

SOUTH-CENTRAL EARLY LEARNING HUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Fall brings new routines, colorful leaves, and fresh beginnings. We're excited to see Preschool Promise classrooms filled with learning and laughter, and we're so grateful to the providers and partners who make these welcoming spaces possible.

This month, we're reminded of the power of community. Families picking books from our Little Free Libraries, providers sharing ideas, and Family Resource Facilitators connecting parents with support. Each moment shows that raising strong, resilient children takes all of us.

Thank you for the heart you bring to this work. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected region where every child and family belongs.

Happy reading,
Gillian Wesenberg- Director of South-Central Early Learning Hub



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DOUGLAS, KLAMATH & LAKE COUNTIES

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FALL INTO LEARNING

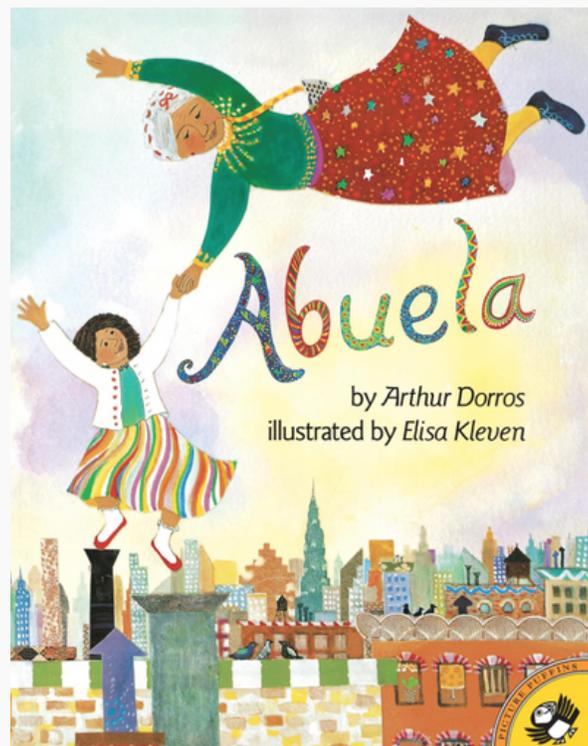
Autumn is a season of change, and just like the falling leaves, our children are growing, learning, and exploring new things every day. This fall, take a walk with your child, talk about the colors you see, collect leaves to count or sort, and share a cozy story together. Little moments like these build connection, spark curiosity, and make learning fun!



Book of the Month: Abuela by Arthur Dorros

This beautifully illustrated story follows a young girl and her grandmother (“abuela”) as they explore New York City together. The book weaves Spanish words and phrases throughout the story, making it a wonderful introduction to bilingual language learning. Children not only enjoy the imaginative adventure but also hear Spanish words in context, helping them connect language with meaning.

You can find *Abuela* and many other multicultural or multilingual books at your local library. Checking out stories that highlight different languages and cultures is a great way to expose your child to diversity while building a love for reading.



READING TIPS:

- **Use Expression:** When you come across Spanish words, try saying them with enthusiasm and expression. Children are more likely to remember new sounds when they are presented playfully.
- **Pause and Point:** Pause to point out pictures that connect with the Spanish word (for example, “pájaro” while showing a bird in the picture). Encourage your child to repeat after you.
- **Mix Languages Naturally:** If you don’t speak Spanish, that’s okay! Read the words as best you can and pair them with English explanations. For example, “Mira, ‘pájaro’ means bird. Can you find another bird on the page?”
- **Encourage Storytelling:** After reading, ask your child to tell the story back in their own words. They might mix English and Spanish words—and that’s a great way to reinforce learning.
- **Make Connections:** Share stories about your own family traditions or adventures, just as the girl shares hers with her abuela.

TAKE READING FURTHER!

Give your child the gift of reading by signing them up for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. Children ages 0–5 can receive a free book in the mail each month, building early literacy skills and a lifelong love of reading.



Apply for Preschool Promise Today!

Enrollment for the 2025–2026 school year is open in Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties!



Preschool Promise

Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care

About the Program:

The South-Central Early Learning Hub accepts applications for Preschool Promise year-round. Eligible students turn 3 or 4 by September 1st of the school year the family is applying for, live in 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 25–26 school year now.



Requirements:

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

For More Information:

- Visit www.southcentralhubenrollment.com
- Take virtual tours at SCELH.com
- Scan the QR code
- For questions or help with the application, call (541) 957-4809



Community UPLiFT is taking referrals!

