



Glendale Strong Family Network Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 13, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

GESD HUB: 7301 N 58th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301

Attendees: Richard Starling, Ismael Cantu, Jasmine Johnson, Monica Bravo, Eric Santiago, Janet Bean, Lina Rocha, Michelle Sambrano, Anvi Bhakta, Olivia Lucio, Yadira Medrano, Peggy Pexioto, Eddie Limon, Andrea Arellano, Marcela Mayorquin, Carol Lopinski, Selenta Gutierrez, Liz Rivera, Davita Solter, Melisha Bryant, Nora Lozano, and Mayra Zsiga.

Barrier Busters and Good News

Barrier Busters: Eric Santiago shared a group of refugee families from Congo visited the FTF NW main office in search of resources. Partners shared the following names of local resources for the families: Catholic Charities, IRC, and Benevilla FRC. The Catholic Charities Early Head Start representative have a family in search of employment resources for adults with felony convictions. GSFN Partners recommended the Smart Justice Program through AZ@Work, Maricopa County, Superior Court, and Lutheran Social Services.

Good News: Ismael provided an update from the Glendale CAP office that GSFN Partner Phoenix Rescue Mission paid for a homeless family's transportation to Texas.

Partner Highlight: Equality Health

Carol Lopinski, consultant working with Prevent Child Abuse Arizona, gave partners an overview of the Governor's Office of Youth Faith and Family grant supporting the Triple P Positive Parenting program. GSFN partners have the opportunity to get trained for FREE to deliver the Positive Parenting Program to parents in one-on-one or group settings. More information in a Power point and flyers will be sent along with these notes. If any partners are interested in knowing more, please contact Carol at triplep2@pcaaz.org.

April 25th GSFN Community Food Gathering Planning

Nora will lead the taskforce planning the food gathering. The gathering will be held on Saturday April 25th from 8 – 11 AM at the same time as the Market on the Move distribution. Titina Pacheco, a local chef, has been secured to offer live food demonstrations and nutrition education. All GSFN partners are highly encouraged to table the event for their organizations or come early and volunteer for the GSFN. Please contact Nora to find out more about tabling at noraevjen@gmail.com. Nora and Peggy have also applied for a small amount of funding from FTF to support the event, including promotora/parent stipends for outreach. Nora will work with Liz at GESD FRC to engage parents interested in helping.

Protective Factors Training

Peggy announced there will be 3 separate one-day protective factors training for GSFN partners and local DES office staff hosted by Glendale Elementary School District. Protective Factors Training dates are Friday, March 6th; Monday, March 9th; and Friday, March 13th.



Flyer with registration links will be sent out alongside meeting notes. Lunch is not currently sponsored for attendees, but if any agencies would like to sponsor lunch, please contact Peggy at peggy.peixoto@azdhs.gov.

Strategic Planning Action Items

Below are action item updates for each of the three goals.

GOAL #1: Build capacity of providers to address Social Determinants of Health.

-The GSFN is offering 3 separate one-day Protective Factors trainings to GSFN partners and DES office staff in March. See more info above.

GOAL #2: Build recognition and partnership between GSFN and City of Glendale

Peggy Peixoto will attend at least one of the following meetings to share how GSFN priorities align with City of Glendale needs assessment and the GSFN vision: District meetings, CDAC meetings, and/or City Council meetings. She will email GSFN volunteers (Liz, Reuben, Michelle, Ismael, and Leslee) to see who is able to attend alongside her.

GOAL #3: Increase food security of Glendale families

-The GSFN will host their second Community Food Gathering on Saturday, 4/25. See details above.

Co-Op Update and Funding Opportunity

Richard Starling brought information on the Vitalyst Spark Grants. The Spark grants offer between \$10 - 30K and is focused on more systems change than single event or concepts (i.e. food gatherings or co-ops). Since grant proposals are due date on 2/28, the group felt there was not support to pull together an application by then. Also, the grant requires the organizations to have nonprofit status.

However, the group would like to apply next year. So, to be eligible, Network partners would like the GSFN to apply for nonprofit status from IRS. Richard will support co-chairs with the application. Additionally, as a network the group will present and discuss data on food security at the March meeting to explore system change ideas for future grant applications.

Partner Updates

Glendale School District is a VITA Tax prep site every Wednesdays. Families with income of \$65K or less can have their taxes prepared and filed for free. If their income is over \$65K, they can use the onsite computers to file themselves for free and receive assistance as needed.



They have to have a social security card or ID. Davita will send the flyer to be sent out with meeting notes.

Follow Ups

- Peggy will be facilitating the March GSFN meeting as Aimee will be out of town. Agenda items include food insecurity data discussion and GSFN nonprofit application status
- All GSFN Partners
 - contact Nora for information regarding tabling the Community Food Gathering
 - bring any relevant data from your organization about food insecurity in Glendale families (e.g. #of food boxes, # of families needing food resources, etc.) to share at the March meeting
 - register as able for Triple P Positive Parenting Program
 - register as able for a Protective Factors trainings
- Co-Chairs begin working with Richard to apply for nonprofit tax status for the GSFN

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