



Happy New Year!



Upcoming: State Site Visit

Every other year, Oregon's Early Learning Division completes site monitoring visits for each of the state's 16 Early Learning Hubs. In December, the South Central Early Learning Hub began the site monitoring and evaluation process for our region. The first step of the process is receiving input from our partners and Governance members through a survey. If you received this survey, we would appreciate you taking the time to complete it.

You may also know about our Early Learning Hub through one of their following programs/initiatives:

- Preschool Promise
- Community UPLiFT
- KPI - Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation
 - Play2Learn
 - Ready! for Kindergarten
 - Professional Development Opportunities
- Douglas County Initiative
 - Authentic Community/Family Engagement in Winchester Elementary School catchment area and Glendale School District
- Klamath County Initiatives
 - Early Attendance in Life
 - Early Literacy
 - Priority Implementation Support
- Lake County Initiative
 - Family Engagement

We need to receive surveys back by **January 10, 2019** for inclusion in the monitoring process.

If you have any questions please contact Director, [Gillian Wesenberg](#) or [Sue Parish](#) at the Early Learning Division.

Early Learning Hub Priorities

Meyer Memorial Equity Grant Update

Analicia Nicholson, Douglas ESD Assistant Superintendent, and Alexis Millett, Consultant, co-hosted the first equity conversation at the Early Learning Hub Regional Governance Council Meeting in December 2018.

Over the next two years, we will engage communities, employers and parents in the visioning, planning, and development of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our governance structure. The Early Learning Hub will host four more regional engagement sessions in Douglas, Klamath, Lake and at the Regional Governance Council. After piloting this work, we will take

Klamath County Early Literacy Initiative

Klamath's goal is to increase kindergarten readiness, 3rd grade reading scores and the number of books in homes by distributing books to families and encouraging parents who are their child's first teacher. The partners have come together to promote dialogic reading through a process of a book walk-and-talk. Data is being collected and analyzed through a survey developed in partnership with PSU and KPI.

Following the first round of book distributions, a total of 492 surveys were received from participating partner organizations and have been sent to Portland State University for data

what we learn and apply the lessons learned to the ELH county committees.

Douglas County Authentic Community/Family Engagement

Douglas County Early Learning Hub partners have collaborated with Children's Institute, Portland State University (PSU), and the Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation Program (KPI) to promote Authentic Community and Family Engagement in two geographic areas: Winchester Elementary School catchment area and Glendale School District.

What Douglas County hopes to achieve:

- Collaborative design – engage parents as partners in educational outcomes
- Build Connections with parents and community members
- Provide parents with authentic opportunities to impact decision making
- Improve school culture
- School serves as a hub of activity

Our Goal is to:

- Reach out to parents,
- Listen carefully
- Provide opportunities for engagement
- Build a thriving, successful school community!

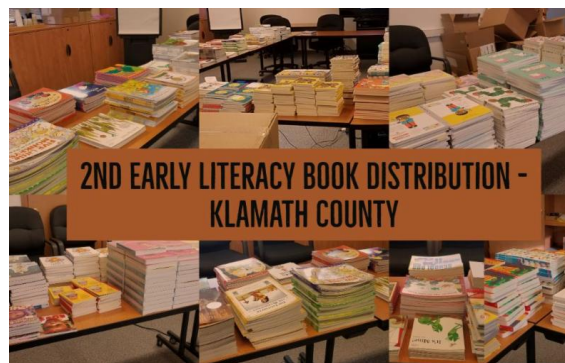
Lake County

Lake County's Early Childhood partners, the library and schools are collaborating and partnering with families to host various early learning and family engagement activities. In November 2018, they hosted two Preschool Family Fun Nights, one each in Lakeview and Christmas Valley. Twenty-five families in the county attended the event in Lakeview (they may need to look into a larger space if the events keep growing).



analysis.

The second book order, focusing on equity and partner needs, was distributed to participating programs in November/December 2018.



Klamath County Attendance in Life

This goal of this project is to increase the number of children ready for kindergarten by improving well child appointment participation rates through reduction of barriers such as transportation. Well child visits are an opportunity for screening to identify issues that may affect a child's health and kindergarten readiness.

Conversations between the Early Learning Hub and Cascade Health Alliance are underway to launch a pilot partnership that helps to reduce barriers for families and encourage their attendance at well child visits. More to come, stay tuned!

