

June 27, 2023 | 10:00 AM – Noon

## Attendance

Taylor Hampton	Kathleen Walker-Henderson	Vanessa Pingleton
Jessie DuBose	Melissa Dorsey	Athena Wikstrom
Crystal Lemus	Rhonda Janecke	Ronda Osborn
David Elliott	Yecenia Rodriguez	Danielle Walker
Jordan Linney	Gillian Wesenberg	
Julie Matthews	Heather Freilinger	

Please note: For ease of member access, South-Central Early Learning Hub – Klamath Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings will be held virtually unless otherwise notified.

## Welcome and Introduction

The PAC reviewed and approved the May minutes. Kathleen Walker-Henderson made a motion to approve May minutes as submitted. Julie Matthews seconded the motion. No further discussion.

## South-Central Early Learning Hub Update

Gillian provided an update about the South-Central Early Learning Hub. The Family Governance Advisory Committee (FGAC) is going well and has members across all three counties. If you know parents who would like to be involved, let Hub staff know. Individuals participating in the FGAC receive a \$50 stipend per meeting.

The FGAC provided feedback about Community UPLIFT and requested the creation of a public service announcement. Based off the request, Community UPLIFT now has a 30-second public service announcement. Once the video is finalized, the Hub will distribute the video.

A measure for a \$1,200 tax credit for households with dependents under the age of six (tax years 2024-2030) passed the legislature. House Bill 3005, financial help for early child care infrastructure also passed. Healthy Families and Relief Nurseries received extra funding for cost of living increases. Other programs, such as Oregon Pre-K, Head Start, and Preschool Promise, received funding increases. Funding increases for OPK, Head Start, and Preschool Promise came from repurposing unspent funds.

**Community UPLIFT – Danielle** — Community UPLIFT connects expecting families, families with children 0-5 or up to 21 with special needs, to resources in Klamath County. Since April 1, Community UPLIFT has received 62 regional referrals with 29 in Klamath County. Referrals can be completed online at <http://www.community-uplift.com/>. You can also text the keyword “uplift1” for Douglas County, “uplift2” for Klamath County, or “uplift3” for Lake County to 484848. For more information about Community UPLIFT, or if you are interested in a presentation about Community UPLIFT, contact Danielle Walker. Phone: (541) 880-4655, Email: [danielle.walker@douglasesd.k12.or.us](mailto:danielle.walker@douglasesd.k12.or.us).

**Preschool Promise – Athena** — Preschool Promise is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. The Hub has contacted all families with qualifying returning students. Once returning student applications are complete, the Hub will start qualifying new students.

The Early Learning Division (ELD) plans to distribute Preschool Promise Grantee contracts by July 1, 2023 which the state then allows Preschool Promise students to be qualified. All providers in Klamath County have verbally shared that they will be continuing with Preschool Promise.

To apply for Preschool Promise, visit [southcentralhubenrollment.com](http://southcentralhubenrollment.com). For the 2023-2024 school year, eligible students turn three or four- by September 1, live in Oregon, and have a family income of up to 200% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

## Community Presentations

**WIC – Farm Direct Nutrition Program -- Melissa Dorsey** – WIC participants who are currently receiving benefits qualify to receive a \$28 booklet of vouchers to spend at the Farmer’s Market. Booklets are per person receiving WIC benefits, not per family. WIC is hosting a distribution event to provide families with an opportunity to pick up their Farm Direct Nutrition booklet. The event will be Friday, July 7 from noon-4:00 pm at the WIC Office, 3314 Vandenberg Rd., Klamath Falls. Community Partners are welcome to join. Contact Melissa Dorsey at [mdorsey@klamathcounty.org](mailto:mdorsey@klamathcounty.org) for more information.

**Integral Youth Services (IYS) – Taylor Hampton** – IYS has been a part of the community since 1988, and have been doing the summer lunch program since 2003. Oregon Department of Education (ODE) sponsors the summer lunch program. The goal of the summer lunch program is to serve meals to youth during summer months when children are unable to access food at school.

The IYS Summer Lunch BBQ kickoff was held June 27 at Mills-Kiwanis Park. At the event, 130 meals were served to youth, and 80-90 meals were served to adults in attendance.

Other IYS Outreach Programs include McKinney Vento, the IYS Mobile Hub, and Work2Learn. McKinney Vento works with school districts to identify homeless or economically challenged youth. The IYS Mobile Hub delivers food and services to rural communities in Klamath County. The Work2Learn program is a job skills development program for youth and young adults, ages 14-26.

IYS also has shelter programs. The Independent Living Program teaches independent living skills to youth. Exodus House is a short-term shelter for homeless and runaway youth. And, John’s House, which is an 18-month transitional housing for youth ages 18-22. IYS is in process of renovating duplexes to be part of the transitional housing program that will serve parenting youth.

For Summer Lunch marketing materials or to get involved with IYS, contact Taylor Hampton via email at [taylorhampton@iyskfalls.org](mailto:taylorhampton@iyskfalls.org).

**SUMMER LUNCHES**  
Program is intended for youth ages 3-18. One meal served each day and is to be eaten on site.

**ALMUERZOS DE VERANO**  
El programa está destinado a jóvenes de 3 a 18 años. Se sirve una comida cada día y se come en el lugar.

