

Parenting Success Network Virtual Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 11 a.m. Online via Zoom
Facilitator: Nilly Livesay - PSN Coordinator; Faculty, Parenting Ed. Dept. LBCC

Attendees (17):

Daniela Sorrick - Santiam Canyon Community Coordinator for Strengthening Rural Families
Ashley Vermillion - Director of Therapeutic Early Childhood Program Services @ Family Tree Relief Nursery.
Anna Goodlove - Philomath Community Coordinator from Strengthening Rural Families.
Lindsay Myers - Old Mill Center
Lily Rojas - Spanish Services Coordinator - Corvallis Public Library
Sam Rounsavell - EL Hub & Pollywog Program Assistant.
Paul Smith - Strengthening Rural Families
Erin Sedlacek - Samaritan Health Services, Health Education Program Manager, supports parenting education in Lincoln County. esedlacek@samhealth.org
Lauri Lehman, Strengthening Rural Families, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Melissa Hernandez, Health Education Coordinator, Samaritan Health, melissah@samhealth.org Parenting Education for Lincoln County
Brier Kates - Santiam Canyon Community Coordinator in training, Strengthening Rural Families
Christopher Spence - Family Service Coordinator, KidCo Head Start
Misha Mayers - Community Partnership Coordinator, ODHS Self-Sufficiency Programs
Andrea Bartell - Young Roots Oregon
Jessica Morrison - Program Assistant of Parenting Education Department, LBCC
Darleen Van Why - LBCC Program Assistant of Parenting Education Department

Agenda and meeting purpose

The facilitator introduced the meeting as the Parenting Success Network April 15th session and outlined the agenda items including introductions, funding updates, programming news, and a PSN literacy event on May 7th at two locations. Attendees were asked to share names and organizations in chat to support roll call and networking.

Personal check-ins ("Which chicken are you?")

Participants took turns giving light personal check-ins using a numbered "chicken" rating system to describe their current state and shared short anecdotes about their mornings and work. Several attendees described childcare and classroom experiences and confirmed their roles and organizations.

Budget and funding updates — good news

The facilitator reported positive budget news:

- Lincoln County will receive \$60,000 additional Ford Family Foundation funding to bolster local programming
- DELC received an unexpected \$12,000 increase and overall levels were maintained
- Approximately \$5,000 per year was reallocated from technology to direct programming
- Carryforward funds exist and currently place the program in a positive financial position

Staffing change and transition plan uncertainty

The facilitator announced that their LBCC-funded position was cut as part of a 5% reduction and that grant coordination is shifting to the Early Learning Hub under Kristi Collins, but a formal transition plan and designated contact for work plans and budgets remain unclear. Attendees asked about the facilitator's tenure and next steps during transition planning. Jessica Morrison will be retained with grant funds as the Program Assistant. Email: morrisji@linnbenton.edu

Coalition response and funding distribution suggestions

Participants expressed appreciation for the facilitator's work and discussed governance responses, including strengthened oversight language on personnel decisions.

- Nilly, the facilitator's, expected end date with the program is mid-June (June 15)
- The group discussed simplifying funding distribution to reduce administrative costs and considered a micro-grant model for emergent needs

Nilly requests to stay connected and closing notes

The facilitator emphasized staying involved in the transition process and encouraged coalition members to advocate for desired structures while asking attendees to keep her informed about job leads and ongoing coalition activity.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

Linn-Benton Community College/PSN (Nilly) - New inclusive programming and local offerings

Nilly reported new in-house, community-led programming aimed at under-served populations, specifically launching "Rainbow Family Circle" for LGBTQ2SIA+ families with secure signup, dinner, childcare, and raffles. She also summarized multiple parenting offerings including "Active Parenting of Teens", a Spanish Parenting Book Club at Colonia Paz led by Ita Chavarria, virtual parenting sessions, and "Positive Solutions" in Sweet Home. Nilly expressed intent to sustain and build momentum for these programs.

Strengthening Rural Families (Anna) - Program enrollments and events

Anna described current programming: "Live and Learn" on Mondays with about 16 families, "Three Rific" sessions with returning participants, and a postponed "Active Parenting of Teens" class due to low enrollment. She noted a fostering informational event at the end of May and monthly mindful movement sessions that are popular because they allow childcare. Anna reported running "Squish-tivities" in Monroe and Philomath as ongoing offerings.

