practices for how businesses can implement policy
	Flexibility in the workplace
	Comprehensive advocacy plan
	Increase awareness of need
	Prioritize family connection
	Know work schedule
<i>Point of Contact: Hub, CCRN</i>	

Objective 9: Families with young children who are experiencing adversity have access to coordinated and comprehensive services.	
<u>What are we doing?</u>	<u>What else can/should we do?</u>
Strategy 9.1: Expand and focus access to housing assistance and supports for families with young children	
JCLS – Displaying community resources	Build partnerships with businesses/hotels to develop more suitable housing for families
JCLS – Reference teams provide information	Forge a stronger relationship with HAJC (Kaleidoscope)

FNC – Housing Project	Provide childcare onsite with assisted housing
Maslow case management	Encourage/advocate supports for split custodial rights
Housing Consortium (portal for referrals)	Encourage people to advocate for themselves and provide support to help them in the effort
	Encourage development of co-housing, connecting families for support - create “The Village”
Housing first approach	Sliding fee scale for housing
HAJC –Newbridge Place	Reduce waiting lists
Rogue Retreat (housing and substance abuse help)	Consortium staff funding
	Need Housing Authority representative on AAC from both counties
Points of Contact: Hub, HAJC	
Strategy 9.2: Provide preventive parenting support services to reduce participation in the child welfare system	
Parent meetings	Increase attendance and involvement at parent meetings
JCLS – Resumé assistance, databases, help using computers and Internet	Provide Strengthening Families training for <u>all</u>
DHS SS – Shift to strength-based model	Educate workforce employers
Parent Education – FNC, TFC, Kid Time	Flexible work schedules
Kaleidoscope	Provide child care
Oasis Center	Emotional support of parents
FSC, NFP, EHS/HS, parenting education in childcare	Additional training for DHS CS/SS
Strengthening Families training series	Normalize parent education
JCMH – Wrap program	Emphasize social connections
Child Welfare – Safe Families (5 protective factors)	Consider cultural differences (cookie-cutter approach does not work)
LISTO - Invite agencies to share services with families	
DHS SSP – Looking at whole family and providing specialized care	
Warm Line supports providers and families	
Kairos family therapy	
Heart with Mission (keeps kids out of CW system)	
Points of Contact: Hub, DHS	
Strategy 9.3: Improve nutritional security of pregnant women and young children, particularly infants and toddlers	
DHS – Food boxes in offices for emergency needs	Better coordination with WIC–Spanish resources?

WIC	More mobile food pantries
Head Start/EHS – works with families →	Immigration issues currently affecting use of resources
JCLS – Summer meals program →	Allow adults to eat too, or at least purchase
Food Pantries	Outreach to Latino communities – ensure safety
Medford Food Project (Green Bag)	Food for families
Medford School District Food Service Program - SODEXO	WIC representative at AAC
Rogue Valley Farm to School	Involve medical partnerships in caring way, i.e. repercussions of reporting
Farmers Market now accepting WIC	Support breast-feeding moms
KPL groups offer snacks and possibly a meal depending on the site	Farm to families – provide classes and food
Points of Contact: Hub, DHS, WIC	
Strategy 9.4: Link high-quality early care and education, self-sufficiency, and housing assistance programs	
LISTO/HS, EHS – Wraparound for whole family	DHS – More in-house education on policy
Head Start/EHS – Family Advocates	Partner with other agencies – AAC can help
DHS – Family Coaches (funding for housing assistance, encourage child care as a career)	Greater attendance at AAC meetings
Kairos – Family Support Specialists	Universal linking of online resources
UNITE – Helps with OHP and DHS navigation	Schools become “no wrong door” with mobile office and caseworkers
JCLS – To Quick WIC	JCLS – Providing space for classes/groups
CCOs – Provide links to information	All community clinics support and link to services
HUB – AAC Meetings	
Points of Contact: Hub, HS, DHS	

PROGRAM UPDATES:

- Carrie asked that partners interested in participating in and/or receiving updates on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) let her [know](#). More information can be found at Jefferson Regional Health Alliance [site](#).
- Bethany Grace has been hired to replace Trisha Foster at the Family Connection. She will be attending future AAC meetings.
- Katherine Clayton has been selected as Nancy Nordye’s successor as Executive Director of SOFCF.
- Chelsea shared that the Hub is offering two cohort opportunities to attend Southern Oregon’s Early Childhood Enhancement Project (ECEP) – one in the fall of 2019 and one in the winter of 2020. For questions, please contact [Chelsea](#).
- In collaboration with DHS, the Hub is hosting [Attire to Aspire](#) August 27, 2019 at HHS from 9:00-3:00. Set up will be on August 26. Volunteers are needed both days; if you wish to help or have any questions, please email [Chelsea](#). (Food will be provided for volunteers both days.)
- CCRN has hired Cathy Lemble as its new Quality Improvement Specialist.

- FS&C has hired another full-time person.
- Kid Time is continuing construction on the Carnegie Library. The Children’s Museum and Learning Loft preschool will be moving at the same time, most likely by the start of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Some partners have reported little interest in the Ticket to Family Fun program, while others have been giving multiple tickets out for participating in the same group or activity. Perhaps next time we should cap how many tickets a family can receive at a single group or activity to promote involvement in multiple activities.
- JCLS is coordinating visits to free school lunch sites and have handed out close to 400 books.
- JCLS has openings in the Outreach to Child Care Program. Contact [Nancy](#) or click [here](#) for more information.
- JCLS offers event space and Mobile Makerspace in which they will come to your location with Storytimes, hands-on activities and library information.
- KAIROS has converted to a walk-in model for intake and access and has hired two male therapists.
- KAIROS New Beginnings, the psychiatric residential facility in Grants Pass is expanding creating New Beginnings East and West.
- RCC may be offering an Infant/Toddler certificate to prepare for BabyPromise.
- LISTO received notice that Central Point High School will no longer be able to provide space next year. Please contact [Cecilia](#) with ideas.
- DHS hired a new District Manager, Kim Whitney.
- DHS is in a pilot program called Integrated Eligibility – encouraging a “no wrong door” approach.
- The Able Bodied Individuals without Dependents (ABOD) program is ending December 31, 2019.
- DHS’ Child Abuse Reporting hotline is experiencing delay. Please call 911 if a child’s immediate safety is in question.
- Samantha Watson introduced herself as the new Community Engagement Coordinator with Jackson Care Connect.
- Our September AAC meeting will focus on RAISE UP OREGON’s System Goal #3: *The Early Learning System is aligned, coordinated, and family centered*. In October, we will use this information to identify collectively how we should proceed to meet the target goals.

NEXT MEETING

September 13, 2019

10:00-12:00

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Submitted by K. Johnson