

Glendale Strong Family Network Meeting Notes

Thursday, June 14, 2018, 1:00 – 2:30 PM



Attendees: Chuck Fitzgerald, Crystal Carrillo, Sandy LaCava, Fran Pearson, Pamela Morrison, Grace Kirker, Barb Fleming, Greg Kinder, Peggy Peixoto, Aimee Sitzler and Laura Oxley

GSFN Partner Highlight – [Home Visiting Programs](#) and other resources at ADHS (Peggy): Multiple resources for home visitors and the public

- [Strong Families Alliance](#) returns in August providing state direct contact with boots on ground programs to identify challenges and help find solutions. The program provides resources for home visitors for professional development including free conferences and a web portal.
- The [high-risk perinatal program](#) uses state funds to transport newborns and mothers in need of more intensive care to hospitals that can provide it.
- The Bureau of Women’s and Children’s Health has several [helplines](#) in English and Spanish. The department also participates in Text for Baby and provides resources for poison control and bites and stings information.
- A Well Child Day will be held in August and provide free immunizations among other benefits. It will be at Talking Stick Arena in downtown Phoenix. More information to come.

GSFN Host Highlight – [Glendale Public Library](#) (Greg) – Free resource for any library card holder in Maricopa County

- Books, movies, e-books, written and audio (digital resources are automatically checked in on time)
- Place to be educated, guest speakers, escape rooms for teens, story time, arts and crafts, creative & computer for senior
- Backpacks for parks and hiking, culture passes – free tickets (e.g. science center, theatrical productions, botanical gardens)



Additional Discussion

The group discussed concern about translator for home visiting when both the parents are deaf. Maricopa County Head Start has funding for translators. If someone is losing home visiting funding, the Village program run by SWBHS may be able to help.

Networking Session – Many common themes of what members face, why they attend and what they hope to receive from GFSN. Pairings found many face the challenge of lack of affordable housing (comprehensive listing: socialserve.com); identifying and keeping track of all resources, having the information when you need it ([GFSN resource list](#) & [Find Help Phoenix](#)). The interactions also found everyone was here to network and meet people doing similar work.

Workgroup Updates

Family Engagement Workgroup - No update

Partner Engagement Workgroup (Grace & Aimee)

- Grace is leaving TOPS and not sure if she'll be involved with GSFN at new job (SWBH). Open partner engagement lead position, if interested, please contact Peggy or Aimee.
- Partner Engagements – if you haven't signed one, please do. If you have, make sure you've sent logo to Chuck Fitzgerald for inclusion on website.
- CLARIFICATION from May meeting – The Parent Advocate at Imes Elementary is not going away. The network will reach out to engage the new advocate when he/she starts in August.

Communication Workgroup (Chuck)

- GSFN Brochure is now available in English and Spanish on our website.
- Transition to email invitation from calendar invitation to reduce confusion



Sustainability Update (Aimee)

- Aimee's last meeting with current funding
- Using TAP AZ as a fiscal sponsor (discussed in May meeting) is still the plan, but there has been no movement on this in the past month.
- Other opportunity through First Things First – FTF currently works with food insecurity and early childhood education in six local areas and is considering expanding program to all regions.

Upcoming Events

- **June 28th, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm** – free booster seat event in MIHS lobby. There will be a resource table. If you have information to distribute, contact Fran Pearson. Fran will have flyers soon; let her know if you want some.
- **June 28th, 1:30 pm** Zoning hearing at Phoenix City Hall. Phoenix Rescue Mission seeks approval to increase number of beds in new development from 250 to 400. Contact Pamela Morrison for more information.

Action Steps/Follow Ups

- Aimee will provide sustainability updates as they become available
- Pam will send Phoenix Resource Mission logo to Chuck
- Fran will provide flyers and information about Car Seat event to Chuck and anyone interested

JULY MEETING CANCELLED

Next GSFN Meeting: Thursday, August 9, 2018, 1 –2:30 PM at Velma Teague Library