Family Tree Relief Nursery (Ashley and Lily), library events, and local engagement

Ashley reported Family Tree's three classroom locations (Albany, Lebanon, Sweet Home) are full or filling and announced a community food pantry open Fridays with fresh, frozen, and boxed items available without intake requirements. She noted limited storage for baby and hygiene items and referral options to Baby Boutique when needed. Lily from Corvallis Public Library outlined National Library Week activities and bilingual Dia del Libro kits available April 23–30.

Samaritan (Erin & Melissa) — Infrastructure and Lincoln County programming

Erin said Samaritan is concentrating on infrastructure—standard contracts, work plans, marketing—and is initiating cross-county referral processes while maintaining virtual programming across all three counties to increase access and reduce duplication. Erin advocated for regional coordination amid staffing changes and invited collaboration on referrals and programming. Melissa described Lincoln County program growth, running Nurturing Parenting in Spanish starting in May and Prenatal Yoga with in-person and virtual options, and offered to share contact information for collaboration.

ODHS (Misha) — Benefits changes and client resources

Misha shared ODHS resources: a [Spanish video](#) explaining Oregon Sanctuary Law and alternative engagement options, a forthcoming centralized chip-based EBT replacement process that mails new cards, and Summer EBT beginning in June with automatic enrollment for certain recipients plus an application route for others. She outlined SNAP-support resources including interview preparation, and warned that June 1 policy changes will reinstate SNAP interviews and require verification for housing/utility deductions to ensure accurate benefit calculations. Misha posted the following links and information in the meeting chat:

- Spanish video resource: This short video explains how ODHS offices follow Oregon's Sanctuary Law and ways people can connect with us without visiting an office.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6h8CtOPMxc>
- Changes to EBT card issuance/replacement:
<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/de-1512550.pdf>

- Summer EBT: \$120 for each eligible child to buy groceries. The program begins in June. The call center reopens in June. Can apply online <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/food/Pages/sebt.aspx>
- New Resources: SNAP interview preparation webpage resource: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/food/pages/snap-interviews.aspx> This new webpage helps people understand what to expect during a SNAP interview and how to prepare. It includes information about when an interview is required, what questions may be asked and what documents people may need to provide.

Young Roots Oregon (Andrea) — Youth-parent services and childcare expansion

Andrea described Young Roots Oregon's services for pregnant and parenting youth aged 16–24, including Ready Kinder literacy sessions (English and Spanish) with transportation, meals, childcare, and coaching, a bilingual driver's ed pilot with free signup for Linn and Benton counties, and a vehicle ownership program to support employment and schooling. Young Roots Oregon secured state childcare infrastructure funding to open a center serving 40+ children with extended and weekend hours in partnership with Kidco Head Start. Literacy fund contract with GAPS opens ability to get \$200 of toys and books that the young parents learn how to use for intentional learning and play with the children

Santiam Canyon program updates and connections (Daniela)

Daniela provided updates on canyon programming, noting limited activity in spring but steady attendance growth at "Squishtivities" activities and ongoing pivots in program delivery. A meeting with Diego from public health has been scheduled and may lead to a parent-child food class in the fall. Daniela and partners are planning a potentially large health fair in Mill City in August with the school district. She thanked partners for connections that led to meetings and new opportunities.

The group confirmed a scheduled meeting with Diego from public health and expressed optimism about collaboration. Daniela outlined plans to develop a parent-child food class slated for fall as Diego enters the growing season and mentioned recent partner networking at a resource fair. The committee also noted planning involvement for a Mill City health fair in August that could benefit the canyon community.

Kidco Enrollment timing and brief personal updates (Christopher)

Christopher announced that new program-year enrollment begins in early May and teams are preparing to start enrollment in two weeks. A short, informal exchange followed about Christopher's trip to Dublin, Ireland and personal experiences there.

PARENT EDUCATOR EVENT

Literacy event planning and logistics

Nilly described a major literacy event on May 7 featuring Anna Delbridge presenting play-based literacy strategies, with interactive content aimed at parents and professionals. The event will run twice (day and evening), including a book fair curated for interactive learning, prize drawings, ORO credits, Spanish translation, and partnerships for funding and promotion from the EL hub and local organizations. Venue and childcare details were clarified: daytime at LBCC with lunch, evening at Crescent Valley High School with childcare provided.

Jessica previewed prize basket items and asked for volunteers to help at the event and with set-up and logistics. She committed to sending a reminder for daytime sign-ups by April 24 and noted she will be out of town and likely unable to respond until early May.

Meeting Conclusion:

Nilly announced this would likely be her last Steering Committee meeting and exchanged follow-up notes about potential job openings and next steps with individual participants after the call.

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by [Darleen Van Why](#), Parenting Education Program Assistant