



Southern Oregon Early Learning Services  
**Agency Advisory Council**

**Date:** 5/10/2019

**Time:** 10:00- 12:00

**Location:** Southern Oregon ESD  
101 N Grape Street, Medford

**Members in Attendance:** Ann Ackels (Jackson County Public Health), Susan Davis (Josephine County Library), Sonja Herbold (Healthy Families), Stacy Inman (Douglas ESD - Jackson County EI/ECSE-), Darcy Larson (Douglas ESD EI/ECSE), Tami McGonagle (CPSD #6), Wendy Nelson (Family Nurturing Center), Nancy Nordyke (SOCFC), Megan Pinder (Jackson County Library Services), Rhonda Schock (Great Beginnings), Brystan Strong (Jackson County Library Services), Mary Wolf (CCRN & Family Support and Connections)

**SOELS Staff Members Present:** René Brandon and Karen Johnson

#### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

René called meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and introductions were made. Darcy introduced Stacy Inman, Shirley Stinson's successor at Douglas ESD – Jackson County EI/ECSE.

#### **PROTECTIVE FACTORS PROMOTIONS**

The Hub will provide Protective Factor kits to partners serving families. A request form will be sent to partners to complete their request. We ask that those receiving kits complete the Strengthening Families training sometime during the next biennium.

#### **TICKET TO FAMILY FUN PROJECT**

René described the Ticket to Family Fun Project the Hub is sponsoring in an effort to encourage participation in home visiting, parenting education, library story time, play and learn groups, etc.

- Families will earn tickets for participating in activities.
- Tickets will be turned into the enrolling organization to earn prizes such as trip to Wildlife Safari, Kid Time membership, etc.
- The Hub will reach out to organizations willing to participate in the project. We are looking for two types of partnerships
  - Sponsoring Organizations willing to introduce clients to the project, register clients by 6/14/19, collect tickets, purchase and track prizes (funds will be provided by the Hub to purchase prizes) by 6/30/19. The prizes must be distributed to families by 8/31/19.

- Hosting Organizations willing to give tickets to participating families after each activity they complete.

#### **NEXT STEPS: EQUITY ACTION FRAMEWORK**

René explained that the Hub will work with the Agency Advisory Council to work through equity challenges and strive for racial equity in Early Childhood Systems. A survey was sent out on April 14, 2019 and results were shared. (Please see PowerPoint slides 8-10 for results.) A copy of SOELS Agency Advisory Council – 2019 Equity Priorities was shared, and members were asked to rank equity priorities, measuring relevance, appropriateness, impact, and feasibility on a scale from 1 (low) to 4 (high) through both an agency and system lens. The group was then asked to place a dot on their top 4 highest-ranking priorities. These were the top 3 group results:

- **Educational preparedness for children with 10 dots**
- **Bilingual/bicultural workforce across every sector with 7 dots**
- **Connecting families to the best community resources to meet their needs with 7 dots**

Next steps include forming a cross-sector workgroup and collaborating with content experts to help identify root causes and methods to improve racial equity. This will be an ongoing agenda item.

#### **RAISE UP OREGON – COMMITMENT TO ACTION IN SOUTHERN OREGON**

Tabled for June meeting. Passed out laminated copies of strategic plan. At the next meeting, we will spend at least one hour to focus on **System Goal 1: Children Arrive Ready for Kindergarten.**

René announced the following:

- The Hub is sponsoring young parent support groups and flyers have been distributed to partners. Please encourage young moms to attend.
- The Hub is contracting with The Family Connection to offer a teen parenting series in both Jackson and Josephine Counties.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

June 14, 2019

10:00-12:00

AllCare Health

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Submitted by K. Johnson