



Child & Family Wellbeing Committee

May 12, 2021

1-2:00 pm

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/409812744>

Attendees: Autumn Chadbourne, Bethanee Grace, Laura Balestreri, Carrie Prechtel, Riki Rosenthal

Hub Staff: René Brandon, Chelsea Reinhart, Vicki Risner

Agenda

Welcome

Pre-COVID data – status of our families and preparing to support families as the region reopens

René shared County Data Book 2020 stats from Our Children Oregon specifically for Jackson and Josephine County. Attached.

Ready for K Kits – distributing family kits to partners to provide family engagement over summer for families with children entering Kindergarten in the Fall

SOELS has limited duration funding, which must be spent by September 30th, for kindergarten transition opportunities. One focus area is to subsidize child care slots for children entering kindergarten in the fall with child care providers who will be able to serve more children over the summer. The other focus area is to distribute the Kindergarten Readiness kits that we have used in the past to families of incoming kinders. It includes a component of parent training on how to use the kits. The kits include enriching activities, books, music and manipulative materials all focused on the math, reading, and the social and emotional skills children benefit from prior to kindergarten entry.

Would you be able to identify families that you are working with who have children who will be in kindergarten in the fall? Children who are just finishing kindergarten yet who may still need support are also considered for these kits.

Is there someone within your organization who would be able to host 1 to 3 90-minute parent training sessions for your families in June or July? There are 3 classes: math, literacy and social emotional development. The facilitator training is minimal. There is a video that supports each of the items in the kit. Would you be willing to refer your families to community training events?

Laura: Yes, we could identify people and refer to the trainings, but I don't think we have someone to do the trainings.

Bethanee: I can reach out to our facilitators. Rene, Chelsea and Bethanee will meet.

Chelsea: We plan to reach out to Listo who has staff to potentially teach in Spanish.

Autumn: We could promote this but don't have facilitators to help.

Discussion: availability, utilization and sharing of videos

Chelsea shared a video options list. Please email Chelsea with any additional videos you feel would be beneficial. Discussion about having a YouTube page set up where parents or organizations could subscribe to get notifications when more videos are uploaded. The group agreed that having brief descriptions before the links and using hyperlinks instead of full URLs would be helpful, as would creating a menu that categorize it by parenting topics.

Chelsea will reach out to Courtney at DHS to learn how she created their Excel resource list.

Autumn cautioned not making it too full so that it's still easy to read.

Mary suggested two lists organized differently, one for parents and one for providers. Parents may be best served by topic, where providers might be more willing to trust by who created the videos.

Chelsea will look into embedding a QR code into the Family Engagement Tool Kit that would direct to video options.

Rene: We will bring this back in June with a discussion for outreach strategies.

Other Business - None

Next Meeting:

June 9, 2021
1-2:30 pm
Zoom