



November 2020

# Blue Mountain Early Learning HUB

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## Newsletter

MORROW UMATILLA UNION COUNTIES

### Early Childhood Partnership Team Meetings (ECPT)

#### Umatilla County

**Tuesday, December 8**  
**1:00 - 2:30 pm via Zoom**  
[https://imesdmeet.zoom.us/s/99622448120](https://imesdmeet.zoom.us/j/99622448120)

#### Union County

**Wednesday, December 9 · 1:00 - 3:00 pm via Zoom**  
(November meeting cancelled)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89982819395>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Union-County-ECPT-836224543130112/>

#### Morrow County

**Thursday, December 10**  
**12:00 - 1:30 pm via Zoom**  
<https://umchs-org.zoom.us/j/86979452767?pwd=Nmx0UUtZVnJBbzc1Uys2ajRZZzhodz09>  
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### Quality Improvement Grants

Funding for this initiative will continue for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. These grants are to support small childcare and preschool programs (less than 100 children) to improve the quality of program/services being offered to children and families. The grants may not exceed \$1,500 and may be applied for once per fiscal year. Since July 2019, the Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub has awarded a total of 10 improvement grants and we look forward to supporting more providers in improving the quality of their programs. For more information on the guidelines and to apply, visit the grant section of our website!

#### Application deadlines:

Due: Dec 1, 2020 Awarded: Jan 10, 2021  
Due: March 1, 2021 Awarded: April 1, 2021  
Due: June 1, 2021 Awarded: July 1, 2021



### Eastern Oregon Community Resource Network

The Eastern Oregon Community Resource Network (EOCRN) is a collaborative platform that connects the community to strengthen up safety nets and expand opportunities. The CRN aligns services, connects resources to fill unmet needs for community members in **Union, Wallowa and Baker counties**, and accelerates impact by leveraging public sector resources and mobilizing community resources.

The CRN is comprised of non-profits, service organizations, for-profit businesses, civic groups and individuals. When a member becomes aware of an unmet need, they first check with 211 or other resources; if they cannot meet the need it is posted on the CRN. No personally identifiable information about the client is needed, just the basics about the need. The CRN uses custom matching to only notify those members whose profiles match the need category. CRN members contact the requestor directly to coordinate details.

Joining the EOCCRN is free, and there is no charge for requesting or sharing resources. Members must be able to adhere to the Terms of Use for the EOCCRN. The EOCCRN is a community collaboration with backbone support provided by Building Healthy Families.

#### To learn more or to join the network:

[www.eocrn.org](http://www.eocrn.org)  
Phone: (541) 426-9411  
Email: [eocrn@oregonbhf.org](mailto:eocrn@oregonbhf.org)

### Job Opportunity

The Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub is hiring a Coordinated Enrollment Specialist. This position will carry out coordinated enrollment functions in the Hub region, including the coordination of recruitment, eligibility and selection for Preschool Promise. This person will also partner with other agencies to ensure families are connected to the early learning programs that their family needs.



Contract- Full time, 200 day contract  
Salary Range: \$35,000-\$58,000  
(depending on education and experience)

#### For more information and to apply, visit:

<https://intermountain.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=1481&fbclid=IwARON7qJUiOzyaaj2g5PA4ie2zbo7vLzCCjAeWBF0Bu-OSDAImhFBkjVRkZk>

### Family Voice Listening Sessions Continue

The BMEL Hub will continue to offer the opportunity for families to share their successes and challenges.

- Upcoming Sessions: December 15, February 16, April 20
- 6-7 pm via Zoom \*A door prize will be given at each meeting!
- To join: <https://imesdmeet.zoom.us/j/97710671168>
- For more information, contact Hannah Williams: [hannah.williams@imesd.k12.or.us](mailto:hannah.williams@imesd.k12.or.us)



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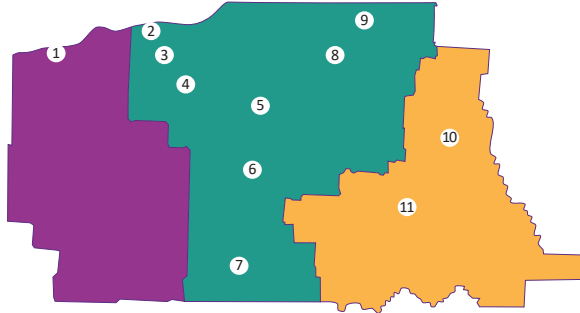
## Recruiting for Preschool Promise

Recruitment efforts are underway to fill Preschool Promise slots in the following communities:



The following are required for Preschool Promise eligibility:

- Age eligibility: must be 3 or 4 on or before September 1.
- Residency: child must reside in Oregon
- Income: Annual or previous 12 months income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level



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| 1. Boardman  | 5. Pendleton     | 9. Milton Freewater |
| 2. Umatilla  | 6. Pilot Rock    | 10. Elgin           |
| 3. Hermiston | 7. Ukiah         | 11. La Grande       |
| 4. Echo      | 8. Athena-Weston |                     |

2020 Income Eligibility	
Household Size	Income Limits
2	\$34,480
3	\$43,440
4	\$52,400
5	\$61,360
6	\$70,320
7	\$79,280
8	\$88,240

Families with income up to the annual income limits listed here may be eligible.

\*For foster children, the income requirement is waived.

To apply for a Preschool Promise slot, complete the electronic screening form on our website:  
<https://www.imesd.k12.or.us/o/blue-mountain-kids/page/screening>

## CAPECO Low-Income Home Energy Assistance

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and energy assistance programs are available to aid income eligible households. The type of energy assistance may include electricity, natural gas, oil, propane, and wood depending on the availability of funds. Energy assistance is provided in **Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler, and Gilliam counties.**



LIHEAP provides income eligible households a one-time payment issued to their energy vendor to help offset the high cost of energy during the heating season.

To apply online: <https://www.capeco-works.org/energy.html>  
 For more information on these programs call 541-276-1926.

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### Umatilla County:

Lori Hale, *Education*  
 Lidwinner Machado,  
*Human & Social Services*  
 Business: Vacant

### Morrow County:

Health: Vacant  
 Erin Stocker, *Education*  
 Dorothy Powell, *Migrant &  
 Second Language Education*

### Union County:

Robert Kleng, *Chair, Education*  
 Jess Hagedorn, *Parent*  
 Ashleigh Meeks, *Health*

### Other:

Jon Peterson, *InterMountain ESD Lead*  
 Maureen McGrath, *Umatilla-Morrow Co.  
 Head Start Lead*  
 Linda Watson, *Eastern Oregon Coordinated  
 Care Organization Rep*  
 Lloyd Commander, *Tribal Representative*