

Staff Report for January 26, 2026

Hub Director - Rod Belknap

- DELC Updates
- Committees
- Kindergarten Transition Programs KPI mini grants
- Eokidsandcare.org website
- Early Literacy
- Every Child Belongs
- Elementary Principals Community of Practice
- ELTC (Early Learning Transition Check-in)

Coordinated Enrollment – Tammy Pierce

Coordinated Enrollment Plans -Recruitment/Selection and Placement

January PSP Enrollments (numbers include EOU Head Start PSP):

- 100% filled slots in the region
- Preschool Promise Slots (includes EOU Head Start PSP):
 - 192 total slots in the region
 - Baker 35 (27 slots are EOU HS)
 - Malheur 127
 - Wallowa 30
 - IFSP only reflects a small number of children placed in a classroom in the region, because the mixed funded classrooms use EI/ECSE funding to place not PSP slots - so much larger number of children on IFSP's in classrooms
 - GALA Waiver placements are 200% and above
 - As you can see a significant number of children are placed. We receive this waiver due to limited preschool options for families that do not qualify for public funding and/or actual limited preschool in the area
 - Only after 200% and under have been placed
 - After the first selection is complete (May/June)
 - 4 year old's have priority placement

GALA Waiver and % FPL

Total PSP awarded in our region to date	192	EOU HS
SNAP/TANF/OHP	17	
100% or less	54	

101-130% FPL	12	
131-200% FPL	35	18
200-250%FPL	16	4
250-300%FPL	10	2
300-350%FPL	6	
350-400%FPL	8	3
400% +	6	
foster child	1	
IFSP	19	

CE Networks

- Updated MOU's being finalized and signed this month
 - Included Every Child Belongs(ECB) language
 - Added a standing meeting time after CE Network meetings to cover any ECB issues
- Working on updating the CE Plans - includes outreach/recruitment and selection/placement - should be completed by March
- Training for providers for the new datasystem portal log in and use will be in March/April
- We go live with the eokidsandcare.org new online data system the beginning of February for parents
 - Parents can start the eligibility process
 - Will have access to their own portal to add their information
 - Initial dashboard will guide them on the process
 - Video's available for parents to view on process
 - Access later to go in and update any information
 - Can go in later and add additional children as they reach the age of Preschool with out starting over with initial information
 - Paper application will also be offered
 - Assistance access points
- Outreach at different locations/events are being scheduled in the region
 - Combined efforts in outreach through CE Networks
 - Includes joint booth/tables with EOCCR & EO Early Learning Hub (CE)
 - Updating Preschool Brochures for each county

Home Visiting Systems Coordination – Tammie Dockter

Baker County:

No Home Visiting Network meetings in November (Thanksgiving) or December (Christmas). The group decided not to reschedule these meetings. Kelle Osborn, RN at BCHD has talked with a physician at Eastern Oregon Medical Associates (St. Luke's) in Baker regarding referrals, Well Child Checks, and ASQ (developmental) screenings. They do the ASQs at WCCs until age 1, then at 18 and 24 months. Kelle has

given physician the HVSC QR Code postcards to use for referrals and they will be given to other providers. Kelle had plans to talk with the CHW at St. Luke's. Kelle said that the physician thinks about 10% of pregnant mothers go to the Boise area to deliver, with the rest going to LaGrande to deliver. Packets were supplied to our colleague in LaGrande for including in the newborn packets she delivers to Grande Ronde Hospital (GRH) and now they contain information for the Baker families who deliver there, about home visiting that is available for Baker County residents. As of mid-December, our colleague had connected with two Baker families, sharing the packets containing HV information. Our next HVN meeting is 1-28-26, and I'm looking forward to connecting with Baker home visitors again!

