



SOELS
Agency Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda
October 9, 2020
10:00-12:00pm
Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 989 2977 1308

Attendees: Peter Buckley, Brystan Strong, Mary Wolf, Katherine Clayton, Crystal Rowbotham, Darcy Larson, Lisa Farlin, Michelle Gallas, Stacy Inman, Susan Fischer-Maki, Riki Rosenthal, Susan Davis, Jessica Machen, Chedric Monahan, Michelle Don, Kelsey Dennis, Devon Finley

Hub Staff: René Brandon, Chelsea Reinhart, Teresa Slater, Vicki Risner

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Welcome & Introductions

Riki Rosenthal, Starting Strong Specialist with Jackson Care Connect
Vicki Risner, Early Learning Hub
Chedric Monahan, Assistant Program Manager, Kairos Jackson Services
Michelle Don, The Ivy School
Chelsea Reinhart, Early Learning Hub
Stacy Inman, Coordinator, Jackson Co. Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education
Kelsey Dennis, Adjunct at Rogue Community College, Teacher at Roots and Wings
Peter Buckley, Southern Oregon Success
Susan Fischer-Maki, Allcare Health
Katherine Clayton, Executive Director, Southern Oregon Head Start
Jessica Machen, Community Development Coordinator, Dept. of Human Services
René Brandon, Director, Early Learning Hub
Brystan Strong, Youth Services Coordinator, Jackson County Library Services
Darcy Larson, Coordinator, Jackson Co. Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education
Devon Finley, Child Care Resource Network
Mary Wolf, Director, Child Care Resource Network
Susan Davis, Josephine County Library District
Lisa Farlin, Southern Oregon Head Start

Partner Updates on Fall Programming. What's going well & what are the challenges?

René: We recognize that the majority of families with children under the age of 6 were already struggling to make ends meet before COVID and the fires hit. We have partnered with Family Nurturing Center to support their Family Needs Screener. The Family Nurturing Center has been the point for taking those requests and getting those needs out to families. Of the 1,000+ families who

asked for assistance, the largest requests are for basic needs, food security issues, and needing things to do with their kids while staying home.

Mary Wolf/Devon Finley, CCRN: Regarding Child Care Providers: many of their staff and families are recovering from the fire. Supporting them with resources. A grant is coming to support those who completed Phase 3. There is an updated health and safety plan that has to be in place by November 9th. Will share a flyer promoting 23 providers who were affected by the fires, sharing their needs. Family Support and Connections: strong support for the most vulnerable families; providing services remotely. Has a remote moms circle. Socially distanced walks, porch drop offs. Visits in yard. Connecting them with supports.

Stacy Inman/Darcy Larson, Jackson Co. Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education: Virtual services has increased services and decreased no shows. Increased services due to no travel. Sending activity boxes home. Using Seesaw platform, parents log into for videos.

Chedric Monahan, Kairos Jackson Services: Mainly telehealth services. Some successes, but many of the younger kids struggle with engaging virtually. Goal is for a hybrid offering of both in person and virtual. Increase of intakes since the fire. Our Family Supports have been incredible.

Susan Fisher-Maki, Allcare Health: Seeing an increase in OHP registrations and enrollment. Focus has been on outreach to members who were affected by the fires for medications and medical equipment. Telemedicine is blossoming. Working on staff supports. Plan to co-sponsor 4 trainings, starting in November, ACES and Resilience, Trauma Informed Practices, Trauma Stewardship, and Trauma Stewardship for Supervisors. Working on the Family Resilience Project which is an education campaign. Working on The Community Information Exchange, using the Unite Us platform.

Jessica Machen, Dept. of Human Services: New computer system goes live in November. Expected to free time for case managers to do direct work with clients. Have been granted additional food subsidies for those eligible for SNAP benefits for both counties due to the fires. There is both English and Spanish speaking supports available.

Brystan Strong, Jackson County Library Services: Been pushing digital resources. Added curbside service. Providing Wi-Fi access to folks in their parking lots. Now have branches open without programming other than take and make kits. Recorded story times. Have a toy, book and game drive for fire victims to rebuild the happiness portion. Doing a 3-day Halloween event at all 15 locations. Hired a new position, Education Services Specialist, dedicated to partnering with the schools. Outreach to child care programs is delivering books.

Susan Davis, Josephine County Library District: Ran weekly activity ads in the Grants Pass Daily Courier for the Summer Reading Program. Updated and revised our website. All branches are still closed. Last week started offering Grab & Go services in addition to curbside services. Offering recorded story times. Started a middle grade book club. Soon to start a parent/caregiver early literacy Zoom meetings series. Slowly welcoming volunteers back. Also offered take and make kits.

Lisa Farlin, Southern Oregon Head Start: Virtual parent coaching services start date is October 26th, with 7 center-based classrooms opening as well at half capacity. More may open depending on success with the 7. Have technology to check out to families. Looking to utilize an observation room at their Redwood campus for practicum students to observe from.

Michelle Don, The Ivy School: Had to lay off entire staff in March, then brought everyone back in June to move us into our new building. We are open as Emergency Child Care. 4 classes on site on

Main St and 1 class each at Howard and Jackson Elementaries. Added learning labs for distance learning. Had to bring kids inside due to air quality after the fires. Offered summer virtual programs including videos with the local PBS and Medford School District. Had 1,600 take home kits to go with the videos. Hoping to start that up again in a couple months. We've used Bright Wheel platform for communications and check ins.

Riki Rosenthal, Jackson Care Connect: Working to support fire victims with medications and medical equipment replacements. We are ordering from a short list of items over the phone or through forms at doctors' offices, with delivery directly to their homes. Partnering with Family Nurturing Center for deliveries.

Kelsey Dennis, Rogue Community College and Roots & Wings: RCC is working with a new computer system which is not going too well. Difficulties in finding locations for our practicum students. For Roots and Wings, have been open since August 26th. Smaller groups with stronger parent teacher connections. Have spots available for more children.

Peter Buckley, Southern Oregon Success: Providing online trainings and workshops. November is Resilience Awareness Month with a community ACEs training online. Cosponsoring a screening of In Utero. Multiple work groups are continuing, focusing on parents. Working on 2 summits for PreK/Kindergarten alignments.

Chelsea Reinhart, Early Learning Hub, Preschool Promise: Working through the conversation with families for continued enrollment at their current providers. Next step will be new applicants. We will use a lottery to select screening form applicants to complete the eligibility process for placements. Urgent call to partners to encourage families to apply for this opportunity for free preschool.

Review of Family Engagement Toolkit

Chelsea: We want your feedback on our Family Engagement Tool Kit. Utilizes the 5 protective factors. (Shared attachment) The format is repetitive for each factor. We highlighted various resources for families that support that specific factor. We want your feedback before we send it out. Suggestions for adding a glossary of terms and a QR code. It will be available in both English and Spanish.

Discussion of ERDC Campaign for families and providers

René/Chelsea: PowerPoint Presentation. Some updates are pending, noted in red in presentation. Looking for more ways to work with partners to promote this opportunity for families. Shared drafts of flyers for both families and providers. Flyers will be available in both English and Spanish.

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November 13, 2020

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