



# Glendale Strong Family Network

Thursday, March 11, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 PM Online meeting via Zoom

Vision: Strong families and safe children in 85301

**Attendees:** Peggy Peixoto, Myrenia Aviles, Leslee Miele, Liz Rivera, Richard Starling, Anvi Bhakta, Yadira Medrano, Melissa Tepeyac, Amanda Fore, Meghan Velasquez, Kaitlyn Kirkham, Greg Kinder, Davita Solter, and Nicole Yezzi

## Barrier Busters & Good News

Leslee shared that she had a meeting with an organization called City Serve. City Serve will be partnering with Grand Canyon University to establish a “Hub” for large retailers and organizations to donate goods and services. Goods and services are then distributed through various “Pod” sites. GCU approached GESD to be a Pod site.

Davita shared GESD was for the second year in a row by the Phoenix Business Journal to be one of the Valley’s Healthiest Employers. She doesn’t know if they have achieved “Platinum” status.

## Toolkit Pilot Update - Safety and Wellbeing Initiative

Peggy presented information on the opportunity for Network Partners to participate in a pilot the “Family Toolkit” that has been developed through a workgroup of the Collective Impact for Child Safety and Wellbeing Initiative. The Toolkit is a physical, paper document that outlines the protective factors, common resources for each, as well as areas for families to document their service providers. This tool is meant to be used by providers to extend conversations with families into other areas they may need support while also empowering parents with information for self-advocacy. The kick-off will be in March or April and the pilot will begin in April or May and run for 6 months with data collection happening at 3 months and conclusion.

Peggy will be sending a formal invitation to Network partners to which they can respond to or follow the link to the google form to indicate their interest in participating.

## Partner Agreement & Welcome Official Partners: Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Equality Health, and Arizona's Children Association

Thank you to Simon, Nora, and Yadira for completing the Partner Agreement and becoming the first official partners of the GSFN!

Leslee stated that GESD wasn’t able to access the Google form link. Peggy will include the information for the Partnership Agreement in the meeting minutes or in the Pilot email, Return the information to Peggy and she will complete the form for you.



## Food Resources & Gaps

- **Coop Pilot for Glendale Families**

Richard gave a brief overview of what a Coop is and the possibility of starting a “buying club.” Low start up costs, and small groups needed. Richard will bring more information on recent successful ventures to the next meeting.

- **Pandemic-EBT**

Peggy referred partners to the Pinnacle Prevention Food Bank Network webpage as well as the DES web page for updated information on P-EBT which has been extended.

- **Spring Break Food Options for families**

GESD does not come back for in person classes till after next week’s spring break. Food services will not be provided over the break.

- **Social Media Highlights**

Review of what has recently been posted. Reminder to everyone to send their postings to Aimee, Peggy, Chuck, Mel, or [info@glendalestrongfamily.org](mailto:info@glendalestrongfamily.org)