

# Glendale Strong Family Network

Thursday, November 18, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Meeting Notes



## ***Vision: Strong families and safe children in 85301***

Attendees: Aimee Sitzler, Olivia Lucero, Peggy Peixoto, Elizabeth Rivera, Davita Solter, Jessica Graber, and Jenny Beasley

### **Barrier Busters & Good News**

Twin mattresses seem to be an ongoing need for GESD families. Partners offered the Careportal as a possible resource. GCU HUB may have mattresses available- Jay Cory, Jay.Cory@gcu.edu. Pastor at a local church has helped with mattresses in the past. Jenny for HFTC will be connecting GESD social workers.

### **Program Updates**

GESD is starting to adopt the family program (40 families) for the holidays. They are partnering with Kiwanis and Molina healthcare for additional food in addition to the regular St. Mary's food boxes. The FRC is hosting a wrapping party for families at Landmark FRC on 12/4 9:30-11 AM.

SWHD Healthy families is looking for women prenatal to 0-3 months for enrollment in their home visiting program. They can serve families up to when the child turns 5, but they would need to be enrolled before 3 months old. For more info, please see <https://www.swhd.org/programs/health-and-development/healthy-families/>

Heart for the City – They Zumba classes starting the first Friday in December and gardening classes to start soon. They are having a site visit from St. Mary's to help establish their partnership and possible AzFBN dollars.

### **Partner Highlight – Southwest Behavioral & Health Services – State Opioid Response Project**

Overdoses have almost doubled nationally from 2015 to 2020. Arizona is one of the worst hit states. From 2020 to 2021 in Arizona, there were 7,297 suspect opioid overdoses, which is almost double the number of overdoses from 2017-2019 combined. Fentanyl is being laced in many different types of street drugs (e.g. pills, heroin, etc.). It is common for these drugs to make their way into the hands of youth.

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SWBHS received State Opioid response grant dollars. Through this project, they offer opioid awareness training as well as naloxone training and distribution of naloxone to community members and locations. They also share with youth and adults about the Good Samaritan Law that protects those who seek help on behalf of others (e.g., if a friend is overdosing). SWBHS is also participating in the ODMAP project, which is a collaboration with CDC and Az HIDTA to share data, insights, and trends related to drug overdoses. They are planning to expand the ODMAP into the Glendale area to identify hotspots and mobilize community coalitions to share real time info and resources in those neighborhoods.

For more information, please contact Anvi Bhakta at [anvibh@sbhservices.org](mailto:anvibh@sbhservices.org)

### **GSFN Updates**

#### **Lean On Me AZ: How Communities Can Strengthen Families to Prevent Child Adversity**

Friday, December 10, 2021, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Virtual Training on Zoom Presented by: Michelle Sambrano Southwest Behavioral and Health

We may be mandated reporters, but can we also consider ourselves mandated supporters? Lean On Me AZ, a project of Prevent Child Abuse Arizona, is a movement to raise awareness about the factors that protect families from overwhelming stress, and offer strategies to help community members strengthen families in everyday ways. In this session, we will share community-generated tools, messages, and ideas about how we, as individuals, can create a culture of family support. Register here:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUscemh\\_pjovE9YGHJOAcFhvcZ4InjRsLVG1](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUscemh_pjovE9YGHJOAcFhvcZ4InjRsLVG1)

#### **Next Steps - Who wants to be partner highlight in December?**

Doreen from Glendale Policy Department as possible presenter – Aimee to follow up

Davita to send info to Aimee about a new collaborative between CAS, City of Glendale and other CBOs to present in December.

The group would like to talk in January about hosting another community food event tied to the Market on the Move dates.

SWHD Healthy Families to present in January as partner highlight.

#### **Next Meeting – December 9, 2021, Via Zoom**

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