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Lane Early Learning Alliance Early Learning Stakeholders Thursday, June 28, 2018 3:00-5:00pm

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions- 5 minutes

- **In attendance:** Claire Hambly, UWLC; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Bess Day, UWLC; Oliver Redig, Eugene Rec; Michelle Oliver, EC CARES; Erica Hinshaw, Willamalane; Ryan Dexter, Willamalane; Kate Reid, Willamalane; Karen Roth, FFLC; Natalia Piar, Migrant Ed Program; Theya Harvey, QCC; Heather Townsend, DHS; Jaqueline Moreno, LCPH; Michelle Sheng-Palmisano, UWLC; Lynne Swartz, Parenting Now!; LuCinda Gustavson, Springfield Public Library; Kevin Burns, LCPH; Lise Schellman, Pearl Buck Center; Silvia Ceja, Brattain House; Shayna Higashi, Willamette Family; Sara Loveless, 90by30; Lenora Johnson, Trillium

2. Early Learning Alliance Updates- 25 minutes

- Governance Consortium Updates
 - Kindergarten parent survey: currently re-evaluating the purpose of this survey; is it worth collecting?
 - Family Resource Centers: how to grow; funding
- UW Updates:
 - CI Symposium 7/19- 8:30-4 at Valley River Inn. Keynote: Junious Williams, Sr. Advisor at FSG (CI advising firm)
 1. [Registration link](#)
 - Nurturing Hope facilitator training: Sept 19-21; for parents of children with special needs; free slots filled- seats available for purchase (\$300-325)
 - Positive Indian Parenting curriculum training: partner with Relief Nursery; dates TBD, 2nd or 3rd week of October
 - Michelle- Summer Slide infographics, resources: July 12 is Summer Learning Day; can register events online ([SLD Link](#)); useful infographics on benefits of summer learning
 - **No meeting July and August**
 - Service & Equity Training: July 31 all day; ELA staff attending; open to partners; John Lenson facilitator
 - Farewell from Cynthia Olsen from Eugene Public Library
 - Michelle (EC CARES): has access to webinars including topics such as Implicit Bias and its role in early learning; possible future meeting topic; PowerPoint slides for Implicit Bias webinar will be shared with the notes.

3. Local Programs & Resources Deep Dive – 60 minutes

- **Willamalane** – Kate Reid
 - Recreation guide: all ages
 - Summer Playground Program: M-Th; all sites coupled with FFLC free lunch; parents can drop off children and leave

- Sounds Like Summer: free plays, concerts, movies (p. 8)
 - Camp Putt: partner with Roaring Rapids
 - Early childhood and youth programs: year-round preschool
 - p. 11: Discover Willamalane- 31 days of activities
 - p. 1-7: Special events
 - Children's Celebration: July 28, FREE
 1. Agencies can request to table/exhibit
 - CSA at Bob Keefer Center
- **Eugene Rec – Oliver Redig**
 - Rec guide: classes and activities
 - Fun For All: park drop-in program, must be 10 and older as close supervision/care is not provided
 - p. 20: Movies in the park
 - Scholarships available up to \$150; starts July 1
 - Eugfun booklets (movies, theater, music)
 - Fall registration beginning for preschools
 - Eugene parks map: can find at any rec facility; downtown library
 - Petersen Barn a hub for families in Bethel; talk to Oliver about reaching families with resources
- **Food For Lane County – Karen Roth**
 - Summer food program (click [here](#) for all open sites)
 1. Dinners available through some school districts
 2. No regular vegetarian options- issues with suppliers, federal regulations around distribution, etc.
 3. [FFLC website](#) has 14 programs beyond emergency food box
 - Emergency food box: increasing from 12 to 16 boxes per family; lots of fresh, highly perishable items
 - Produce Plus: 6 rural areas in Lane Co.; at DHS offices in Eugene/Springfield/CH; 200% of poverty level; take fresh produce and bread
 - Cascade Middle School Farmer's Market: Tuesdays at 2:30; free book giveaway for kids
 - Classes available (visit the website)
- **Brattain House – Silvia Ceja**
 - Summer calendar will be shared with the notes
 - Field Trips: Learning Littles early literacy program 4x/week during the school year; English/Spanish/Native; summer field trips 1x/week; breakfast and lunch provided; bus passes available
 1. Farm trip; Splash, Island Park
 2. Families do not have to be established with the Brattain House already to participate
 3. Older siblings invited – can earn volunteer hours
 - Brattain House closed this summer for cleaning
 - Clothes closet has ended; school supplies to be distributed to schools
 - Project Hope: Begins August 8th at Maple Elementary: new shoes, haircut, dental screenings
 - Agencies invited to come to Brattain House to share resources (contact Silvia: silvia.ceja@springfield.k12.or.us)
- **Springfield Public Library – LuCinda Gustavson**
 - All ages summer reading program: ongoing throughout the summer; sign up online ([Summer Reading Sign up](#)); all kids get a free book for signing up (infant-18); free books for adults after

reading 5 books (includes reading to kids); earn points for talking, singing, reading, writing with kids; earn badges and redeem for raffle tickets (30 prizes; teen Amazon gift cards); don't have to have a library card

