

# **CCCWN News**

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### **Local School Districts Help Meet Unmet Community Needs**

The importance of public schools cannot be overstated; more than just educating future generations, they are the backbones of our communities and provide invaluable support and connections to resources. In a region where a majority—eight of the 12—of school districts in Benton, Linn, and Lincoln counties have high free-and-reduced lunch rates—students are eligible for reduced-cost meals at 130 and up to 185 percent of the federal poverty threshold and free meals at or lower than 130 percent the services that schools offer are a lifeline to many families in crisis. Schools' extensive ties to their communities provide a unique opportunity to provide the assistance families and students may need in identifying their unmet needs and facilitating the supports needed to access those resources. Some of the most pressing needs throughout the region are housing, transportation, and

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Country	School District	Student Enrollment	On-time Graduation	Free/ Reduced Lunch
Benton				
	Corvallis	6,745	89%	78%
	Monroe	349	87%	90%
	Philomath	1,656	90%	85%
Lincoln				
	Lincoln County	5,631	76%	78%
Linn				
	Alsea	321	37%	43%
	Central Linn	642	79%	62%
	Greater Albany	9,441	88%	83%
	Harrisburg	813	84%	85%
	Lebanon Com- munity	4,230	78%	73%
	Santiam Can- yon	4,453	59%	53%
	Scio	863	69%	77%
	Sweet Home	2,323	85%	81%

food insecurity, and a variety of school-based resource centers and programs offer the resources and navigation assistance to connect families with tangible support.

In Lebanon Community School District, the Welcome Center is one such effort that works to aid students and families who are facing housing instability, homelessness, or food insecurity. Resources like hygiene products, gas cards, clothing, and food are available to those who need them, and center staff can also help assist people in signing up for insurance, offer access to early childhood and parenting education opportunities, and connect them with other community resources.

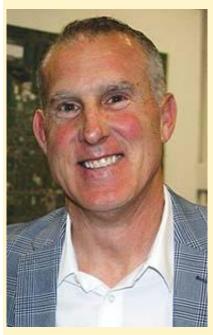
## **School Supports continued...**

In Lincoln County, the HELP Program, Pollywog, Family Connections, the Youth Transitional Program, and the Job Opportunities for Youth (JOY) program comprise the district's Compass Center. A Resource Advocate helps students and families access and navigate information and resources, and a Hispanic Family Liaison housed in the Compass Center helps provide a bridge between the school district and the Hispanic Community. Bilingual assistance is available, and these programs all serve to improve educational achievement, health, and wellbeing through the provision of resources like those offered at the Welcome Center and other school-based resource centers across the tri-county region.

Beyond providing resources and navigation support, many schools develop strong partnerships with community organizations to increase access to resources without duplicating efforts. For example, the Lebanon Community School District works with The Boys and Girls Club to increase participation in after-school and summer programming by providing transportation, helping to provide meals for students, and supporting preschools. And school districts look to each other for best practices that can be successfully replicated in their own district. They key, according to Superintendent Bo Yates, is to develop and maintain strong communication with the community, create pathways to share resources and break down barriers, and make efforts that are big enough to be scalable, small enough to be successful

### **Member Spotlight: Bo Yates**

For Bo Yates, Superintendent of the Lebanon Community School District (LCSD), "our children are our future" is far more than just a tired cliche, it's his modus operandi. He has been dedicated to helping shape and educate youth for almost 30 years with 20 of them being in the Lebanon School District (LCSD). A Lebanon High School graduate and second-generation educator, Bo earned his B.A.



in Economics at the University of Washington, where he also played for the Huskies football team, his teaching certification from Oregon State University, a Master of Business Administration, also from UW, a Master of Administrative Leadership from George Fox University, and his administrative license at Portland State University. After a decade of classroom teaching, Bo switched gears, first accepting an interim position as Assistant Principal at Seven Oaks Middle School, then briefly turning to another passion, coaching—he was the LCSD Athletic Director for three years—before embracing the administrative side of education. He served as the Assistant Superintendent and interim Superintendent of LCSD from 2011-2019, when the Lebanon District School Board named him Superintendent, a position he has held since. His background, skill set, and the strong relationships and foundation of trust he built in the community made him a shoo-in for the position. The ability to help drive policies across the district allows him to make evidence-based decisions to continue to support the things he knows are foundational for kids and the community as a whole. For Bo, a life in education is a life with purpose but when he's not working to shape the future of Lebanon youth, he enjoys hanging out with this family and attending college football games.

## **Monthly Updates**

### **Bridges to Recovery**

The PIMS report was submitted to HRSA on May 31. A draft of the Sustainability Report is due on July 28, 2022. The final Sustainability Report, Evaluation report, PIMS report, and final Progress Report will be due September 30, 2022. Year three of the grant ends on August 31, 2022.

# Regional Assessment and Implementation Disaster (RAID) plan

The grant team is finalizing the Annex and will solicit feedback from the Regional Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Coalition before submitting it to the CCCWN for final comments and approval. The final report and MOUs are due by August 31, 2022.

#### Oral Health Co-Location

The PIMS report was submitted to HRSA on May 30. Year two of the grant started on May 1, 2022. The EPDH at SNLH continues to see patients. KayLynne Todd is the new EPDH at SPCH. She began working in late May and will start seeing patients when the Care Coordination Agreement is finalized in June.

## Rural Communities Supporting Women and Youth

The grant purchased Narcan for the rural Linn county community and is distributing it to community partners and clients. In April, the Family Tree Relief Nursery PSS increased services by engaging three new mothers, our STARS PSS continues to provide services to 8 clients, and Linn County Alcohol and Drug provided 16 hours of Early Intervention Services and 15 hours of Life Skills education in Linn county rural schools.

#### Measure 110

The M110 Access to Care grant partners submitted their data for services provided in March and April. All ten partners have continued to provide services in the areas of harm reduction, peer support services, transitional housing, and access to prevention, treatment and recovery services. The M110 Access to Care grant, scheduled to end June 30, has been extended to September 30 and additional funds will be distributed. OHA will be announcing funding amounts soon.

# Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) Rural Outreach

Peer support specialists continue to conduct outreach efforts, and the team is working on obtaining and distributing Narcan.

# **Parenting Success Network**

#### May 2022:

• El Padre como el primer maestro de sus Hijos- A Dad's workshop offered in Spanish. In partnership with Acosta Services

May 18th (Virtual)

• Estrategias de Comunicación con tu Familia-Workshops in Spanish for families to learn strategies for communication in the family.

Starts May 6th (Virtual)

• Nurturing Parenting Group – Develop – mental Milestones and Building Empathy in children.

May 9th and 16th (Waldport)

### Ongoing supports include:

- Spanish Parenting Coaching Llame a Luis (541) 220-9686
- Triple P Primary Care Email Sommer <a href="mailto:smcleish@samhealth.org">smcleish@samhealth.org</a>
- Triple P Online Email Sommer <u>smcleish@samhealth.org</u> or llame a Luis (541) 220-9686

### **Ouestions and Comments?**

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