Winter Term 2027

Parenting Education Department

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES



Registration Opens
November 30th

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Live & Learn Parent-Child Classes



The Live and Learn program is an immersive parenting education and early childhood education class series where you learn about your young child's development and best practice parenting techniques for supporting your child's growth. You will observe and participate with your newborn through preschool-aged chid in activities designed specifically for your child's developmental stage by an experienced early childhood and parenting educator. These classes follow the college term calendar. Enrollment in each term is designed to align with the child's age on the first day of class.

Live & Learn Parent-child classes offer:

- a place to learn more about being a parent
- a chance to get to know and grow friendships with other parents in your community
- a time for your child to learn and play with other children

Each adult must be registered to attend. Financial aid is available through the Parenting Education Tuition Scholarship Fund, funded by monies raised during our annual fundraiser.



Parenting Education Classes



Linn-Benton Community College partners with the Parenting Success Network to offer classes for parent figures/caregivers. Classes enhance parent-child relationships, strengthen parenting skills, and address challenging behaviors in children. These offerings are **parent-only** classes unless otherwise noted.

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Parenting classes offer:

- a great opportunity to build community
- learn parenting strategies with other parents of children in a similar age range or family situation.
- opportunities to learn more about being a parent
- both virtual and in-person options
- a time for you to focus on what you need in order to grow as a parent



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Live & Learn with your Baby (newborns to beginning walkers)

Your baby is born learning! Join other parents and caregivers with their babies as you learn how to support your child's emotional, physical, and intellectual development through songs, activities, and group discussions. All while building a community of support and friendships for you and your baby. Adults bringing more than one child will pay an additional lab fee of $5 for each additional child on the first day of class to the instructor.

ALBANY:

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
January 6 - December 9th (10 sessions)
Albany Public Library
2450 14th Ave SE, Albany
Instructor: Lauren Parker
Cost: $30.00/adult & 1 baby

CORVALLIS:

Thursdays, 9:30-11:20 a.m.
January 7-March 11 (10 sessions)
LBCC Benton Center, BC-107,
757 NW Polk Ave., Corvallis
Instructor: Kelly Longway
Cost: $30.00/adult & 1 baby

Live & Learn with Your Toddler & Twos (1 and 2-year-olds)

Join other parents/caregivers and their children as you learn about the importance of play-based learning in an environment designed for exploration with your young child. Learn fun, easy ways to support your child's development as you and your child participate in activities that are immersed in movement, music, stories, art, and science. Adults bringing more than one child will pay an additional $5 lab fee to the instructor on the first day of class for each additional child. For more info: parentinged@linnbenton.edu or call Parenting Education at 541-917-4844.

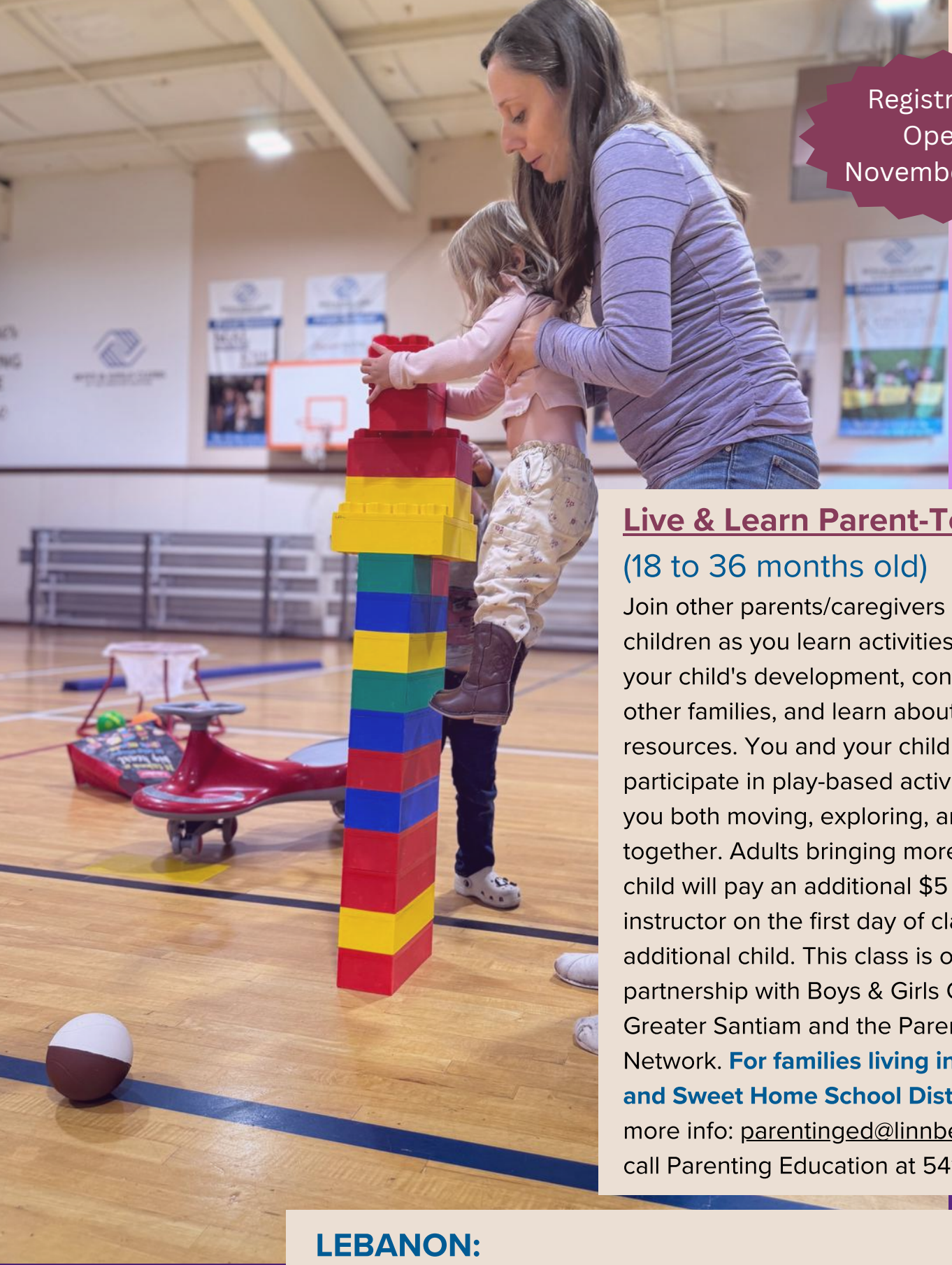
ALBANY:
Thursdays, 10:00-11:50 a.m., January 9th-March 11th (10 sessions)
LBCC Albany Campus, Luckiamute Center, LM-115 (NW corner of campus)
Instructor: Amanda Sandberg. Cost: $80.00/adult & 1 child

ALBANY: New!
Every Other Saturday, 10:00-11:50 a.m.,
5 sessions: Jan. 9, Jan. 23, Feb. 6, Feb. 20, March 6
LBCC Albany Campus, Luckiamute Center, LM-115 (NW corner of campus)
Instructor: Amanda Sandberg. Cost: $60.00/adult & 1 child

CORVALLIS:
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:50 a.m., January 6th-March 10th (10 sessions)
LBCC Benton Center, BC-107, 757 NW Polk Ave., Corvallis
Instructor: Kahealani George. Cost: $80.00/adult & 1 child

PHILOMATH (steady walkers to 36 months old):
Mondays, 9:30-11:20 a.m.
This class is offered by Strengthening Rural Families in partnership with LBCC.
Call 541-929-2535 for more info.
LBCC Parenting Education Scholarship not available for this class.





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Live & Learn Parent-Tot Gym

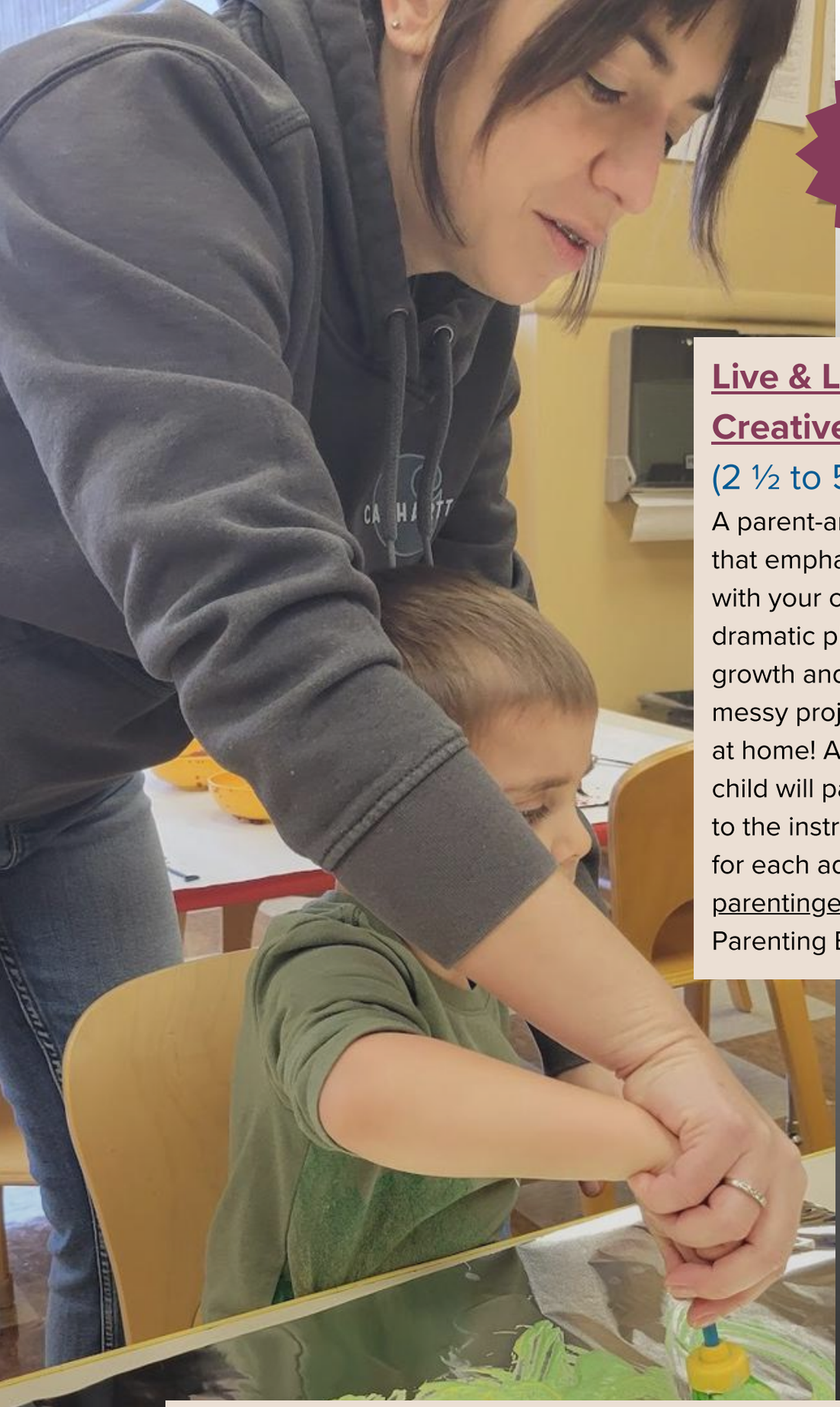
(18 to 36 months old)

Join other parents/caregivers and their children as you learn activities to support your child's development, connect with other families, and learn about community resources. You and your child will participate in play-based activities that get you both moving, exploring, and having fun together. Adults bringing more than one child will pay an additional $5 lab fee to the instructor on the first day of class for each additional child. This class is offered in partnership with Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Santiam and the Parenting Success Network. **For families living in the Lebanon and Sweet Home School Districts only**. For more info: parentinged@linnbenton.edu or call Parenting Education at 541-917-4844.

LEBANON:

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:50 a.m., January 6th -March 10th, (10 sessions)
Boys and Girls Club of the Greater Santiam, 305 S. 5th St., Lebanon
Instructor: Marisa Mullins
Cost: $10.00/adult & 1 child

Tuition scholarship not available for this class



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Live & Learn Creative Development

(2 ½ to 5-year-olds)

A parent-and-child art enrichment class that emphasizes playing and creating with your child. Learn how creative and dramatic play enhances your child's growth and development. We do the messy projects you may not want to do at home! Adults bringing more than one child will pay an additional $10 lab fee to the instructor on the first day of class for each additional child. For more info: parentinged@linnbenton.edu or call Parenting Education at 541-917-4844.