**MEAL SCHEDULE**  
JUNE 19TH - AUGUST 25TH

**SERVED DAILY MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
Richmond Park .....11 AM - 12 PM  
South Branch Library .....11 AM - 1 PM  
IYS Main Building .....11:30 AM - 1 PM  
Mills-Kiwanis Park .....12 PM - 1:15 PM  
Campus Green Mobile  
Home Park .....12:15 PM - 1PM

**SERVED WEEKLY WEDNESDAYS**  
Klamath County Library.....11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**RURAL AREAS TUESDAY - THURSDAY**  
Bly Library .....11:15 AM - 1:45 PM  
Bonanza Library...11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Sprague River Library...12 PM - 2 PM  
Chiloquin Library12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

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**ZONAS RURALES MARTES - JUEVES**  
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Bonanza Library.....11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
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**Klamath County Library – David Lev –**

The Klamath County Library Summer Reading Program is currently receiving registrations at any of the Klamath County library branches. Different age groups have different Summer Reading Programs.

For ages birth to five, the summer reading program requests families do an early literacy activity with their child every day. Activities are tracked on a form provided by the library. At the completion of 15, 30, and 45-days, children participating in the Summer Reading Program receive a prize. Prizes include books at days 15 and 30, and a t-shirt at 45-days participation. There are extra reading challenges where participants can receive stickers and have the opportunity to enter into a raffle for the end of the program.

Individuals ages 6-18 have a similar reading program, with different reading challenges. Adults can take part in Summer Reading Bingo.

Children’s activities take place on Wednesdays at 10:30 am at the main library branch in Klamath Falls. Youth summer activities are scheduled at rural library branches as well. Visit [Klamathlibrary.org/srp](http://Klamathlibrary.org/srp) for a list of scheduled events.

**Summer Resources for Families**

**Klamath Falls City Schools** – Kathleen shared there are over 600 students enrolled in Klamath Falls City School summer camps. To participate in Klamath Falls City Schools summer camps, a child must be enrolled as a student in one of the City Schools.

**Double Up Food Bucks Oregon** – With Double Up Food Bucks, individuals can double their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) dollars to spend on fresh produce at participating Farmers Markets, Farm Stands, and Grocery Stores. In

Klamath County, individuals can use their SNAP benefits card and get up to \$20 each week in free fresh fruits and vegetables at the Farmers Market.

## Equity Lens

The Klamath Professional Advisory Committee discussed the Hub Equity Lens and how equity is being applied in Klamath County.

Southern Oregon Education Service District (SOESD) is updating signage in and outside the Klamath Falls building. Signs will be posted in English, Spanish, and the Klamath language.

The Family Governance Advisory Committee requested a Community UPLIFT public service announcement. In generating the PSA, it was important to the committee the video be reflective of the region's population. Yecenia translated the PSA, and it will be available with English or Spanish captions. A native Spanish-speaking member of the FGAC shared the Spanish subtitles flow well and are easy to understand. Hub staff checked in with the FGAC about where the video could be the most impactful.

## Partner Updates

**Take Root Parenting Education – Vanessa Pingleton** – Take Root has some fun, in-person activities scheduled. Take Root has a lot of virtual parenting activities available across the region. For scheduled events, visit <https://douglasesd.k12.or.us/take-root-parenting-connection/>.

**Graduation Sensation – Jessie DuBose** – The Graduation Sensation / Party in the Park was held in June and distributed scholarships and awards to seniors. Klamath Promise gave away nearly \$45,000 which was included in 101 different scholarships and gift cards. All 12 high-schools, and some homeschoolers were present with over 700 graduates in attendance at the event. Over 20 local businesses contributed to the scholarships and awards that were presented at the Party in the Park. SOESD provided sign language interpretation at the event.

**Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) – Heather Freilinger** – There has been an increase in child care providers this year. In January, there were 92 child care providers in Klamath Falls. There are now 109. Just this month, there was an increase of two registered family providers. In Klamath County, 18 providers are in process of becoming providers.

Since last September, CCRR has provided 232 hours of training in Klamath Falls, and have had over 300 participants. The Klamath Community College (KCC) Cohort of child care providers is growing.

CCRR is hiring a Quality Improvement Specialist for Klamath County as Alexis Mann is no longer with CCRR. The Quality Improvement Specialist Job Posting can be found at: <https://douglasesd.k12.or.us/job/quality-improvement-specialist-douglas-esd-located-in-klamath-falls/>.

**Klamath Community College (KCC)– Kathleen Walker-Henderson** – The KCC Foundation is having a “Spruce Up Your Space” fundraiser raffle for anyone interested in purchasing a raffle ticket. Information can be found on the KCC website. The drawing is August 14, and tickets are \$25.

Several acres of property on South Sixth Street opposite the KCC campus has been donated by Klamath County for development of a new KCC Early Learning Center. KCC and Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) are in development stage for the child care center.

KCC is hiring for a Community Navigator. Applications can be found on the KCC website. If you know of anyone who meets the skill set, encourage them to apply.

**Klamath KID Center – Kathleen Walker-Henderson** – Klamath KID Center is in negotiations with Friends of the Children for the purchase of the current Friends of the Children building. The purchase will be to expand the Klamath KID Center. Friends of the Children is moving to a new location. The acquisition will likely take place closer to September.

**Klamath Community Baby Shower – Rhonda Janecke** – The Klamath Community Baby Shower will be October 7 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Klamath Community College in Building 4. If you would like Community Baby Shower postcards, contact Danielle, who will deliver them to your program.

**Cascade Health Alliance (CHA) – David Elliott** -- The CHA Quality Department received approval to sponsor 50 bilingual individuals to receive a Spanish Medical Interpreter certification. The training is a 6-week, self-paced course, and is free of charge to individuals. A value of over \$500. Currently, there are only 2 or 3 certified medical interpreters in Klamath County . Registration information will be coming out as soon as it's available.

## Next Meeting:

Sept 27, 2023 from 10 am to noon.