



The Frontier Hub will be applying for Preschool Promise to fund more slots in preschool programs.

2. Important to include medical and business partners in developing childcare.
3. Expand Early Head Start slots.
4. Need new programs not just fund existing slots paid for.
5. Possibility of the Early Childhood Center taking on additional Early Head Start Slots.
6. Donna discussed a new state program that would buy facilities to house childcare programs.
7. The group would like to see blended programs of Head Start and private pay programs.

- Preschool promise has to follow a set guidelines.
- The Hub will be applying for 20 slots minimum.
- These slots could be added to existing programs or be new.
- Childcare programs can apply.
- Typically the day is 6 hours but there is a possibility of applying for a waiver for 4 hour day.
- Slots can be split between programs.

Re-cap of identified areas of focus by the board:  
Infant and toddler childcare.  
More childcare for all ages.  
Preschool Promise funding.

Re-Cap Hub Accomplishments

**Hub state site review:** We did very well in all areas of the review. We do however need to focus on parent engagement this biennium. A suggestion is that we could include parent policy council group at Head Start in John Day.

**Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation:** This funding will now be in the form of a grant from the state. Donna discussed what funding has been used for in the past. Examples are kindergarten transition activities, teacher stipends for home visits, summer activity boxes, and professional development trainings.

**Oregon Parent Education Collaborative:** The Frontier Hub has been officially notified that we have received this grant. A new coordinator will be hired and surveys will be sent out to gather information from our communities on what they would like to see offered.

These efforts will help obtain our goal of increasing parent engagement throughout the Frontier region. Members provided input as to where surveys could be given some suggestions were:

DHS safe communities, Family Fun Day, Family Health Fair, and at local County Fairs.

**Connections with New Staff:** There has been a large number of turnover in the k-12 system last year and Hub staff has worked to form good working relationships with new hires to help us continue the Hubs work. Board members felt the Hub had the potential to impact Early Learning in our region and that the possibility of “growing our own” early learning providers should be explored.

Donna provided an legislative update

Early Learning is in a great position and it looks like the whole education package will pass the legislature.

With Head Start receiving a budget increase it would allow programs to increase enrollment, increase the program form 4 hours to 6 hours daily, and add transportation to programs currently not offering it.

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