ALBANY:

Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m., January 8th-March 12th (10 sessions)
South Albany High School, 3705 Columbus St SE, Albany
Instructor: Lauren Parker
Cost: $105.00/adult & 1 child

*__Enrolled adults are required to pass the Greater Albany Public Schools' background check__

Live & Learn Discovery Lab (2 ½ to 5-year-olds)

Learn how to follow your child's natural sense of wonder and desire to explore in this STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) based class for parents/caregivers and their children. Participants will learn the importance of play-based learning as they measure, build, experiment, problem-solve, and discover the world together. Adults bringing more than one child will pay an additional $10 lab fee for each additional child. For more info: parentinged@linnbenton.edu or call Parenting Education at 541-917-4844.

ALBANY:

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.
Jan. 5th - Mar. 9th (10 sessions)
South Albany High School
3705 Columbus St SE, Albany
Instructor: Patty Baker
Cost: $105.00/adult & 1 child,

Enrolled adults are required to pass the Greater Albany Public Schools' (GAPS) background check in order to participate



Live & Learn Creative Discovery Lab (2 ½ to 5-year-olds)

Learn how to follow your child's natural sense of wonder and desire to explore in this STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) based class for parents/caregivers and their children. Participants will learn the importance of play-based learning as they measure, create, experiment, problem-solve, and discover the world together. Adults bringing more than one child will pay an additional $10 lab fee for each additional child. For more info: parentinged@ linnbenton.edu or call Parenting Education at 541-917-4844.

CORVALLIS:

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m., Jan. 5th-Mar. 9th (10 sessions)
LBCC Benton Center, BC-109, 757 NW Polk Ave., Corvallis
Instructor: Kahealani George
Cost: $105.00/adult & 1 child

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Live & Learn with Your Preschooler (3 to 5-year-olds)

A preschool cooperative for parents/caregivers and their 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by the first day of Fall Term of the current school year to enroll, be independent with toileting, and ready to practice learning independently from their primary caregiver. Kindergarten-eligible children are not eligible for enrollment.

- 3 mornings per week, the instructor facilitates play-based activities with the children during the preschool lab that foster children's growth, development, and school readiness.
- Parents/guardians sign up to assist the instructor during lab time 6-8x per term.
- In addition to the lab time, parents/guardians attend evening parenting education sessions (Seminars) with opportunities to reflect and share with other parents, expand their knowledge of parenting, and practice guidance and communication techniques. Seminar: Remote via Zoom plus additional readings and assignments for a total of 15 hours.



Want more information about our Preschool Co-Op?
Click here to access our digital info packet!

School District Partnership Classes

Las siguientes clases se ofrecen en colaboración con Greater Albany Public Schools (GAPS). Las familias que asisten a estas clases deben vivir dentro de uno de los siguientes límites del área escolar: Central, Lafayette, Oak, Periwinkle, South Shore, Sunrise, Takena, Tangent y Waverly. ***Los adultos inscritos deben aprobar la verificación de antecedentes de las Greater Albany Public Schools para poder participar.***

The following classes are offered in partnership with Greater Albany Public Schools (GAPS). Families attending these courses must live within one of the following school attendance area boundaries: Central, Lafayette, Oak, Periwinkle, South Shore, Sunrise, Takena, Tangent, and Waverly. ***Enrolled adults are required to pass the Greater Albany Public School's background check in order to participate.***



GAPS Juntos/Together (Bilingual) (0 a 5 años/years)

Programa de aprender, leer, jugar y crecer juntos. Para niños de 0-5 años de edad acompañados con sus padres o proveedores de cuidado infantil. Aprenden destrezas de lectura para preparar los niños para kinder. Cada niño recibe libros y bocadillo gratis. Debe vivir dentro de los límites del distrito de GAPS. Matrícula limitada a una vez por año académico. Esta clase se ofrece en asociación con las Escuelas Públicas de Greater Albany como parte de la programación del Título 1A de GAPS. Las Familias que asisten a este curso deben vivir en uno de los siguientes límites del área escolar: Central, Lafayette, Oak, Periwinkle, South Shore, Sunrise, Takena, Tangent y Waverly. Los adultos inscritos deben aprobar la verificación de antecedentes de las Greater Albany Public Schools para poder participar. Para registrarse, complete este formulario: https://forms.gle/RmrCBiivr7zZBmDR6 o llame al Centro de Bienvenida de GAPS, 541-704-2376.



541-704-2376 for more information

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For children 0-5 years old with their parents, guardians, or child care providers. Learn how to promote early literacy and reading skills through play based activities that help prepare children for kindergarten. Each child receives a free new book and a snack is provided for everyone at each class. This class is offered in partnership with the Greater Albany Public Schools as part of GAPS Title 1A programming. Families attending this course must live within one of the following school attendance area boundaries: Central, Lafayette, Oak, Periwinkle, South Shore, Sunrise, Takena, Tangent, and Waverly. Limited enrollment of one time per academic year. Enrolled adults are required to pass the Greater Albany Public School's background check in order to participate. To register fill out this form: https://forms.gle/RmrCBiivr7zZBmDR6 or call the GAPS Welcome Center, 541-704-2376.

Miércoles/Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.
January 6th-March 10th (10 sessions)
Central Elementary School in Albany
Instructor: Rocío Saavedra
Cost: FREE

Desarrollo Creativo (2 1/2 años y medio a 5 años)

En esta clase de 10 semanas, los padres y sus hijos de 2 1/5 5 años participarán en actividades creativas (música, movimiento y juego dramático). Hacemos los proyectos desordenados que quizás no quieras hacer en casa. Esta clase se ofrece en asociación con las Escuelas Públicas de Greater Albany como parte de la programación del Título 1A de GAPS. Las familias que asisten a este curso deben vivir en uno de los siguientes límites del área escolar: Central, Lafayette, Oak, Periwinkle, South Shore, Sunrise, Takena, Tangent y Waverly. Los adultos inscritos deben aprobar la verificación de antecedentes de las Greater Albany Public Schools para poder participar. Para registrarse, complete este formulario: https://forms.gle/RmrCBiivr7zZBmDR6 o llame al Centro de Bienvenida de GAPS, 541-704-2376.

Martes, 10:00-11:50 a.m. 05 enero-09 marzo
Central Elementary School en Albany
Instructora: Rocio Saavedra
Costo: GRATIS

Laboratorio de Descubrimiento Creativo (2 años y medio a 5 años)

Durante dos horas, por semana, padres/cuidadores y sus niños de 2 ½ a 5 años, se sumergen en actividades diseñadas para desarrollar el sentido de maravilla natural y el deseo de explorar. Los participantes medirán, construirán, experimentarán, resolverán problemas y descubrirán el mundo juntos. Esta clase se ofrece en asociación con las Escuelas Públicas de Greater Albany como parte de la programación del Título 1A de GAPS. Las familias que asisten a este curso deben vivir en uno de los siguientes límites del área escolar: Central, Lafayette, Oak, Periwinkle, South Shore, Sunrise, Takena, Tangent y Waverly. Los adultos inscritos deben aprobar la verificación de antecedentes de las Greater Albany Public Schools para poder participar. Para registrarse, complete este formulario: https://forms.gle/RmrCBiivr7zZBmDR6 o llame al Centro de Bienvenida de GAPS, 541-704-2376.

Jueves, 10:00-11:50 a.m., 1 Oct. - Dec 3 (9 sesiones)
Central Elementary School en Albany
Instructor: Rocio Saavedra
Costo: GRATIS

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LBCC Parenting Education Parent Classes



Active Parenting: Cooperative Co-Parenting

This virtual class is designed for separating or divorced parents who are ready to set aside personal differences to strengthen communication and support their children. Participants will learn emotional regulation, negotiation, decision-making, and problem-solving skills while approaching co-parenting as a business-like relationship centered on the child's needs. The class encourages reflection on parenting styles and past experiences, which may bring up difficult emotions. Participants will have an opportunity to practice separating past grievances from current co-parenting responsibilities and reducing conflict and stress for their children. Requires an internet-capable device with a camera and microphone. This class is funded through the Parenting Success Network.

Time and Dates: Mondays, 6:00 pm-7:50 p.m., Jan. 11-Mar. 15. No class 1/8/2027 or 2/15/2027
Location: Virtual via Zoom
Instructor: Nina Petrovich
Cost: FREE, materials included

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Allow me to introduce your instructors



Patty Baker

Patty grew up in Corvallis and Albany and attended Willamette University (Salem, OR), where she received a degree in Music Therapy. She particularly enjoyed her child development and education classes and her practicum experiences in early childhood and family settings. Patty joined the LBCC Parenting Education department in 2007 and has since taught Live and Learn classes for families with children from babies through preschool. She enjoys seeing families build community and support systems that extend beyond their time in her classroom while providing opportunities for children to learn and grow through play-based experiences.