Malheur County:

Malheur HVN's Family Outreach Event was 1-14-26 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. OCDC is let us use their gymnasium for the event. This was to honor families and children who are currently being home visited. We provided a meal, offered literacy giveaway items for kids, swag from agencies, and professionals spoke briefly to families about their respective HV programs; we asked families to be the ambassadors of HVis and spread the word, and help refer families and friends they know who might benefit from HVis. We had a Spanish interpreter, Imelda Madera, from the MCHD as there were a few Spanish only speakers present. We had 12 parents, 19 kids, and 12 professionals present=43 total. Some home visitors spoke out publicly about their home visitors and how much they benefit from HVis, and how much a part of the family the HVs have become. Most of the fun workbooks, crayons, pencils, and pencil cases were taken home with families. We used a microphone at this event after learning a lesson from the Baker event without one. Handed out printed materials from different HV programs who brought their information, as well as 5 English HV Postcards/3 Spanish HV Postcards. Everyone ate a meal, and we sent food home with anyone who wished to do so. Our next Malheur HVN Meeting is 2-3-26.

Wallowa County:

There was no in person HVN Meeting in Wallowa County in December, due to having our regularly scheduled Quarterly Regional HVSC Zoom meeting in that time slot instead. Our 1-15-26 Wallowa HVN meeting had six attendees. Sheila Orr, the RN from Winding Waters Clinic who is the Public Health RN, mainly does WIC and immunizations, at this point. We discussed that public health RNs often do other HV programs but this isn't yet part of her role. Mak, CHW at Winding Waters, updated the group about Case Management visits of all age groups. We discussed EOCCO's Community Health Improvement Plan that I brought from the LCHP meeting the week prior, and looked for ways that this five-year plan may align with HVis. We confidentially case managed a child that had been in a court proceeding and one member felt strongly that a HV program should have been referred, but was not, going forward. Discussion about should/how do we get the HVSC "Individualized Family Supports" QR postcards to the court? Another member noted that the EOCCO plan doesn't specifically address early learning issues. Two other members used the meeting to connect about a family they both work with. Another topic that is not "settled" as far as information goes, is kids on OHP that have historically seen specialty providers in ID, are being told they no longer take OHP; others are being told OHP will be still accepted as long as they were in that specialty care prior to 1-1-26. Others are being told just the opposite in both respects. We agreed to give the message to parents to check with specialty providers ahead of time, about coverage in ID. HVs took postcards for use in their work: 32 English/ 13 Spanish. Next HVN Meeting in Wallowa County is 2-19-26.

Other HVSC Program Work:

12-1-25 Participated in CCOHVS lead Regional Home Visiting System Coordination Community of Practice Zoom meeting.

Regular monthly meetings with Heidi East McGowan

12-9-26 Participated in the CCOHVS-lead Oregon HV System Workforce Workgroup virtual meeting. Discussed HV Competency trainings and plans to contribute our “best training places” lists at the March meeting and compile for HVr use widely.

Rod Belknap and I have met with the REN and have plans to combine funds (HVSC from Meyer Memorial Trust Grant Funds) with REN to bring speaker from <https://www.nationaldec.org/> for April 2026 PD Day: Your Impact: Help, Hope & Support This interactive training equips professionals to identify and positively support drug-endangered children, covering brain science and development, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs), and early intervention. Hands-on activities, real-world scenarios, and in-depth discussions enhance skills and understanding.

Continued monthly check ins with Ron Joseph from PSU

Followed up with email to Hope Pregnancy Resource with another email, about meeting with them, but haven’t had a response back from them yet.

*Organized the compilation of Baker HV program printed materials given to Marcellina Martin on 11-20-25. As of 12-16-25 she had given two Baker families HV materials after they gave birth at GRH in LaGrande.

*I continue to attend LCHP and C2C Meetings in all three counties, monthly, unless my schedule does not permit.

*I also continue to attend monthly meetings with the Early Childhood Coalition as schedule permits; Monthly attendance at Malheur Community Services meeting; Family Connects Oregon Community Advisory Board quarterly; Healthy Families Oregon Community Advisory Board, which is quarterly as well; also attend the Steering Committee Meeting for HVing at TFP Therapeutics quarterly—last meeting was 12-17-25 and they reported they are very low on referrals to the Family Support & Connections program

Other – Tanya Faughn

- Supporting Tammie in HVN Meetings and family Outreach Events
- Working with local DPIL affiliate, be Parent Point of contact for Malheur County. And marketing for a Local Fundraiser.

– Marshall Hooker no report to date: