

I am working with partners to develop a Family Literacy program in Florence . Family Literacy is an example of a Two Generation program .

Pairing higher education and workforce programs with early education - K12 programs are examples of two-generation strategies. This dual focus helps parents improve their life opportunities while also supporting the developmental needs of their children—both essential to ending intergenerational poverty.

This approach, commonly known as two-generation, intergenerational, multi-generational, or whole-family strategies, simultaneously addresses the needs of parents and children to improve outcomes for the whole family.

Two-generation approaches draw from findings that the well-being of parents is crucial to their children's social-emotional, physical and economic well-being. And at the same time, parents' ability to succeed in school and the workplace is substantially affected by how well their children are doing.

There are five key components of the 2Gen approach:

- (1) early childhood education;
- (2) adult and postsecondary education and workforce pathways;
- (3) economic supports and assets;
- (4) health and well-being; and
- (5) social capital.

This will be a partnership between the Siuslaw School District, Downtown Languages and Lane Community College. I also hope that MEP at Lane ESD will have some input, as we will serve a few migrant families.

My Initiative Partnership Application to Siuslaw Vision has been approved. This group will help connect us to other resources and organizations that can help support the project.

I am very excited about working with the partners on this important project. We hope to have classes in the fall.