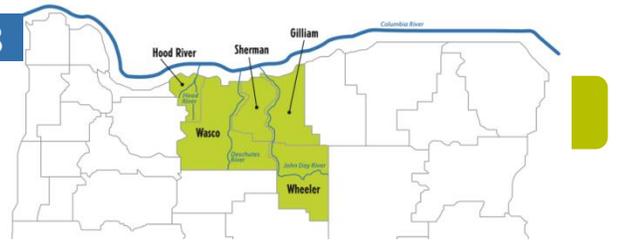


FOUR RIVERS EARLY LEARNING HUB

Regional Leadership Team/ ECC Chairs Meeting



Wednesday, April 13, 2016

12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Casa El Mirador, The Dalles

Present

Terri Vann, Keeping Families Together

Brooke Ansotegui, NCESD EE

Jen Heredia, OCDC

Kristen Richelderfer, Child Care Partners

Amber DeGrange, Sherman County

Teri Thalhofer, NCPHD

Grace Parson, The Next Door Inc.

Tori Vaughn, CGESD

Cindy Johnson, CGESD

Christa Rude, CGESD - 4RELH

The Hub coordinator welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room using the Sanctuary model.

Review Actions

Charge: Hiring of an Early Childhood Committee & Communication Specialist. The Governance Board will take a closer look at the hiring of this position. Funding will determine if it is a 190 or 230 day position. Consistency is most important as this person will be a support to the Hub coordinator and the Early Childhood Committee's and Regional Early Childhood Committee.

Pathways: Conversations are beginning with CCO's. The community health assessment data can be useful to us.

Children's Fair: How do we move toward common themes?

Setting the Agenda

- Content
- What do ECC's need to know?

- What do we need to know?
- Recommendations (optional)

The Hub Coordinator asked the group what they thought of the process when they used it at their local ECC meetings. The general consensus was that people did not understand the process, what was being asked or why and how it affected them or the group. It was determined that using talking points would be helpful.

Working Agenda

Parent Engagement: Work with parents wherever they are. What does it look like? What does the ECC need from parents? Where are there parent engagement opportunities? The consensus is that working with existing mechanisms makes sense and is efficient. Where are these meetings and events being held and who is hosting them?

Pathways: A model the Governance Board hopes to use in our region. The ECC Chairs do not understand Pathways. It was presented in Medical speak and it was felt it would be too difficult to present to the ECC's. The system has the capacity to encourage all childcare providers to enroll in Our Kids Network and be accessible to all counties. It gives the ability to link kids to other services. The consensus is that the group would like more training from the CCO's before it is presented to the ECC's.

Our Kids – Next Steps: Ideas for information that could be used include:

- Watch Me Grow
- ASQ Activities
- TS Gold
- Bridge to Kindergarten
- Survival Guide for Parents for Infant & Toddlers
- New Baby Packets
- Walking & Talking
- Every year parents could receive information from a website on Early Learning Developmental Milestones.

Children could receive a present on or near their birthdate. We could partner with the senior center, faith communities, other agencies and high school students.

Deliverable goal from ECC's: What is in the kits? How do we find the kids? Who can help?

Make sure parents know it's a gift without strings. One present and one call per year.

Outcome: Over time we are increasing the well-being and developmental outcomes.

Budget Structure & Investments:

Budget information that can be shared with the Early Childhood Committees include:

- Hiring of an Early Childhood Committee & Communication Specialist
- Possibility of a traveling preschool

