



Blue Mountain Early Learning HUB

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MORROW UMATILLA UNION COUNTIES



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Bridges to Opportunity - Beginning fall of 2018, this one-stop website will be available for finding resources ranging from housing and parenting to health and basic needs. A team of local community agencies is working together to create a database that will simplify finding appropriate programs and services for the families you work with.

Contact: Erin Bartsch ebartsch@umchs.org

Community Calendar - Eastern Oregon Head Start will provide a Facebook page to ensure that families know about events before they take place.

Contact: Carrie Bushman cbushman@cityoflagrande.org

Conscious Discipline Program - The BMEL Hub has continued to support and sponsor Conscious Discipline trainings for both pre-k-3rd grade staff and parents throughout the region. This program focuses on building strong connections with our children and helping them regulate their own emotions.

Contact: Kim Thul kim.thul@imesd.k12.or.us

Early Childhood Partnership Team (ECPT) - These teams are a collaboration between early childhood professionals in Morrow, Umatilla, and Union counties to provide information, support, and resources to help children and families. Contacts:

Morrow County - Sheree Smith ssmith@co.morrow.or.us

Umatilla County - Dawn Kennison-Kerrigan dkerrigan@bluecc.edu

Union County - Robert Kleng rkleng@eou.edu

Early Childhood Summit - The Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub and other sponsors will offer an annual early learning- focused summit in October. This conference is open to early childhood providers, early childhood educators, and partnering agencies.

Contact: Amy Hoffert amy.hoffert@imesd.k12.or.us

Early Learning Care Coordinator - This person facilitates parenting education, coordinates early childhood meetings, and provides communication between early childhood programs and Morrow County School District.

Contact: Ana Pineyro ana.pineyro@imesd.k12.or.us

****Early Learning Kits** - Cook Memorial Library in La Grande has purchased early learning kit materials that can be checked out by parents and used with children.

Contact: Carrie Bushman cbushman@cityoflagrande.org

Family Friendly Business - This system will encourage businesses to become "Family Friendly" based on 10 indicators, or to recognize those that already are. A framed certificate of recognition will be awarded to participating businesses indicating their qualification.

Contact: Erin Bartsch ebartsch@umchs.org

Family Home Visit Kits & Energy Balance Curriculum - Eastern Oregon Head Start will create home visiting kits based on a nutrition and physical activity education curriculum called Energy Balance.

Contact: Miriam Farnam mfarnam@eou.edu

Kindergarten Jumpstart - Interested districts throughout the region will receive support from the BMEL Hub to provide a summer transition program to children who have had little or no

prior preschool experience to provide a smoother transition to kindergarten.

Contact: Amy Hoffert amy.hoffert@imesd.k12.or.us

Kindergarten Transition Support - The BMEL Hub will offer support to kindergarten teachers throughout the region by providing coaching and assistance with classroom management, instructional strategies, and Conscious Discipline implementation.

Contact: Amy Hoffert amy.hoffert@imesd.k12.or.us

Literacy Picnic - Head Start will provide Learning Picnics in Union, Umatilla, and Morrow counties. Each family is given a book and the tools they need to develop language and early literacy skills in their 0-6 year old. Contact:

Union County - Robert Kleng rkleng@eou.edu

Umatilla & Morrow Counties - Catie Brenaman cbrenaman@umchs.org

No Wrong Door - In partnership with service providers in Morrow, Umatilla, and Union Counties, the Early Learning Hub developed the Blue Mountain Building Blocks online referral form that can be accessed through the following link: <http://umchs.com/blue-mountain-building-blocks>

Contact: Erin Bartsch ebartsch@umchs.org

Oral Health Lab & Dental Health Kits - Oral health lab materials have been purchased for early childhood programs in Morrow, Umatilla, and Union counties. In addition, Dental Health Kits have been purchased and assembled for pre-k through 3rd grade teachers.

Contact: Cathy Wamsley cathy.wamsley@imesd.or.us

Parent Cafés - The BMELH will offer events in Umatilla, Morrow, and Union Counties where parents learn how to help their child become "school ready." Contact:

Union County - Robert Kleng rkleng@eou.edu

Umatilla & Morrow Counties - cbrenaman@umchs.org

Pioneer Relief Nursery - Located in Pendleton, the Pioneer Relief Nursery will offer a "Baby College" and respite program, providing parent and child access to nine-week programs which includes discussions on brain development, child wellness, disciplining a child, as well as other child development topics.

Contact: Barbara Ceniga bceniga@pioneerreliefnursery.org

Professional Learning Team - The PLTs allow child care professionals - 3rd grade teachers to share resources and materials that align best practices and assessment.

Contact: Erin Bartsch ebartsch@umchs.org

Story Time - Umatilla Morrow County Head Start and CCR&R is offering the Story Time program to preschool and child care facilities in Morrow, Umatilla, and Union Counties.

Contact: Alisen Paez apaez@umchs.org

Take Off! Reading Program - The BMELH will provide funding for materials so that the Take Off! Program can provide more books and learning materials to the children it serves in Umatilla County.

Contact: Monica Hoffman takeoff@ucslid.org

****Previously Hub-funded or sponsored, still active and sustainable**