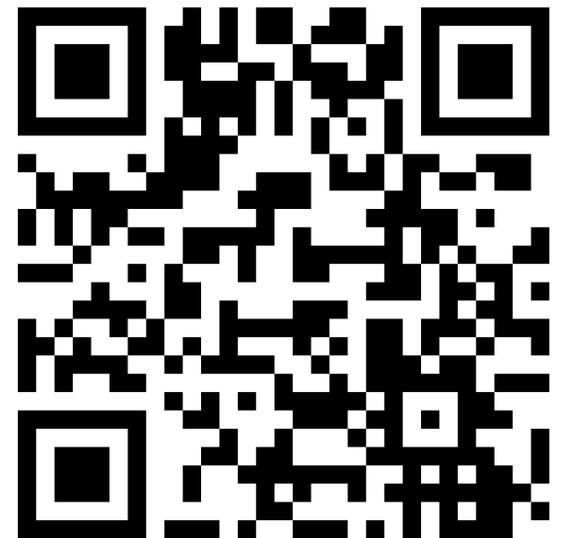
Connecting expecting families and families with children birth to five, and up to the age of 21 with special needs, to resources in the community.

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
- QR Code
- Fax initial referral form or brochure
- Mail initial referral form or brochure



Connecting Families at First Thursday in Douglas County

Each month, people from around Douglas County gather for First Thursday, a family-friendly event filled with local resources, activities, and connections. Our South Central Early Learning Hub Family Resource Facilitator, Ronda, attends on behalf of the Hub to share information about Community UPLIFT and Preschool Promise. These programs provide vital supports for families with young children, from helping connect to community resources to offering high-quality preschool opportunities for 3 and 4 year olds.

If you're at First Thursday, be sure to stop by and say hello to Ronda, she'll be glad to answer questions, share resources, and help families learn more about the programs available in Douglas County.



OVER 40 COMMUNITY AGENCIES ON SITE

*FOOD BOXES

*SHOWERS

*CLOTHING

*MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL!

Date of Next Event:

October 2, 2025

10AM-1PM

Location:

Oregon Department of Human Services Lobby

738 W Harvard Ave.

Roseburg, OR. 97471

Community Events

Blessing Bags Clothing Giveaway

Meyer Activity Center
990 W. Stanton Ave

October 10th & 11th
Fri 12-4 pm Sat 9-11 am **While supplies last!**

Clothes for adults- babies, Halloween costumes for kids, toys, baby equipment, coats, shoes & more!

BRING YOUR OWN BAGS

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Let's work together to help children in our community thrive.

Would you like an opportunity to offer input to Take Root about it's services?

Lake County Take Root Parenting Connection offers workshops, series and family activities.

- November 28 at The Center 11 N G ST Lakeview, OR
- 5:30- 6:00 pm a catered dinner will be provided at no cost to families.
- 6:00-7:30 pm childcare will be provided and parent Input will begin

Share your thoughts and ideas for what parents and children really need.

\$50 gift card incentive for attending to each parent

Register here tinyurl.com/ParentVoiceMatters

Take Root
PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL & LIFE COACHING

Christmas Angel Tree Sign-Ups

Christmas Gifts for Children.

SIGN-UP DAYS
10/1/25 to 11/14/25 ONLY
Tuesdays through Fridays
9AM-12PM, Closed for Lunch, 1PM-3PM

GIFTS ARE FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-17

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- PHOTO ID FOR ALL ADULTS
- PROOF OF CURRENT ADDRESS
- PROOF OF INCOME FOR THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD
- PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN (MUST BE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION: BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IMMUNIZATION RECORD, PASSPORT, ETC.)

Please have three gift idea suggestions that are under \$50 for each child

Family Service Office
3130 NE Stephens St.
Roseburg, OR 97470
(541) 248-2587

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Honoring expecting parents, guardians, and families with children up to age one

Saturday, October 11, 2025
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Klamath County Fairgrounds
Linman Hall
3531 S. 6th St.
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Hosted by Community Partners



CHILD

SAFETY SERIES

FREE FAMILY MEAL!

AWESOME RAFFLE PRIZES!

FREE ONSITE CHILDCARE!

JOIN US!

The Douglas County Perinatal Taskforce, along with community partners, is hosting a **free**, special four-part series featuring knowledgeable local speakers sharing tips to keep your family safe and thriving. Families are welcome to enjoy a **free dinner** together, with the option for childcare provided on-site so parents and caregivers can relax and engage. Come connect, learn, and leave with tools to help keep your little ones safe!

