



THE WEEKLY MEMO

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Mission Statement

Southern Oregon Head Start prepares all children and their families for success in school and throughout life.



Moving Forward



First Main Office Meeting in 2 years!

Weekly Memo Submission

Please send your PDFs, jpeg, and text to

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By Wednesday @ 12 p.m.

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Meetings and Trainings

May 9 —Monday

- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Weekly Team Meeting, Virtual
- 10:00-11:30 Ed Department Meeting, TEAMS

May 10—Tuesday

- 9:00-11:00 Directors' Meeting, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
- 10:00-10:45 Parenting Education Sessions, VIRTUAL
- 1:00-2:00 NEP, Library

May 11 —Wednesday

- 1:00-2:00 Onboarding Updates, TEAMS

May 12 —Thursday

- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Department Mtg, TEAMS
- 12:00-1:00 Parenting Education Sessions, VIRTUAL
- 1:00-2:30 Dare to Lead Meeting, HS & EHS SMs, TEAMS
- 2:00-4:30 Nikki's Supervision Group, Blue Building Conf. Rm.

May 13 —Friday

Spring Observations due

- 8:00-10:00 Education Planning
- 9:00-10:00 Townhall, TEAMS
- 10:00-11:00 Recruitment Committee, Virtual
- 10:00-11:30 Education TLC
- 1:00-2:30 CPR- Hands on Training, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
- JoCo Safety Committee Meeting, PKV small conference room

May 16 —Monday

- 9:00-11:00 Education Support Check In Meeting, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Weekly Team Meetings, VIRTUAL

- 10:00-11:30 ED Dept. Meeting, TEAMS

- 1:00-3:00 0-5 Site Manager Meeting, TEAMS

May 17—Tuesday

- 9:00-11:00 Directors' Meeting, Blue Building Conf. Room (off week)

- 10:00-10:45 Parenting Education Sessions, VIRTUAL

May 18 —Wednesday

- 9:00-10:30 Department Directors Meeting, MO Blue Conf. Rm.
- 1:00-2:00 Onboarding Updates, TEAMS

May 19 —Thursday

- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Dept. Meeting, TEAMS
- 12:00-1:30 Cohort 1-ED, IN PERSON
- 12:00-1:00 Parenting Education, VIRTUAL

- 2:00-3:30 Cohort 2-SM, IN PERSON

- 2:30-3:30 Health & PFCE Meeting, PFCE Office

May 20—Friday

Spring Checkpoints Due

- 8:00-3:00 Union Negotiations, Library/Kathy's Office
- 8:00-10:00 Education Planning
- 10:00-2:00 PFCE in person all FA training, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
- 10:00-11:30 Center Meeting, TEAMS
- 12:00-1:30 Cohort 3-SM, IN PERSON
- 1:00-2:30 Safety Committee Meeting, TEAMS
- 2:00-3:30 Cohort 4-HT, IN PERSON

Thank you, Main Office Crew!



The South Medford team would like to send out a BIG thank you to all the wonderful MO staff that have come to support our center!



Yes, that's **you** Faith, Nikki, April, Susan, Chalesa, Justin, Michael C, Sherry, Kaycee, Kat, Deborah, and Michael S!

From reading stories
and playing in the house,
to building with our
engineers... to saving us
when shorthanded, and
helping us pack up
everything before new
floors went in...



We really
appreciate all your help!!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Melyndee Nolan & Elizabeth McClain on receiving their CDA Certificate!

Melyndee has been with the agency for over 6 years. She started out as a Center Assistant & was promoted to a Teacher Assistant in the Older Toddler room at LHS Cave Junction at the beginning of this year.



Elizabeth is new to the agency this year. She is also a Teacher Assistant at LHS Cave Junction in the Older Toddler room. They have both worked incredibly hard to fulfill this qualification and we are so excited for them and the incredible work they do to

support the children in our program.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Executive Director

0-5 Head Start Director

0-5 Assistant Director

Executive Director



Katherine Clayton - Executive Director

Hello everyone!