Before accepting a position as an instructor with the Live and Learn program in 2023, I spent many years working to support children and families in various capacities. Knowing that the infant and toddler years can be so very isolating for parents, it became one of my passions to help families find spaces where they can create and join their community. I believe preschool aged children prosper and thrive the most when the educator, the child, and the family have a positive and cooperative relationship. One of my favorite things about my position as an educator with Live and Learn is that it combines two things I feel are vital on the journey of childhood and parenthood - community and play!



Beth Fite



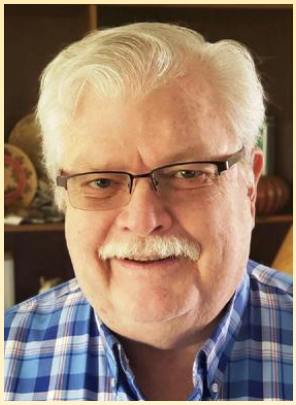
Kahea George

Early Education has been the focus of my career for over a decade. I am thrilled to come alongside parents and offer support not only through an educator's lens but also as a parent. When working with families, I am responsive, respectful, calm, and hands-on. I enjoy using my creativity in sensory and art experiences, and I find my strength lies in engaging littles in storytimes, fingerplays, and songs.

Kelly obtained her Master's of Science in Human Development and Family Studies in 2022 from Oregon State University, focusing on maternal mental health and early childhood. In addition to being a Parenting Educator, she is a certified foster parent. She is eager to support and grow with families in her Live and Learn classes this year.



Kelly Longway



Brian MacInnes

Brian has been working with families and children and teaching Parent Education at LBCC since 2011. Before that, after getting his master's degree at the University of Arizona, he worked with therapeutic wilderness programs in New Mexico, Arizona, North Idaho, and Oregon both in the field with adolescents and in the community with parents starting in 1980. He is drawn to working with families to support parents in the challenging work of raising children and to help them understand that they are not alone on a journey that all too easily feels isolated and overwhelming but can be equally deeply enriching and full of joy and laughter.



Marisa Mullins

Hello Families! I have a Bachelor's degree from Oregon State University in Human Development and Family Sciences, and over 10 years of experience working with children and families in different aspects of learning and life. I love helping to enhance the connection between parents and their children and giving parents tools to stay confidently engaged as their child moves through the different ages and stages of development. I foster safe and engaging community building among parents and caregivers in my classroom.

Hello! With many years of experience as an Early Childhood Development Professional, I'm thrilled to bring my passion for child-led learning to our Live and Learn community. My teaching approach is eclectic, blending elements from Waldorf, Montessori, nature-based play, and more, to create a nurturing environment that fosters curiosity and exploration. I believe in empowering children to take the lead in their learning journey, and I'm dedicated to providing a space that encourages creativity, wonder, and growth. I'm excited to share my love of nature and learning with your child and look forward to a wonderful year together!



Lauren Parker



Nina Petrovich

Nina Petrovich drives to improve the inner lives of children, even when they've reached the stage of parenting. She believes healthy parenting comes from reflection, healing our own childhood wounds, somatic strategies, creative self-care, and a little bit of evidence-based practice. After teaching and leading a preschool in a rural charter school for 8 years, Nina focuses on delivering social and emotional learning to both young people and parents.



Amanda has a degree in Elementary Education and was previously a fourth-grade teacher. Amanda discovered the Live and Learn program in 2016 as a parent and is excited to help other families benefit from this community.

Amanda Sandberg



Nicole has over a decade of experience in early childhood education, ranging from infants to kindergarten. Nicole has a passion for teaching through hands-on experiences and enjoys teaching Live and Learn classes.

Nicole Schumacher



Rocio was born in Mexico and lived in the USA, Italy, and the UK before settling in Corvallis in 2015. She is bilingual in Spanish and English. Rocio has a B.A. in Pedagogy and has a rich background in early childhood education, including teaching classes in Mexico and the United States. She began teaching in the Live and Learn program in 2018. Families have shared that they connect with her experience as an English second language learner. Her warm personality makes the families and toddlers feel comfortable when they enter her classroom.

Rocio Saavedra

Learn more about our Partnerships



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