



**SOELS  
Agency Advisory Council  
Meeting Agenda  
January 14, 2022  
10:00 - 12:00pm  
Zoom Meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 989 2977 1308

Attendees: Alejandra Moreno, Darcy Larson, Debra Koutnik, Devon Finley, Peter Buckley, Bethanee Grace, Diana Bennington, Riki Rosenthal, Stephanie Finch, Sadie Emmons, Bob Hendrick, Janet Christian, Geoff Lowry, Cynthia Anderson, Cori Thye-Couch, Devon Finley, Dana Brooks, Stacy Fields, Jessica Machen, Autumn Chadbourne, Dana Brooks

Hub Staff: René Brandon, Teresa Slater, Vicki Risner

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Jackson Care Connect/Starting Strong/Member Benefits – Riki Rosenthal**

Riki shared slide presentation. Slide show will be available on the SOELS website, under meetings.

Diana Bennington, The Family Connection: I saw the dental section for OHP. Here is an additional resource to get braces for children (OHP doesn't often cover them): A Smile for Kids. They are out of Redmond, but can coordinate payment and care for accepted clients all over the state. I have printable flyers and a contact for a person that is happy to do ZOOM presentations. Here is their website: <https://www.asmileforkids.org/for-caregivers>

Debra Koutnik: Although no referral authorization is required (which is great), many of the private behavioral health providers do require a PCP referral because there are just so many patients needing to be seen. But for special circumstances you can talk to the Trans Link supervisor and get approval for Trans Link ride instead of bus pass--like parent bringing a hyperactive and anxious 2-year-old with autism to their medical appointment.

## Family Engagement Improvement Project – Sadie Emmons

Sadie shared slide presentation which will be available on the SOELS website, under meetings. Purpose of the Family Engagement Improvement Project is to increase engagement of pregnant women and families with young children into services and to keep them engaged by creating a system of warm handoff referrals between system partners.

René: Going from the entry point to the Peer Support Groups will require that our partners take a look at staffing capacity for a few hours a week to host a parent support group, or teen parent group, or Kaleidoscope group to increase capacity for the region. We don't currently have enough facilitators for these types of activities to promote them right now. The Hub has funding that can be used to support these roll outs.

Diana Bennington, The Family Connection: Here is a good contact in Jackson County that might be doing breastfeeding groups, support groups, etc. <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/Public-Health/Maternal-Child-Health/Maternal-Child-Health-Programs>. Our drop-in support groups that coincide with the evidence-based parenting programs (it was an extra time to drop in and be able to talk to their teacher and peers in a less formal way) were not well attended and eventually we didn't offer them due to the extra cost that it added to a program when it was not utilized. But I think as a whole... support groups should exist and it's worth troubleshooting.

Bethanee, The Family Connection: Next Monday we are launching monthly workshops with our first topic being Family Goal Setting. We have set these up to be a 90-minute session with a minimum of 30 minutes set aside for a support group environment. <https://thefamilyconnect.org/event/tfc-monthly-workshop-on-zoom/2022-01-17/>. Once we get the folks into a parenting class, they would merge into a peer support group with a little need for support and encouragement. We're finding that families are more willing to participate through Zoom and take less time to open up than in person groups. I've used live time on Facebook to provide drop in conversations that seemed to generate a needed connection.

Cori-Thye-Couch: Reachoutoregon.org. Mon - Fri 12 - 7pm. Text, chat, call. They have a peer support specialist and warm handoffs available. Expanding and looking for more people to become certified. People are available throughout the state. Caller can request someone more local to their needs. If they don't have an answer, they will find someone who is. Will be 24/7 starting July. Bethanee: Here is Reach Out's drop-in group ZOOM meeting room open EACH Friday @ 4pm: <https://thefamilyconnect.org/event/reach-out-oregon-support-group/2021-12-31/>

## Community Partner Updates

Peter: Preschool/K12 Alignment Summit is happening on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Still time to register. <https://pdnetworks.soesd.k12.or.us/public/events/view-event/8406>

## NEXT SOELS AGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING:

March 11, 2022

10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.