



As health care leaders increasingly recognize the importance of strong parenting and family life to long-term health, collaboration between CCOs and parenting education Hubs is taking root in different forms throughout the state. Some examples are...

- In the **Linn-Benton-Lincoln** region, **Intercommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization** contributed \$200,000 to launch the “Pollywog Project,” which connects families with prenatal and parenting classes, parenting support and referrals to appropriate primary health care, child development and early learning opportunities. Partners include the **Parenting Success Network OPEC Hub**, the region’s early learning Hub, local hospitals, public health, primary care physicians and social service organizations.
- **Lane County’s Trillium Community Health Plan** is partnering with **LaneKids OPEC Hub** to expand the availability and visibility of parenting education. The CCO has contributed over \$300,000 since 2015 to support evidence-based parenting education, curriculum purchase and facilitator training and the launch and dissemination of the multi-level “Triple P” parenting communication and education campaign.
- **Yamhill Community Care Organization** contributes to the cost of Yamhill County-based coordination staffing for the **Polk-Yamhill Mid-Valley Parenting OPEC Hub** while also covering the cost of some parenting education classes in the region and providing funds for a conference on Family Resiliency. According to Seamus McCarthy, Interim CEO, Yamhill CCO, “Studies show that education is a key social determinant of health. Yamhill CCO is invested in implementing upstream interventions that result in a healthier population, including education for parents as their child’s first and most important teacher. Supporting children to arrive at school ready to succeed improves their odds of reading at grade level by grade three, which increases the likelihood that they will graduate from high school and live healthy, productive lives as adults.
- In the **Jackson-Josephine** region a multi-year OPEC programming grant to **The Family Connection OPEC Hub** for expanded access to evidence-based parenting education classes in English and Spanish is directly leveraging additional funding from **AllCare CCO** and other local health care organizations. Susan Fischer of AllCare says “The Family Connection and AllCare Health share a common agenda – to raise families up to their fullest potential through education and services that improve wellness.”
- **Pathways to Positive Parenting**, the **Coos-Curry OPEC Hub**, is collaborating with **AllCare Health** and **Western Oregon Advanced Health CCOs** to expand access to parenting education throughout the region and provide cross-training opportunities to parent educators and health care professionals on such topics as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), parenting education curriculum delivery and public health.