

NWRESD BOARD REPORT

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Preschool Promise Awards Announced—Oregon’s Early Learning Council awarded our joint application to fund a range of affordable, quality Preschool Promise slots in all four of NWRESD’s component counties. The joint applicants are NW Regional Early Learning Hub, Early Learning Washington County, Early Learning Multnomah, and Clackamas Early Learning Hub. Actual funding and number of slots are still being determined.

The model leverages high-quality, local and culturally-relevant early child care and education programs to help make preschool more widely available. By incorporating a “mixed delivery” approach, we will be able to provide opportunities for families to access and choose the preschool program which best meets their needs.

Oregon Early Learning Hub Leadership Institute—Eva Manderson, Kim Lyon, and Dorothy Spence were selected to participate in this year's Oregon Early Learning Hub Leadership Institute. We will be joining other Hub leaders from around the state every month for two full days of learning and skill building. This is a great opportunity to represent our region and build valuable skills to cultivate learning communities and grow as appreciative and collaborative leaders.

Empowering Parents Through Early Literacy Work—We are excited to share important work the hub is doing to help parents and caregivers develop early literacy skills in children from birth to age five. Through a combination of resources, the hub has been able to support Every Child Ready To Read classes in Astoria and Seaside during March and April. Through a partnership with Lower Columbia Hispanic Council we have been able to offer the classes in both English and Spanish.

Over the course of the March classes in Astoria, we served 15 families, 7 English and 8 Spanish speaking, with as many as 17 kids who joined them. Our next set of classes in Seaside is scheduled for April 5-19.

We are excited to be planning continued work with Lower Columbia Hispanic Council to offer Every Child Ready to Read classes in Spanish in Tillamook.

April Governance Meeting & Screening Fair Tour—The next meeting is Tuesday, April 19, in Clatsop County. This will be another opportunity to see our hub work in action. There will be a tour of the Seaside Health & Education Screening Fair at 10:40 a.m. (Seaside Convention Center). The tour will be followed by a conversation about the Hub metrics that are associated with this important community event, and an opportunity to hear from others about the intersection of health and early education.

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Upcoming Hub Support Events

Clatsop County Health & Education Screenings

April 13, 8:30am -3:30pm
Astor Elementary School
Astoria OR 97103

April 19, 8:30am -3:30pm
Seaside Convention Center
415 1st Ave., Seaside, OR 97138

Columbia County Early Learning Fair

Friday, April 29, 10:00am - 2:00pm
Sunset Park Community Church
174 Sunset Blvd., St. Helens, OR 97051

Columbia County Health & Education Fair

Friday, May 20, 10:00am - 2:00pm
Rainier School- Based Health Center
28168 Old rainier Rd., Rainier, OR 97048