**September 2019
Best Beginnings Committee Meeting**

Healthy Families Oregon Update:

1 – In June we had a very successful Program Manager and Supervisor conference in Bend. Evaluations were really positive and included comments like:
“This was the best conference we’ve ever had!”
“I feel like I got a chance to connect to other HFO staff across the state and build positive work relationships!”
“I learned so much from other HFO staff that I can take back to my own team”
“Thank you for this event. Each year I look forward to this conference and the opportunity to learn from other HFO sites in a real, face to face way!”

2 – Southwestern Oregon Community College, who administers the HFO program in Coos and Curry Counties, let us know in spring 2019 that they would not be continuing services after their contract expires on September 30, 2019. An RFA was issued. We had three (3) applicants. Coast Community Health was chosen as the new administering agency for HFO services in Coos and Curry Counties. We will be working with them over the next few weeks to get them ready and over the next few months to ensure they have the support they need. Their agreement will begin October 1, 2019.

3 – Building Healthy Families, who administers the HFO program in Wallowa, Baker and Malheur Counties let us know in early September that they would not be continuing to administer their contract for HFO services after their contract expires on 9/30/2019. This site has a plan in place for transferring all families to other existing early childhood home visiting programs, since it will take us longer than a few weeks to do an RFA and select a new provider.

4 – New Grant Agreements for all sites (except Eastern Oregon) will begin on 10/1/2019

5 – This fall we will be issuing an RFA for a 2nd QA/TA Specialist. This will allow us to provide more oversite and review of items during the annual QA site visit, as well as a 2nd follow up TA site visit each year. The TA Visit will focus on supporting sites with the goals they identified in their Program Goal Plan, which they complete after receiving their QA Site Visit report. Each of our 2 QA/TA Specialist will have 8 regional sites that they provide support to. This will also ensure there is support back up QA/TA support for sites if one person is sick, on vacation or needs a leave of absence for some reason.