



Glendale Strong Family Network

August 13, 2020, 1 – 2:30 PM

Zoom meeting

Attendees: Peggy Peixoto, Aimee Sitzler, Chuck Fitzgerald, Davita Solter, Simon Hill, Carrie Robbins, Mel Tepeyac, Amanda Fore, Gisela Jimenez Vazquez, Jody Gallimore, Elvia Zaragoza, Monica Bravo, Leslee Miele, Myrenia Aviles, Olivia Lucio, Kaitlyn Kirkham, Richard Starling, Liz Rivera, Ismael Cantu, Yadira Medrano, Nora Lozano, and Michelle Sambrano

Barrier Busters

Partners shared the common need of a clothing resource for children and families in the Glendale area.

- Resource shared for kinship families (e.g. grandparents) that includes basic needs and clothing: Arizona Children's Association: Yadira Medrano, 480-578-0225
ymedrano@arizonaschildren.org.
- Partners are going to investigate if there are other clothing resources in the area. If not, this may be an action point for GSFN partners to activate around.

Partner Highlight

Mothers Against Drunk Driving – their mission is to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking.

Victim Support - 877.MADD.HELP

For more info, please contact Simon Hill, Program Specialist at Simon.Hill@madd.org

Glendale Specific Update

City of Glendale – Crisis Assistance Programs (CAP Office)

- 5 million in funding available for rental and utility assistance.
- They are hiring new employees to help with increased demand.
- On average CAP Office serves 1,000-1,300 annually. Currently, there 3,000 households waiting to be seen.
- They are still seeing families being evicted. Landlords are not waiting for payment.
- There is an online application portal to upload docs securely. Then, staff review for eligibility and approval.
 - www.glendaleaz.com/cap - utility and rental assistance

Glendale Elementary School District - Family HUB

- Increased requests for formula and diapers
- They've re-started monthly food pantry distribution
- All parenting classes and referrals are being offered remotely

Glendale Elementary School District

- It is all hands on deck kicking off the online learning platform as well as a new fully online school. Learning packets, laptops and chrome books are also available.
- They had around 3,000 families not respond as to whether they wanted online or on site learning. On site learning will be available for children who meet specific criteria and it's basically online learning offered at school daycare type situation.
- Staff are focused on getting families what they need to start the school year.
- There are lots of clothing requests from families.
- Educators are stressed out personally and overwhelmed on how to teach online and, for some, in the classroom.

Parent – Educator Stress

Partners had a general discussion about the emotion stress, overwhelm and sense of helplessness, they are seeing in educators and families. Big take-away for partners was to help families manage expectations and remind them that they and others are only human and under a lot of pressure. Common challenges were as follows:

- Needing clothing, food, school supplies
- Struggling with technology for online school. Parents and students overwhelmed by new devices, curriculum and online learning.
- Communication between school/district/teachers and families is confusing.

Mask Distribution Update

- 5,000 cloth masks have been distributed to date, leaving 25,000 left for partners.
- New distribution dates: Tues, Aug 18 from 9-11:30 Thurs, Aug 20 from 12:30-3:00 at Phoenix Rescue Mission warehouse.
- There will be no maximum on how many masks an agency can ask for. First come first serve.

GSFN Social Media

- Network social media presence is growing with over 1,000 “friends.”
- There are opportunities for partners to share their resources and content via GSFN social media.

Follow Ups

- All partners pick up cloth masks for distribution as needed
- All partners reflect whether there is an additional need for the GSFN to activate around
- Melissa will reach out to partners to engage and share on social media

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2020, 1-2:30 PM, via Zoom