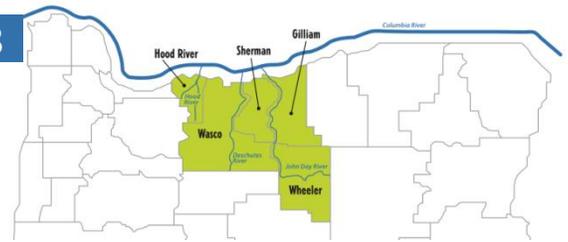


FOUR RIVERS EARLY LEARNING HUB

RECC Meeting



Monday, May 9, 2016

Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Columbia Gorge ESD

Present

Julie Smith, OCC – ELD

Terri Vann, KFT – HUB

Dana Campbell, The Dalles Library

Brooke Ansotegui, NCESD EE

Jennifer Heredia, OCDC

Nancey Patten, Child Care Partners

Teri Thalhofer, NCPHD

Ari Wubbold, ELD – ODE

Christa Rude, 4RELH Coordinator

Cindy Johnson, CGESD – 4RELH

The coordinator welcomed the group and introductions were made around the room.

Structure for the meeting (Collective Impact)

Regional Leadership team → shared regional agenda → ECC's → RECC → GB

Call for Additions to the Agenda

No additions were made

Focus Presentation: Vroom – Ari Wubbold, ELD and Brooke Ansotegui

Multnomah County library is rolling out Vroom.

Vroom is a National Early Learning Program with over 1,000 brain building activities. It is accessible in many ways in English and Spanish. A free app can be downloaded on your smart phone.

The Early Learning Division introduces and promotes the program. Vroom is grant funded. The grants end December 31, 2016.

Tip cards are broken down for age of child. If you have the app on your phone, you can tell the app where you are and you will get tips for activities that are age appropriate for your visit. The daily Vroom app sends a daily tip. Kids earn badges after completing activities.

Videos are on the website and You Tube. The website has activities that can be printed for free.

Ari will be at the Children's Fair promoting Vroom.

We could be a pilot site. Sherman County is a pilot site and Brooke was asked to tell the group how using Vroom tips and activities is going in her county:

Preschool teachers and family advocates were asked to promote Vroom and Vroom activities and tips were sent out in various ways. It seems to work best with home visitors. Some preschool parents didn't think it was a good fit for their child.

Others in the group have used Vroom at home visits and with daycare providers and have found it very useful. It is a good resource when people get the right training to use it.

The general consensus is that Hood River and Wasco should be a pilot site. Becoming a pilot site would give us Vroom materials that could be used as a base for *Our Kids Toolkit*.

The Vroom grant is \$10,000 with a separate budget for materials (\$5,000 to \$6,000). Reporting only asks for feedback, stories collected through use and an estimate of how many families have been reached.

Materials include:

- Tip Cards
- Flyers
- Daily Vroom Flyer
- Stickers
- Posters
- App Card

Ideas for use include:

- Putting Vroom tips on the radio
- Blow up and post tips around town

The coordinator will send a survey out to agencies for input.

Shared Agenda Report Out

A. **Overview of Process and updated Governance Flow:** Does our new system work or does it need more time?

- The May 16th Wasco County ECC was not well attended which makes it difficult to know if the process is working. Other ECC's had little to report.
- It was determined to keep the structure for the next 6 months and then restructure if needed.

B. **Parent Engagement**

C. Our Kids

- Who would like to be on the tool-kit committee?

D. Hot Topics:

- Hood River: Play Groups & Movies in the Park
- Using technology
- Using CCO's
- How to connect people who are not showing up
- 211

Next Steps:

The Hub Coordinator handed out a schedule of the Early Learning Council's visit to the Gorge on Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

Agencies are encouraged to invite any parent who wants to come to the Parent Engagement Sessions.

Questions for parents will be:

1. What is going well
2. What is not going well
3. What would you like to see

Child care will be provided

The next meeting of the RECC will be August 8, 2016.