

SOUTH-CENTRAL EARLY LEARNING HUB NEWSLETTER

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

As we step into back-to-school mode, we're excited to bring back our monthly newsletters. This month, we're diving into what Hubs are, our service region, and programs we offer. Whether you're interested in Community UPLIFT referrals, eager to learn more about Preschool Promise, or simply looking to stay updated with the latest news from our Hub, we've got you covered!

Happy reading,

Gillian Wesenberg- Director of South-Central Early Learning Hub



REGION WE SERVE

The South-Central Early Learning Hub has the pleasure of serving;

- Douglas County
- Klamath County
- Lake County
- The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- The Klamath Tribes

With 16 Early Learning Hubs across Oregon, The South-Central Early Learning Hub is one of the largest regions, covering approximately 12,280 square miles.



WHAT IS AN EARLY LEARNING HUB?



Early Learning Hubs are conveners, conduits, and capacity builders.

Convener: Convene community partners, systems builders, and families in alignment with Raise Up Oregon.

Conduit: Secure and distribute information into the community in accordance with State, community, and governance council priorities, to expand and enhance services for families with young children.

Capacity Builder: With partners, build the capacity of a child-ready early learning and care system, that services all children under six and their families, primarily focusing on historically underserved and at-risk families.

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KPI UPDATE

The SCELH has a request for application out to bolster new projects that support kindergarten readiness and early literacy and are connected to research (evidence based) and the 20 public K12 School District Early Literacy Plans across the region. The desire is to have community partnerships and collaboration. Grants will be provided to partners with up to \$15,000 per applicant agency for the upcoming school year.

The Regional Governance Council contracted with Pacific Research and Evaluation (PRE) to hold focus groups and determine what is currently occurring across the region. PRE also collected the Early Literacy Plans from all 20 public K12 School Districts across the region to align the Zero to Five Early Literacy Fund proposals with K12 priorities. The Regional

Governance Council determined there should be one RFA for both KPI and the Zero to Five Early Literacy Funds. The RFA was due Friday, August 30. The voting members will be reviewing applications and making determinations in early September. Once contracts are executed with award grantees, they are able to begin spending funds immediately. All funds have to be spent by mid-May to ensure reporting and year end activities can be completed before the end of the fiscal year.



What is Community UPLiFT:

Connects expecting families and families with children birth to five, and up to the age of 21 with special needs, to resources in the community.

How to make a referral to Community UPLiFT:

- Families can self-refer or be referred through community partners.
- Online at community-uplift.com
- Text the keyword “uplift1” for Douglas, “uplift2” for Klamath, and “uplift3” for Lake to 484848
- QR Code
- Fax initial referral form or brochure
- Mail initial referral form or brochure



Preschool Promise

About the Program:

Preschool Promise offers free, high-quality preschool to families living in Oregon who are at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The South-Central Early Learning Hub qualifies children for Preschool Promise in Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties – with a few program exceptions.



**Preschool
Promise**

Oregon Department of
Early Learning and Care



Requirements:

- Family must reside in Oregon
- Family income must be at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) –*some exceptions may apply
- Children must be 3 or 4-years-old by Sept. 1 of the school year they are applying for

For More Information:

- Visit www.southcentralhubenrollment.com
- View site videos at SCELH.com
- For questions or application assistance, contact the SCELH by phone at (541) 957-4809



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