



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

**Date:** 7/13/2018

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

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

**Members in Attendance:** Peter Buckley (Southern Oregon Success), Molly Clement (CCRN Warm Line) Susan Davis (Josephine County Library District), Patricia Foster (The Family Connection), Cecilia Giron (LISTO), Anne Goff (Southern Oregon ESD EI/ECSE ), Adrienne Liufau (Kairos), Eileen Micke-Johnson (Rogue Community College), Nancy Peterson (Jackson County Library Services), Carrie Prechtel (211info), Rhonda Schock (Great Beginnings), Mary Wolf (Child Care Resource Network)

**SOELS Staff Members Present:** Rene Brandon, Teresa Slater, Chelsea Reinhart and Karen Johnson

**EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The Early Learning Council serves as the governance body of Early Learning Division, including the Office of Child Care, and identifies the role of Early Learning Hubs and measures their effectiveness. In June, Hub directors participated in a half-day session to share emerging priorities. They include *Early Care and Education Workforce* (including “Preschool for all” discussions), *Family Support* (emphasizing early family engagement), and *Clear Role & Responsibility of Hubs*. More information will be shared when The Early Learning Council finalizes its strategic plan later this year.

**UPDATE ON KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY & LEARN EXPANSION**

The HUB held a training for new Kaleidoscope facilitators in June. The trainees included representatives from Early Intervention in both counties, staff addiction recovery, as well maternal child health. The EI groups will look similar as they have in the past, as EI requires a mixed group with both typically developing children along with children with identified delays. EI staff will facilitate the playgroups, which will be open to the public. The addiction recovery groups will be closed to start, and will focus on families who have recently completed a residential treatment program, providing a safe place for families to reconnect with their children and gain skills. The goal is to create a second public group into which the families can graduate, and interact with a broader range of families. Other types of groups being explored include first-time parents and teen parents.

### **SUMMER JUMPSTART PROGRAMS**

In Josephine County, all elementary schools in Three Rivers and Grants Pass School District are participating in Summer Jumpstart programs. In Jackson County, Kids Unlimited and Kid Time will be hosting summer camps.

### **UPDATE ON SPECIAL NEEDS ENHANCEMENT WORKGROUP PROGRESS**

The HUB convened a workgroup to create a cohort model, which will include courses offered through Rogue Community College, providing college credits as well as coaching on site and a community of practice. The cohort will be offered to early learning teachers in the region. Coaches will be identified through an application and interview process. (Handed out copies of *Special Needs Certification Pathway Models 1 & 2.*)

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR CLOSET COLLABORATION**

The HUB is bringing together community partners in an effort to better serve families by collaborating on community closets. Stay tuned for more details!

### **AUGUST MEETING**

*August meeting was canceled due to low attendance.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

Submitted by K. Johnson