

# SOUTH-CENTRAL EARLY LEARNING HUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

As March rolls in, we're excited to embrace the season of renewal and fresh beginnings. This month is all about growth, exploration, and new opportunities. From spring-themed activities to community events, there's so much to look forward to as we celebrate the changing season. We'll also be highlighting ways to stay engaged, inspired, and connected during this exciting time of year. Let's make the most of March together and step into the new season with energy and enthusiasm!

Happy reading,

Gillian Wesenberg- Director of South-Central Early Learning Hub



SOUTH-CENTRAL  
EARLY LEARNING

HUB

DOUGLAS, KLAMATH & LAKE COUNTIES

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## WELCOME SPRING

March brings breezes loud and shrill, to stir the dancing daffodil- Sara Coleridge



## APRIL 5–11, 2025

The Week of the Young Child® is an annual celebration, established in 1971, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 51 Affiliates. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child® is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

We know more than ever before about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. The National Association for Education of Young Children have put together themes for each date. For more information or to get ideas on how you can celebrate visit [NAEYC.ORG](https://naeyc.org).

**APRIL 5**

**Kick-off  
Saturday**

**APRIL 7**

**Music  
Monday**

**APRIL 8**

**Tasty  
Tuesday**

**APRIL 9**

**Work Together  
Wednesday**

**APRIL 10**

**Artsy  
Thursday**

**APRIL 11**

**Family  
Friday**

## KLAMATH PROMISE

Since 2015, Klamath Promise has served as the local Governance Council for Klamath County as part of the South-Central Early Learning Hub's governance structure. Klamath Promise operates across the P-20 continuum (prenatal through K12 through college and career readiness) and has formed a partnership with the South-Central Early Learning Hub to act as the prenatal to kindergarten (P-K) side of the Klamath Promise work. Klamath Promise partners with over 90 active organizations in the community to foster a collaborative approach to family stability to meet the goal of supporting education, attendance, and graduation across the entire educational continuum—from preschool to post-secondary education and the workforce. As Klamath Promise works in concert with the South-Central Early Learning Hub, they are able to share their work with each other. For example, Klamath Promise adopted an Equity Lens that was developed through collective efforts of the South-Central Early Learning Hub partners across Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties. The framework promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice, and fosters equity in decision-making processes to make programs and services more accessible to all children and families. By working hand in hand, Klamath Promise and the South-Central Early Learning Hub hope to create a seamless support system for children and families that strengthens the foundation of the continuum in Klamath County. Their shared commitment to equity, collaboration, and lifelong learning ensures that children and families have the resources they need from the earliest years through career readiness. Together with numerous community partners that support the work of Klamath Promise and the South-Central Early Learning Hub, the community is shaping a future where every child has the opportunity to succeed, reinforcing education as a community-wide priority.



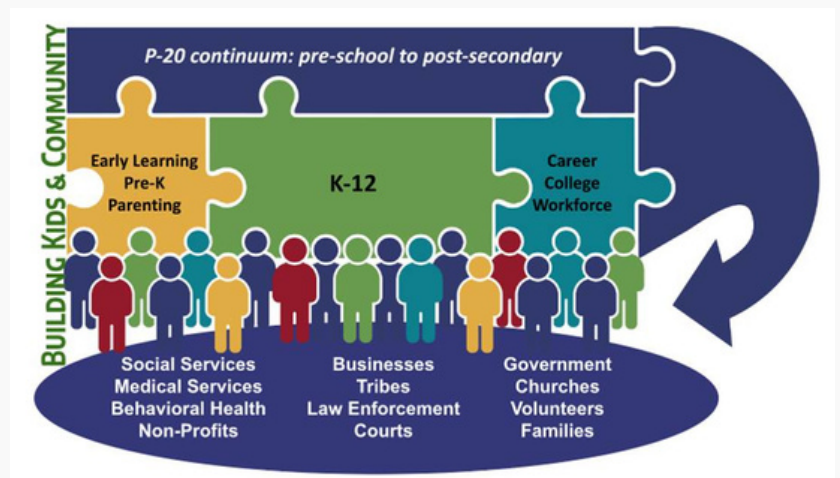
### IT WORKS!

#### 4-YR GRADUATION RATES

| 2014-2015                      | 2018-2019                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Klamath County SD<br>75.9%     | Klamath County SD<br>82.4%     |
| Klamath Falls City SD<br>65.3% | Klamath Falls City SD<br>71.4% |
| Oregon<br>73.8%                | Oregon<br>80.1%                |

Up over 6%!!

- ✓ Even larger graduation and completion increases with minority populations and alternative programs (GED, modified diploma).
- ✓ Increases in regular attendance.
- ✓ More dual-credit (simultaneous high school and college credit), CTE (Career & Technical Education), and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) opportunities.





# South-Central Early Learning Hub Spotlight

We're thrilled to share that our Hub Representative Ronda, took part in a Dr. Seuss Themed Reading Night at Yoncalla Elementary School, bringing energy, enthusiasm, and a love for literacy to this whimsical event! Many volunteers dressed in Seuss-inspired style, our representative joined families for a night of games, colorful crafts, and joyful celebration of reading. From sharing beloved Seuss tales to engaging with children during creative activities, it was a fantastic evening filled with imagination, laughter, and community spirit. What a wonderful way to promote the magic of books and the power of reading!