THURSDAY 16 OCT

5:30PM TO 7:30PM

REGISTER HERE

FEATURING:

- Sun Safety
- Safe Sleep
- Water Safety
- Car Seat Safety

 **GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Or scan the QR code!



BABY NUTRITION CAMPAIGN

HEALTHY BABY!
HEALTHY BODY!
HEALTHY LIFE!



**IN THIS 4-PART WORKSHOP YOU WILL
LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY NUTRITION
BEFORE AND DURING PREGNANCY!**

**JOIN US FOR THIS 4-PART
HYBRID WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 7TH, 9TH 14TH & 16TH, 2025
6:00-7:30 PM**

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/NKDDP3EA](https://tinyurl.com/nkddp3ea)



**JOIN US IN PERSON - KLAMATH COMMUNITY
COLLEGE BLD 6 OR VIA ZOOM**

**FOR QUESTIONS CALL LAURA BARAJAS
541-670-6123
LBARAJAS@DESD.K12.OR.US**

FREE 4-PART WORKSHOP

PRESENTED IN ENGLISH

**IF ATTENDING IN PERSON, CHILDCARE
AND A MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED!**



CAMPAÑA DE NUTRICIÓN INFANTIL

¡BEBÉ SANO!
¡CUERPO SANO!
¡VIDA SALUDABLE!



¡EN ESTE TALLER DE 4 PARTES APRENDERÁ LA IMPORTANCIA DE UNA NUTRICIÓN SALUDABLE ANTES Y DURANTE EL EMBARAZO!

ÚNASE A NOSOTROS EN ESTE TALLER HÍBRIDO DE 4 PARTES EL 7, 9, 14 Y 16 DE OCTUBRE DE 2025.

6:00–7:30 PM

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/NKDDP3EA](https://tinyurl.com/nkddp3ea)



ÚNASE A NOSOTROS EN PERSONA: KLAMATH COMMUNITY COLLEGE BLD 6 O VÍA ZOOM

**PARA PREGUNTAS LLAME A LAURA BARAJAS
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TALLER GRATUITO DE 4 PARTES

PRESENTADO EN INGLÉS

SI ASISTE EN PERSONA, SE PROPORCIONARÁ CUIDADO DE NIÑOS Y UNA COMIDA.

Klamath Chapter ORAEYC Early Childhood Conference

November 1st, 2025
Klamath Community
College
8:15am - 2:45pm



Register here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/f26c-4068-b45b-0945cf4ff02d>

New this
year:
Online
registration
only!

Spanish Translation
Available!

Successful Circle Time

Group time is a struggle for many teachers in early childhood classrooms, but with the right expectations and routines, it doesn't have to be. Come explore why group time can be such a challenge and what teachers can do to create successful group lessons.

Keynote Presenter - Allison McDonald B.Ed., M.S., is a preK teacher, early education consultant, author, and the founder of the popular ECE website, *No Time for Flash Cards*.



Registration will be **ONLINE** only!
For help registering: Melisa Miner
541.492.6616

Registration is non-refundable, but is transferable

For more information,
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www.klamath-oraeyc.org

Conferencia de la Primera Infancia de la ORAEYC del Capítulo Klamath

1 de noviembre de 2025
Klamath Community
College
8:15 am - 2:45 pm

Regístrese aquí:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg-a-f26c-4068-b45b-0945cf4f62a>



**Nuevo este
año:
¡Inscripción
sólo online!**

**¡Traducción al español
disponible!**

Exitoso Tiempo de círculo

El tiempo en grupos es una lucha para muchos docentes en las aulas de educación infantil, pero con las expectativas y rutinas adecuadas, no tiene por qué serlo. Ven a explorar por qué el tiempo en grupo puede ser un desafío y qué pueden hacer los docentes para crear clases grupales exitosas.

Presentadora principal: Allison McDonald B.Ed., M.S., es maestra de preescolar, consultora de educación temprana, autora y fundadora del popular sitio web de ECE, No Time for Flash Cards.

¡La inscripción será únicamente ONLINE!
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We Want to Hear From You!

Your voice matters to us. The South-Central Early Learning Hub is committed to sharing information that is useful, relevant, and engaging for our community. If you have feedback about our newsletter, ideas for future topics, or stories you'd like to see featured, we'd love to hear from you! Please email your suggestions to cscheer@desd.k12.or.us and help us make this newsletter an even better resource for families, educators, and community partners.



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