Kindergarten Readiness

Klamath County Play2Learn sessions scheduled for:

Round 1:

- Stearns, February 20
- Chiloquin, February 26
- Gilchrist, March 5
- Merrill, March 12
- Bonanza, April 4
- Keno, April 9

Round 2:

- Stearns, April 17
- Chiloquin, April 23
- Gilchrist, April 30
- Merrill, May 7
- Bonanza, May 14
- Keno, May 21

[Past minutes and agendas for all ELH committees can be found here.](#)

Regional Collaboration

South Central Early Learning Hub Regional

Governance Council would like to expand collaboration across our three counties via a closed Facebook group. Our partners can post questions, suggestions, and ideas.

To join, [click here!](#)



Active Learning

"With nothing more than a little imagination, boxes can be transformed into forts or houses, spaceships or submarines, castles or caves. Inside a big cardboard box, a child is transported to a world of his or her own, one where anything is possible."

—National Toy Hall of Fame

Regional Data

- 2017-2019 Work Plan Summary ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))
- [View the EL Hub Data Presentation by Epidemiologist Anna Menon](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Priority Populations](#)
- Data will soon be available from PSU about Early Learning Hub projects!

Kindergarten Assessment

- [Learn more about the Kindergarten Assessment](#)
- [2017-18 Preliminary Kindergarten Assessment Results](#) provided by the Early Learning Division



Children's First for Oregon

- [2018 Kids Count Data Book](#)

Find out more about Early Learning Hubs across the state with Oregon Hubdates:

December 4th - Hubdate includes updates and upcoming events!

December 14th - Hubdate includes updates and upcoming events!

Governor's Budget

The Governor's Budget outlines significant investments in support of the newly approved Early Learning Council Strategic Plan, and identifies the resources necessary to advance many of its strategies, including housing investments that prioritize ending children's homelessness, multi-generational treatments to support mothers with substance use disorders, universal home visiting for families with newborns, and resources to strengthen and improve Oregon's child welfare system. The budget also calls for \$368.9 million focused on the early care and education sector. See below for the full budget report.

[Governor's Budget.](#)



Community UPLiFT is a coordinated referral system that connects parents who are expecting a baby and families with children 0 through age 5, including children with special needs up to age 21, to early childhood service providers.

Community UPLiFT is a collaborative community effort made up of various agencies, organizations, and individuals who are dedicated to developing an Early Childhood System in Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties through a united partnership linking families to resources.

For questions, please contact:

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Take Root Parenting Hub provides a variety of opportunities for parents of young children to receive training in child care and development, nonviolent discipline methods, stress management and proactive communication techniques. Parents will learn ways to nurture and foster their child's development by providing stimulation, appropriate developmental opportunities and nurturing relationships. Research has clearly established the learning and practice of these parental skills as being instrumental to creating healthy and nurturing environments. Environment and relationships are important to early childhood development.



Upcoming [Douglas County Parenting Education Opportunities](#)
Upcoming [Klamath County Parenting Education Opportunities](#)

Klamath and Lake County Event list coming soon!

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Check out the [Vroom app](#) (Android or IOS) and [Website!](#) There are some

Family Resource Spotlight

Act Early Oregon

From birth to 5 years, your child should reach milestones in how he plays, learns, speaks, acts and moves. Track your child's development and act early if you have a concern.

Act Early Oregon is a reference website for families and caregivers, healthcare providers, educators, and community service providers.

For parents, they offer information on child development, milestones, social and emotional development, family strengthening techniques, parenting resources, and information on how to partner with their child's medical provider.

For healthcare providers, they offer information on developmental monitoring and screenings and family strengthening techniques.

For educators and community service providers, they offer information on developmental monitoring and screenings, child/family referrals, social and emotional development, and family strengthening techniques.



For up-to-date information from South Central Early Learning Hub and other partner activities for parents and providers, don't forget to like our page!

[@SouthCentralEarlyLearningHub](#)

Quick Links

- Douglas County Resource Directory, [English \(PDF\)](#), [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)
- [Daily Vroom](#)
- [Text4Baby](#)
- [Let's Play!](#)
- [MD 4Kids](#)
- [Take Root](#)
- [SPARK Oregon's Quality Rating System](#)
- [Brain Building Oregon](#)
- [Center for Inclusive Child Care](#)
- [211](#), Text 898211 or [email](#) for child care referrals
- [Klamath Co. Library](#)
- [Lake Co. Library](#)
- [Child Development - Ages & Stages \(ASQ\)](#)
- [Kindergarten Readiness](#)
- [Zero to Three](#)
- [Douglas ESD](#)
- [Food Hero](#)
- [Act Early Oregon](#)

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