

Dear Parenting Education Partners,

We at Clackamas Parenting Together are excited to offer this Notice of Funding Opportunity to community partners operating in both Clackamas and Multnomah counties.

In the 2023-2024 programming year, Clackamas and Washington Counties are stepping in to assure parenting education is offered in Multnomah County while the Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative seeks a new home for the Multnomah County Parenting Hub. You can look forward to tri-county marketing and cooperation as we embrace this unique opportunity to blur the geographic and Zip Code lines and provide high-quality programming for families in the greater Portland Area!

Sharing programs and series between Counties has advantages and disadvantages. We view services to Multnomah County as an add-on to our general programming and encourage partners to apply to provide in-person offerings either ONLY in Clackamas County or in Clackamas AND Multnomah Counties. At this time we will not be considering proposals to only serve Multnomah County. The exception will be all virtual series, which must be shared in both Counties. We are happy to welcome families to attend any series they so choose and will support Multnomah caregivers attending any in-person programming that is targeted to Clackamas communities.

New to this grant period is the time-period. These parenting grants will be for 21 months and extend through to June 2025. We understand that full evidence-based series may not be able to start until January or February of 2024. Funding received before that time can go towards supporting the marketing of future series in your area; training facilitators; caregivers and family engagement events; and otherwise priming the community to anticipate programming to come. As you fill in your proposed programming schedule, please note how you will be using Fall 2023 to support your targeted communities and populations as well as your facilitating staff.

This grant cycle includes an increased focus on professional development for facilitators. A menu of options will be shared and staff who will be facilitating classes as part of this funding will be expected to attend an average of 2 hours a month of training and engagement. Other staff of your choosing may also participate.

In addition to monthly professional development opportunities, you are encouraged to consider budgeting for facilitators to attend the annual OPEC conference taking place April 29-30th, 2024, and again in April or May 2025 (exact dates TBD) with an anticipated cost of \$500-1000 per attendee covering travel, hotel, and conference registration. Limited OPEC scholarships are available at time of conference and can be applied for directly through the OPEC registration process.

Please know that you will have the full support of Washington and Clackamas County Parenting Hub staff in generating contacts for marketing any classes (in-person or virtual) that you will offer into Multnomah County areas and populations.

Thank you for your interest in partnering with us as we seek to equitably serve families in our tri-county region, while maintaining a focus right here in Clackamas County.

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