"THE MORE THAT YOU  
READ, THE MORE THINGS  
YOU WILL KNOW. THE  
MORE THAT YOU LEARN,  
THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL  
GO."  
— DR. SEUSS



**Community UPLiFT is taking referrals!**

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

## **Community UPLiFT has a new text number!**

Text the keyword “uplift1” for Douglas, “uplift2” for Klamath, and “uplift3” for Lake to **(541) 351-3100** to receive a link to the referral form!

## **Other ways to make a referral to Community UPLiFT:**

- Families can self-refer or be referred through community partners.
- Online at [community-uplift.com](http://community-uplift.com)
- QR Code
- Fax initial referral form or brochure
- Mail initial referral form or brochure



## About the Program:

The South-Central Early Learning Hub accepts applications for Preschool Promise year-round. Eligible students must turn 3 or 4 by September 1st of the school year the applicant is applying for, are residents of Oregon, and have a family income of up to 200% of Federal Poverty Level. We encourage families who think they might be over income to apply. Preschool Promise is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year now.



**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 the applicant is applying for



## For More Information:

- Visit [www.southcentralhubenrollment.com](http://www.southcentralhubenrollment.com)
- View site videos at [SCELH.com](http://SCELH.com)
- Scan the QR code
- For questions or application assistance, contact the SCELH by phone at (541) 957-4809







Take Root

PARENTING SUPPORT FOR DOUGLAS  
KLAMATH & LAKE COUNTIES



## Squishtivities!

Come pour, paint and Squish your way into fun with these creative activities.

For more questions reach out to us  
541-214-6100 [bguido@desd.k12.or.us](mailto:bguido@desd.k12.or.us)



MARCH 21, 2025

6:00 7:00 PM

LOCATION: PAISLEY SCHOOL!  
260 GREEN ST, PAISLEY, OR 97636



Sign up to attend here:

<https://tinyurl.com/SquishTR>

FREE AND OPEN TO  
ALL FAMILIES!

# Sensory Friendly Play Day in Paisley, OR



**April 12, 2025**  
**Paisley Community Center**  
**From 11 AM- 2 PM**

**Please make sure you register here:**

<https://tinyurl.com/SensoryPlayTR>

## FAMILIES COME EXPLORE ALL 5 SENSES

Come play various activities with us! Activities like sand/water tables, ball pit, playdough, painting, music, calming area, and headphones available for audio sensory kiddos.

Free for all Families and fun for all ages!



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**541-219-6100**





# Cards for Connection Series

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
OPPORTUNITY WITH

**Dr. Amy King**

Join us for a free, three  
part virtual series  
April 4th, May 9th, & May  
16th

To register click [HERE](#) or  
scan the QR code.



## Sessions:

**April 4th: 8am-5pm**  
**May 9th : 8am-12pm**  
**May 16th: 8am-12pm**

Dr. Amy is a licensed psychologist in Portland, OR. Her current work involves promoting resilience for families, healthcare entities, schools, businesses and individuals. She is a keynote speaker, consultant, coach and mentor to families, healthcare leaders, teachers and businesses.

## Additional Resources & Information:



[Cards for Connection Video](#)



[Dr. Amy's Podcast](#)



[Dr. Amy's Website](#)

# Looking for tools to support children with challenging behaviors?

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES WITH

**Dr. Dawn Bailey**

**March 31st & April 1st**

**Location:**

**WaFd Bank Building**  
5215 South 6th Street  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

**To register scan the QR code  
below. Lunch will be  
provided!**



Dr. Dawn Bailey is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA-D) with over 25 years of experience designing behavioral and learning programs for persons with emotional/behavioral disorders, autism and other developmental disabilities.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE  
FOR SUBSTITUTES!**

PLEASE LET ATHENA KNOW IF YOU HAVE  
ANY QUESTIONS.

AWIKSTROM@DESD.K12.OR.US



## Trainings Include:

### Preschool Life Skills 8-11:45am

- Instruction following skills
- Functional Communication Skills
- Tolerance Skills
- Friendship Skills

### De-Escalation 12:15-4pm

This training provides tools for safe crisis prevention and management. Using evidence-based behavioral techniques, Dr. Bailey's training includes strategies and procedures to prevent problem behavior from happening and specific steps staff and teachers can follow if a behavioral episode does occur. This training is "hands on" and includes role play to help teachers and staff learn to respond to problem behaviors in ways that will reduce the severity of the event as it is occurring and to reduce the likelihood that events will continue to occur in the future.

# PYRAMID MODEL TRAINING



Care  
Connections  
& EDUCATION

**April 11 or 12**

*2 Dates to choose from!*

**6 hours of  
Set 2 Training  
for just \$10**

## Free Materials Include:

- Emotional Literacy Kit & Tucker Turtle Kit
- Problem Solver Solution Kit & Super Friend Kit
- Books & Resources



**Lunch catered by Wailani!**

**Click on the dates below to register for that date!**

[April 11th](#)

[April 12th](#)