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For immediate release

Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub, Inc. announces parent education funding opportunities. Funding through Oregon Parent Education Collaborative (OPEC) makes this possible. OPEC is a partnership with Oregon Community Foundation, The Ford Family Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust and The Collins Foundation and Oregon State University. In addition to funding, OPEC supports grantees through evaluation, technical assistance, and professional development led by OSU. This collaborative is at the forefront of building strong communities and strong families. OPEC supports and encourages parent education with the firm belief that parents are their children's first and most important teacher, and that investment in strong parenting is a critical strategy for ensuring that all children are ready to learn.

MPELH serves as the Parenting Hub for Marion County. A major goal is to normalize parent education so that parent education is available and valued to all families. Through community collaboration, the parenting hub has focused on building capacity in evidence-based curriculum by training additional facilitators and supporting additional parent education opportunities. This focus on increasing facilitator capacity supports the ability of community can to be able to offer a wider variety of parent education opportunities. A variety of parent education classes are available in a wide variety of settings, such as schools, churches, and community partner organizations.

Due to the situation regarding COVID-19 and health and safety precautions, we are able to offer financial support for the delivery of parent education in virtual formats. Even though we cannot at this time deliver parent education in person, we remain committed to providing support of parents and see parent education as a support during this time. The updated mini grant allows for funding up to 5 (five) series a quarter (Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer quarters).

The application is now available in an electronic format via bit.ly/minigrant22

For further questions, contact MPELH at parented@earlylearninghub.org

For more information, please see the Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub website at www.parentinghub.org.

Attachments: 2022 OPEC Mini Grant



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MARION & POLK EARLY LEARNING HUB PARENTING HUB 2022 MINI GRANT APPLICATION

Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub, Inc. (MPELH) is the Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative (OPEC) Parenting Hub for Marion County. MPELH and community partners believe that parents are their children's first and most important teachers, and that investing in strong parenting is a critical strategy for ensuring that all children are ready to learn. Since July 2014, through funding from the Oregon Community Foundation we have been able to support delivery of parent education programs in our community.

Due to COVID-19 health and safety precautions, we are able to offer financial support for the delivery of parent education in virtual formats. We believe that parent education is a support to families, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MPELH will be reviewing proposals on a rolling basis. Applications must be submitted no less than 30 days prior to the proposed start date. Successful applicants will receive initial payment of 50% of the grant no more than 30 days in advance of the start of the class. Due to the funding sources this mini grant is eligible for only Marion County activities.

1. Must utilize evidence-based, research-based or other parent education activities.
2. MPELH OPEC funding for parent education programs are available for series delivered in Marion County. For Polk County proposals please contact Mid-Valley parenting at (503) 623- 9664.
3. Priority will be given to programs serving the following zip codes as identified in the Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub Early Care and Education Sector Plan:
 - 97026- Gervais
 - 97301- Salem-Central Area
 - 97071- Woodburn
 - 97305- NE Salem
 - 97383- Stayton
 - 97303- Keizer
 - 97317- SE Salem
 - 97002- N. Marion (Aurora, Hubbard & Donald)
 - 97306- S. Salem
4. Priority will also be given to programs who indicate how they plan to serve families and children from:
 - households with Limited English Proficiency and migrant or refugee communities;
 - historically under-represented families including Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Black or African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hispanic/Latino households;
 - who are experiencing a developmental delay (or potential delay), disability, or behavioral health concern; and/or
 - From socially complex families: children of teen parents, children in foster care, children experiencing housing instability and/or parent incarceration, and families impacted by natural disasters.
5. Please demonstrate leveraging in-kind support, community partnerships and/or other supports.
6. All applicants must show proof of insurance. If entity sub-contracts for facilitation, facilitators must show proof of insurance.

9. The plan should support a series of classes using Evidence-Based or Research-Based curricula:
- **OPEC approved** includes curricula on the SAMHSA list. Frequently used examples include, Incredible Years, Make Parenting a Pleasure, Nurturing Parenting, Opening Doors, Circle of Security, or other evidence-based curricula. Must be delivered as prescribed by the curricula. These funds are open to Marion County only.
 - **Research-Based:** Limited grant funding may be available for Positive Solutions for Families and Mind in The Making. Must be delivered as prescribed by the curriculum. For further details contact MPELH Parenting Hub at parented@earlylearninghub.org
 - **Other parent education activities:** Adopt aspects of evidence-based or research-based curricula to fit communities' needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Example: taking elements from a variety of curriculum to meet the current circumstances.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

CLICK HERE FOR THE LIST OF APPROVED CURRICULA

CLICK HERE FOR THE 2022 APPLICATION*
<https://bit.ly/minigrant22>

*contact MPELH if you need a .pdf version of the application

CLICK HERE FOR 2022 BUDGET TEMPLATE

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MPELH Parent Education Cost Rationale and Definitions

Parenting education facilitation. Parent education facilitation must be provided by parenting education professionals trained in the chosen curriculum. Facilitators may be organization staff (if organization is applicant) or identified parent education independent consultants. MPELH staff are a resource to locate a facilitator, if needed. This rate assumes 2 hours of facilitation per week and 2 hours of preparation which includes facilitator prep and connecting with participants in between sessions.

- **Rate calculation** = number of weeks X \$120.

Childcare. In order for families to fully participate in parent education series, high-quality child care is essential. It is an expectation that grantees provide high-quality childcare experiences for children of all ages, with activities that correspond with parenting education lessons (e.g., managing emotions) and that provide learning experiences (e.g., kindergarten readiness). **Screen time, movies, or video games are not allowed during child care.** For the number of anticipated families (approx 12 per session), it is recommended that a minimum of two childcare providers are hired to support each session; additional adults as needed to ensure adequate adult-to-child ratio.

- **Rate calculation:** Recommend \$15-\$20 per, provider per hour.

Location/space. Parent education classes are most often, and preferred, taught in locations where in-kind space is available at no charge (e.g., community centers, libraries, schools, faith-based locations). If the session is online, no funds will be granted in this line item. If there is a cost associated, it must fit within the total of \$360 per session.

- **Rate calculation:** must fit within the \$360 per session

Curriculum materials. Most evidence-based parent education curriculum requires the purchase of materials for facilitators and families. MPELH has/may have curriculum kits and materials that facilitators can use. Materials for families may need to be purchased and/or prepared to support the experience.

- **Rate calculation:** must fit within the \$360 per session

Children's activity supplies. Activities for children may require supplies commonly found in early childhood classrooms (e.g., construction paper, glue) as well as children's books. Grantees are encouraged to work with community and organization to be able to have these covered through in-kind or other resources.

- **Rate calculation:** must fit within the \$360 per session

Family meals and/or Incentives. Families should have snacks or meals as part of the parent education class series, particularly if class sessions correspond with meal times. For families from at-risk backgrounds, meals may be an especially important aspect of these opportunities and an incentive to participate. If classes are held virtually incentives can be used in place of meals

- **Rate calculation:** must fit within the \$360 per session

Transportation. Lack of transportation can make attending parenting education series prohibitively expensive for families. Providing gas cards or opportunities for transportation may significantly increase the odds of retention in class series. This is not applicable for online sessions.

- **Rate calculation:** must fit within the \$360 per session

Coordination/Administrative Fee. Coordination efforts for each parenting education series include securing a location, scheduling facilitators and child care providers, providing marketing support to recruit families, and ordering meals. In addition, coordination efforts are needed to collect evaluation data and prepare the required summary sheet.

- **Rate:** 10% or \$36 per session (whichever is less)