

Assistant Superintendent Report: BLUE MT. EARLY LEARNING HUB (BMELH)

WHAT IS THE BLUE MT. EARLY LEARNING HUB

The Early Learning Hub has two lead agencies: IMESD and Umatilla Morrow Head Start. They are strongest in public childhood education.

The Hub's role is to work as a guiding group to support state and local initiatives around Early childhood education. Members selected to be board members within the Hub were nominees selected from the Early Childhood Partnership Teams (ECPT).

The work of the Hub is to identify a tangible health care, education, and social service goals that align to 3rd grade reading success.

40-40-20 & Early Learning HUB

The states 40-40-20 goal indicates that by 2025, 40 percent of Oregon's population will have a bachelor's degree, 40 percent will have a two-year degree, and 20 percent will be high school graduates. We are currently at 31 percent of the population possessing bachelor's degrees, however, half are from out of state. The state population is at 19 percent for two-year degrees, and 70 percent for high school graduation.

Based on Research, OEIB has taken the position that the biggest return on investment is third grade reading. Oregon's average for third grade reading is 70 percent, the same as the high school graduation rate. An indicator for third grade reading is kindergarten readiness. OEIB's biggest investment will be early learning and the feeling is that the Early Learning Hubs will be a great support gaining grant funds, taking action towards improving the quality and consistency of early childhood education as well as more collaborative efforts to provide services for at risk children in the state. The ultimate goal is reaching the 40-40-20 goal.

The Hub's mission is to make sure the early childhood population has supports to be kindergarten ready and ensure best practices are taking place Kinder-3rd grade.

The Work of BLUE MT. EARLY LEARNING HUB (BMELH)

At this point Meetings have centered on developing the HUB Framework, the Goals and indicators we want to target around Health, Safety, Education from ages 0-2, 3-4, Kindergarten to 3rd grade, securing grant funds, creation of HUB coordinator job description, Kinder readiness data, universal application for Head start/pre-school, and developing an memorandum of Understanding between all the collaborative agencies: