

Glendale Strong Family Network Meeting Notes

Thursday, September 12, 2019, 1:00 – 2:30 PM



Attendees: Aimee Sitzler, Liz Rivera, Maria Landeros, Andrea Arellano, Gina Portillo, Pamela Morrison, Peggy Pexioto, Davita Solter, Ismael Cantu, Richard Starling, Rosa Zurek, and Jasmine Johnson.

Barrier Busters & Good News

Housing challenges continue. GSFN partners notice a trend of local and out-of-state families with housing vouchers are having trouble finding locations that accept them.

Mattress found for GESD teacher. Great news that highlighted the district's need to establish a partnership with mattress company.

Updates

Glendale Elementary School District Food Pantry: The GESD pantry opened in December 2018 and has seen a steady increase in families to over 1000 individuals served in August 2019.

Decision Points

- Community Food Dinner
 - As the Chef is unavailable during fall break, the event will take place at Landmark cafeteria and gym during the week of Spring break: 3/16/20 - 3/20/20. Nora will confirm which date is best with Chef Badman.
 - Additional ideas: use GESD and Arizona's Children to text parent reminders for GSFN events. Have GESD or a local dance troupe perform at events to encourage parent attendance. Prepare a short survey for attendees to evaluate the events and submit for a ticket for a drawing.
- Community Food Gathering
 - It will take place on Saturday, 11/23. A separate task force will be created following the dinner.

GSFN Action Plan

Through monthly partner meetings and community food events, the GSFN will...

- Raise awareness of free/low cost community food resources and other community resources
- Promote healthy eating through recipe/cooking demonstration



- Increase community cohesion, sense of community (aligns with protective factors of social connections)
- Build capacity of promotoras
- Build trust among GSFN partners
- Strengthen parent/caregiver relationships with local providers and school districts

Metrics---how are we going to measure this?

- Increase of attendees at the GSFN events
- Increase in community partners participating in events
- Attendees survey at events

Follow Ups

- Peggy to update resource list for October GSFN meeting and get ADHS “swag” to Liz at HUB to use for future GSFN events
- Chuck to ensure all names * on the sign in sheet are added to the GSFN list-serv
- Pam to reach out to Doreen at Glendale Community Police to re-invite to GSFN meetings
- Aimee to follow up with Barbara at Kingdom First and draft evaluation questions for November meeting
- Nora to follow up with Chef Badman/Blue Watermelon for Community Dinner dates for Spring Break
- Leslee and Davita to check on having GESD choir or dance performance during GSFN events

Next GSFN Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2019, 1 –2:30 PM at GESD Family HUB