- Activities happening every day throughout the summer; do not have to have a library card to attend
- Monday evening family program
- Tuesday morning baby and me
- Tuesday afternoon 12:45: free lunch bilingual story time
- Tuesday teens at 4:30
- Wednesday all ages story time in the morning
- Every other Thursday: family yoga in the morning
- Thursday afternoon: kids club 1:30-2:30
- Fridays passive program (lego, craft)
- Saturdays special programming
- Sundays CLOSED

4. Agency Updates, Networking and Announcements- 30 minutes

- **Migrant Education Program**
 - Recruiting migrant families for activities; free lunch for kids in the program; tutoring program; kindergarten readiness
 - Currently recruiting families who have moved in the last 3 years to work or are seeking work in agriculture, fishing, forestry (contact Natalia Piar: npiar@lesd.k12.or.us)
- **Quality Care Connections**
 - Closed on Fridays; quiet during the summer; new training calendar ([Training Calendar Link](#))
 - Recruiting for knapsack: nutrition education training for childcare providers; free program, free classroom support; funded through LCPH
- **Maternal Child Health**
 - OHP Now Covers Me: OHP covers migrant families as well ([OHP Covers Me Link](#))
- **Pearl Buck Center**
 - Classes through July; 4/10 kids enrolled in KITS
 - Reminder if you have concerns that a parent (pregnant up to 5 years) might have a cognitive dysfunction, refer them to PBC (even if child is not enrolled in the preschool); have bilingual/bicultural family support staff
- **Willamette Family Treatment Services**
 - Currently moving; integrating mental health – new system to connect patients with providers; child development center at capacity.
- **90by30**
 - Welcome Baby Box: safe sleep system with baby products and community resource guide specific to region; Period of Purple Crying (shaken baby syndrome prevention) program information; rollout begins for South and West Lane in July; adding East in the fall; families must register for a box – call 90by30 to refer families
 - Roots of Empathy: launching in Lane County (19 rural classrooms); connects baby with a classroom of 1st and 2nd graders; Sarah to send list of schools; still recruiting families with babies between 2-4 mos in October (ideally local families)
 - Conference on October 26: 2 registrations for \$200; tabling opportunity and discount rate for partners
- **DHS**
 - Summer EBT benefits; additional funds for SNAP benefits

- Structural changes separating Family Coaches and Benefit and Eligibility Workers allowing FCs to provide more intensive services
- New family assessment mapping: adapted for different learning needs
- **Trillium**
 - Prenatal program: very high number of deliveries this year
 - “Lunch and Learn”: agencies can come to staff meetings to present about services/resources Tuesdays at 9:00 (foster care, Start Smart team, community health workers, other case mgmt. teams)
 - Veggie Rx and Produce Plus program moving forward
 - Masters level clinician job opening to work with foster care and prenatal program; RN job openings for prenatal program
- **Lane County Public Health**
 - Quiet summer: CATCH program; good behavior game training happening in August (classroom mgmt. for teachers); also tobacco, drug prevention
- **United Way of Lane County**
 - Summer Reading Spots has ended; working on a guide for next year; instead did Book Fest at the end of the school year with K-2nd grade: each student picked out 6 books; sent a letter home with summer literacy resources and other community resources
 - Best way to reach families is through the schools
 - LaneKids funding starts July 1 for parenting education classes; some start this summer; will update LK website with upcoming classes
 - **Please upload events to the LaneKids calendar!** ([Submit Event](#))
 - Now collecting applications for Preschool Promise (child must be 3 or 4 by Sept. 1) High quality preschool around Lane Co (not Florence); English/Spanish applications; in person at UW or on the website ([Preschool Promise Link](#)); up to 200% poverty level
- **Parenting Now!**
 - Programming as usual this summer
 - Crecer: parenting education for Spanish speaking families (still recruiting)
 - Partnered with PeaceHealth and SafeKids to have a car seat tech program; make appointments to have car seats checked Mon/Wed; daytime clinics 1x/month; give-away free car seats
 - Development Director job opening
- **EC CARES**
 - 1561 children receiving services in Lane Co.
 - Sharing other resources/events – can “share” existing Fb events/pages
 - Peer models for children not in daycare/preschool; flyers available – Michelle to email these

NEXT MEETING: September 27, 2018
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