

## 0-6 Ready for School---Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub \* Update:

### Health:

- Health support is progressing: ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire) developmental screenings have been adopted as the universal screening method in our area.
- Head Start and IMESD is now coordinating ASQ screenings with community partners
- Among other health grants the hub has been supporting the start up of CARE coordinator wrap around services, 0-6 and Kinder to grade 3 dental screenings, as well as a student based health center.
- There will be a greater focus in weeks and months to come related to increasing oral health awareness, access to dental screenings and support as well as prenatal services

### Safety:

- Still emerging as the hub is looking to gather baseline numbers of children in foster care.
- Morrow County Wrap Around Services (Care coordination) is underway; children ages 0-20 can access support and creating family stability is our focus
- Safety will continue to improve as DHS looks to streamline services for families in their system. DHS is also seeking to improve their ability to get more children out of the foster care system.
- The HUB will be looking to support with a referral system in place that can help coordinate available services as well as data collection.

### Education:

- Early Learning Kindergarten Grant has 35 early educators participating in monthly Professional Learning Teams; the focus is best practice and participation in 4 professional development courses.
- The Ready for Kindergarten program is expanding as the HUB has received 40,000 of extra funding to support more families in communities where the program already exists.
- The HUB is continuing to monitor the Race To The Top grant it applied for. In January it will be notified if it is a recipient. The grant will provide funds to help offer high quality preschool programs to children at or below 200% of poverty.

**Through Collaboration with Umatilla Morrow Head Start MCSD Elementary schools are hosting the following early learning/parent involvement events:**

<b>Sam Boardman Elementary</b> Parent Cafe Nurturing Parenting Learning Picnics READY For Kindergarten I CAN (What To Do When Your Child Gets Sick) <b>Windy River Elementary</b> Cooking Matters 4 Corners Financial Literacy	<b>A.C. Houghton Elementary</b> Learning Picnics Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors READY For Kindergarten <b>Morrow Education Center</b> Cooking Matters	<b>Heppner Elementary</b> Nurturing Parenting READY For Kindergarten  <b>Morrow County Fairgrounds Annex Kitchen—Heppner</b> Cooking Matters
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