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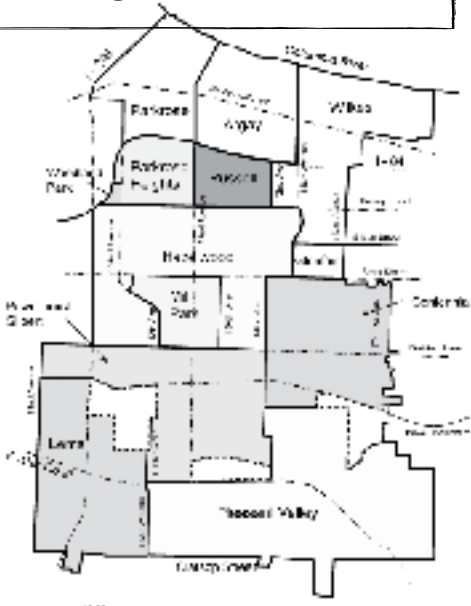
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LOCAL NEWS

United Way's Launches Preschool Marketplace



United Way launched Preschool Marketplace at a free event recently held at OMSI.

Website to search publicly funded preschool programs

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette's Early Learning Multnomah recently launched Preschool Marketplace, a website where parents and caregivers can search for publicly funded preschool providers. Preschool Marketplace is a one-stop resource for finding free and reduced-cost preschools in the Portland metro area that best fit the needs of the fami-

ly and child. Users can utilize the searchable map to find providers, and then click on any provider to learn more.

"Parents have told us that it can be confusing to find a preschool and that they have to do a lot of searching," said Molly Day, Early Learning Director at United Way of the Columbia-Willamette. "This new website makes it easier to search all the programs by what's closest to a family's home or work, and we're super grateful to our partners for stepping up to make it happen."

The website is a tool developed by parents for parents with

the guidance of Early Learning Multnomah's Parent Accountability Council and in partnership with Albina Head Start, Mt. Hood Community College Head Start, Neighborhood House, PPS Early Learners, Preschool for All, Preschool Promise and 211Info.

"This kind of collaborative effort is so important as we seek ways to ensure our children have access to preschool," said United Way of the Columbia-Willamette CEO Kelly O'Lague. "Study after study shows that early learning programs are critical to ready children for kindergarten and set them on a path for long term success."

Western Oregon University Welcomes New Director

Big plans for admissions and strategic planning for Equity and Inclusion



Jamiere Abney Director of Admissions at Western Oregon University

Western Oregon University Vice President of Student Affairs, Tina Fuchs, recently named Jamiere Abney as the university's Director of Admissions, effective June 30.

"Jamiere is a high-level strategic thinker with a strong enrollment management background. Jamiere's depth of knowledge and experience in Admissions will contribute greatly to the work already being accomplished by our Admissions team," said Fuchs.

"We are excited to have Jamiere join the WOU community, and lead the office of Admissions."

Jamiere Abney is currently serving in the role of Associate

Dean of Admissions and Coordinator of Outreach for Opportunity and Inclusion at Colgate University. He leads Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) strategies for the admissions process. Through his leadership, Colgate enrolled its most diverse first-year class in its 200-year history in the fall of 2021. Abney is a Willamette University alumni, graduating with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Economics. He began his higher education career at his alma mater with the Undergraduate Office of Admissions as Assistant Director of Admissions.

"I am very excited to join the Western Oregon Community. For my family and I, the

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