

# LAUNCH Young Child Wellness Council (YCWC)

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July 9, 2014

## MEETING NOTES

**YCWC Attendees:** Leslie Brown, Jeanne Lemieux, Debby Kernan, Bruce Spilde, Elizabeth Carroll, Sherri Alderman, Barbara Ferre, Helen Bellanca, Jean Rystrom, Rob Abrams, Josette Hererra, Ashley Lawrence (for MECF)

**Working Group (staff & contractors):** Working Group: Callie Lambarth, Beth Green, Elana Emlen (LAUNCH)

**Child Care Resource & Referral Visitors:** Sylvia Hess, Debbie Buta

## Introductions and Updates

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- Sherri, who is now the Child Development Coordinator at the Oregon Health Authority, said that they have contracted with U of O to develop a curriculum of universal screening with a focus on child care providers. This will include a Train-the-trainer curriculum and the provider training. The first provider training will be in mid-August and the train-the-trainer in October.
- Jeanne (Child Care Resource & Referral) said that they got 80 portfolios in for child care providers who are doing the Quality Rating Improvement System. Also, they will be doing early childhood PBIS training and consultation in two schools – Glenfair and Lynchwood – as part of ELM's innovation grant from the state. They will also be working with all schools in David Douglas. They are part of a large professional development grant and the Early Literacy grant too!
- Elizabeth (Mult Health Dept) said that LAUNCH funding is supporting facilitation of the Home Visiting Community of Practice. They have a planning workshop in August. She said that the County contracted with the same three contractors following their Healthy Families RFP. They are also adding a MIECHV team at Impact Northwest. Now that Healthy Families includes more than first births, they are prioritizing families with 3 or more children, including the baby, families involved in Child Welfare, and truly single parents. They did not receive bids for an African American specific home visiting team, so they are working on that. They will also have a new immigrant and refugee program.
- Bruce (Mult. EC Mental Health) said that County is exploring the option of moving Mental Health into the Health Department. They will be exploring this idea over the next two months. He also gave an update on the training that LAUNCH supported for the Early Kindergarten Transition teachers, held on June 19. Tim Andrews and Katrina Miller did a 1.5 hour training based on a module that usually takes 2 days. The focus was on self-regulation and early childhood PBIS. Every teacher received a folder with materials and a flashdrive. The evaluations were very enthusiastic. The plan is to enable the school-age coaches to be able to use this to support kindergarten teachers.
- Helen (Health Share) said that OPAL-K is live! This is the statewide Oregon Psychiatric Advice Line, which for primary care providers to get a free consult from a psychiatrist when they need that. She also said that the Family Wellbeing Assessment (discussed at YCWC in May), is progressing. There are a lot of people engaged in developing it. The tool will be ready to pilot in Fall, and she will bring it back to YCWC before piloting.
- Ashley (now at Mult. Early Childhood Program) said that she has left 211info Family and is at MECF, housed at Child Care Resource & Referral. In June, she finished three big

projects for LAUNCH: (1) She and Katie Sass (Morrison) piloted the ECPBIS module 1 training for home visitors, (2) She formatted the ECPBIS Module to be 1-2 hour “chunks” of training for child care providers, using the material already in the module, (3) She worked with a team to adapt Module 1 for domestic violence shelters, piloted it, and made changes. They just did it for the second time at Bradley Angle House.

- Beth Green (PSU – LAUNCH evaluation) said that they are doing the validation study for child care QRIS. It includes an on-site evaluation to see if the rating system as implemented by Western Oregon University would be validated using CLASS. They are also involved with the P3 kindergarten innovation work for the state and also Oregon Community Foundation. And they’ve been doing a randomized study of Healthy Families in Oregon. The findings (promising effects) have been approved for publication.

### **ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire) Training Research Study**

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Elana framed the presentation by saying that our YCWC had discussed the ASQ screening many times, and that this past Winter, she met with Dana Harugunani about how LAUNCH could be most useful to the state as it rolls out its plans on developmental screening. One thing that came up was the fact that Multnomah County has already been training child care providers in ASQ. But we didn’t know what happened after the training – were they doing the screens? Or were there barriers? And how did they feel about ASQ online? – so LAUNCH used some carryover funds to engage Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR) to conduct follow up research. Sylvia Hess contracted to do this work, and is presenting the information. (PowerPoint sent with minutes, and full report available.)

Sylvia interviewed 20 child care providers, chosen at random from the list of 160 providers who have received the ASQ training at CCRR since February 2013. These 20 represent a mix of Registered Family, Certified Family, and Center care. 12 of the 20 have completed ASQs for children in their care. Many wanted more training on how to talk with parents about the ASQ.

Those who haven’t screened cited cost, lack of technology, and time.

Question about when an ASQ is done in a child care setting, is it the parent or the provider doing it? In these cases, all but one asked the parent to do it. One place has both do it.

The training says to have the parent do it, score it, go over it with the parent. It is superb for building relationships with the parent.

It is important to understand that the tool is validated as a parent questionnaire.

Jean commented that if a child is in child care 50 hours/week, that can be more waking hours there than at home. Child care provider perspective is valuable.

Cost to do it – it is \$275 per kit per language. Many providers are also interested in ASQ-SE (social emotional). Four out of twelve asked parents to do ASQ online (free). Sherri said that ASQ-Oregon (online) added a tab in the lower right hand for child care providers. Jeanne said she hopes this information will be send to all CCRR directors so they can inform providers.

They (state) are working on a consent to have information provided to primary care providers, child care, other. Having a full report available to primary care would close the loop.

Currently, when you do ASQ online, you get back a pdf of how you checked your boxes and you get an automatically generated letter with scores. Then, you receive an email written by a human to explain the scores. A parent might not know what to bring in to primary care.

What is needed in order to do an ASQ? You need the score sheet and blocks. Jeanne said that the children that many are concerned about do not have materials at home. In Head Start, she saw kids who had never held a crayon. No blocks, no balls, no stairs.... So parents don't know how to answer how their child does with those activities. The children with delays who are at the greatest risk of not being identified are not the ones in regulated child care. Debbie Buta added that when they train in ASQ, they are seeing the providers who value training.

Bruce asked for perspective on numbers – since there were 160 providers who have taken the ASQ training. Jeanne said that there are 684 Registered Family, 161 Certified Family, and 278 Child Care Centers. They have 10,000 attendees (may be duplicated) at 500 trainings.

### Next steps

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- Elana will write up a report on *all* of the issues we have discussed at YCWC related to developmental screening.
- We will schedule our next meeting so that Dana Hargunani can join us (Oregon Health Authority, Early Learning Council, many connections to our work.) At this meeting we will update our LAUNCH Strategic Plan for the portion related to Developmental Screening and we will plan action.
- There will be an extra half-hour added on for those who want to stay to give feedback on the Family Wellbeing Assessment.

Next meeting: **MONDAY, August 25, 9:00-11:00 (or to 11:30 for extra discussion) at the State Office Building (800 NE Oregon Street), room 1D** Please keep September 10 on your calendars.