I am Katherine Clayton, (most people call me Kat) I am the Executive Director. I have worked for the agency for 25 years and have enjoyed every minute of it. I started working in Early Head Start in 1996 as an Infant toddler teacher. In 2001 I moved to Head start as a Family Advocate, in 2006 I started my journey as a Site Manager, in 2016 I became the Assistant Head Start Director, and in 2019 I got the privilege of becoming the Executive Director. Being the Executive Director has given me the opportunity to work with each and everyone one of you and it has been amazing.

I have four children and one very precious granddaughter, Paisley. In my free time I enjoy lots of family time and hiking.

0-5 Head Start Director



Stephanie Finch - 0-5 Head Start Director

Hello,

I'm Stephanie Finch. I began my professional journey at a Tribal Head Start (AI/AN) back in 2007. I was a Head Teacher/Family Advocate. I also got to oversee the Tribal Childcare program, and help with the grant renewal and community assessment. I moved back to Southern Oregon with my Husband in 2010 and was hired on as a PM Teacher at the Riverside center. During my time with the agency, I've also held positions as a Head Teacher, Education Supervisor. I was an ED/Area Manager, and a Site Manger. As an SM I dabbled in more Family Advocacy work as well as Cook, Cooks Assist and janitor 😊 I then moved onto the Site Manager Lead, 0-5 Assistant Director, and finally my current role, 0-5 Interim Director. I love the work we do as an agency and love that I've had the chance to grow professionally and personally while working here!

In my non work time, I'm in graduate school, only 4 classes left! I'm a mama to Carsen, 10 and Henleigh, 7. My husband (Alex) and I have been together for 21 years. We live in Wimer (Rogue River) where we grew up together. We love camping, rafting, concerts, bon fires, traveling and being with family and friends. I'm always planning the next adventure for our family. Were currently working on a large garden and hobby cattle/livestock farming! Our attempt at being a bit more self-sufficient.

0-5 Assistant Director



Vedrene Holmes - 0-5 Assistant Director

Hello, I am Vedrene. If you see me around, feel free to call me Ve. I'm originally from Kansas City, MO, but the Rouge Valley has been my second home for over 20yrs. I have been so happy to make the valley my permanent home. I have two daughters Devianni and Cheyenne. I began my career in early education when my girls were very young wanting to offer them a rich life of friends and learning experiences but ended up finding my passion for working with children and families. I have worked in Early Head Start and Head Start since 2013. I drew a great connection to the program and the mission to strengthen families, and the rest has been history. When I am not at work, you can find me spending time with friends and family; and for me, that means traveling from the west coast to the east coast, everywhere in between, and even out of the county. Family vacation to me literally means trips around the world to see family. It has been such a joy coming onboard with SOFC. I look forward to working with everyone in some capacity on all the wonderful things that we do!

Executive Administrative Assistants

Jean Lehmann - Executive Administrative Assistant

Hello! I'm your Executive Director Katherine Clayton's assistant Jean Lehmann. Born and raised in New York City, I moved with my Chicago-born husband and Lakeview (Michigan)-born son to the Rogue Valley in 1998. I've been serving the SOCFC Agency Directors and Board of Directors for almost 22 years, generating lots of minutes and performing admin tasks for both groups. When my husband and I aren't focused on work, we enjoy reading (I'm addicted to Scandinavian mysteries), eating out, biking (after eating out), accompanying our son on geological nature/history hikes, and keeping up with our elderly Maltese on his daily walks. Thanks for reading :) !



Angie Salazar - Executive Administrative Assistant

Hello! I'm Angelica Salazar, but everyone calls me Angie for short. I am the executive administrative assistant. I worked here at the agency back from 2016-2018, and I am happy to be back.

I am from Southern California, but my family moved here to Southern Oregon when I was 8. My husband and I enjoy traveling down to Los Angeles frequently. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, crafting, going to Disneyland, playing tennis and bowling. I have a tiny little toy poodle named Simba who just turned 4, and is quite the spoiled little thing. I also have a love of learning new languages.