

Glendale Strong Family Network Meeting Notes

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 1:00 – 2:30 PM
GESD HUB: 7301 N 58th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301



Attendees: Edward Limon, Richard Starling, Janet Beach, Pamela Morrison, Selena Gutierrez, Joe Eriquez, Lisa Ketchen, Jenny Beasley, Lina Rocha, Veronica Huaracha, Maria Landeras, Ruben Arangure, Peggy Pexioto, Davita Solter, Nora Lozano, and Aimee Sitzler

Barrier Busters and Good News

Good news: new Head Start liaison dedicated to partnering with DCS families in 85301. They have enrolled 6 families.

Barrier Buster: more families asking for holiday gift lists (e.g. Salvation Army)

Additional Ideas Shared:

- Holiday- Is there a way to organize the programs being offered and have them coordinate to ensure if one of these is full that they can be added to another
- Collaborate with local faith-based organizations to adopt families for a year in lieu of just the holidays

Partner Highlight: Heart for the City

Jenny from Heart for the City shared a presentation highlighting the variety of programs and community engagement happening at the garden. Partners identified an immediate opportunity to work with Jenny as part of community dinner taskforce as well as a scheduling a garden visit for promotoras and GESD parents.

Strategic Planning Discussion

GSFN partners brainstormed FY20 activities for each of the three goals:

GOAL #1: Build capacity of providers to address Social Determinants of Health.

By the end of the FY20, 30 GSFN partners will be trained in using protective factors.

By the end of the FY20, 100% of GSFN partners are aware of the “essential 3” questions and are using them

-Share resource list and consider including holiday and summer feeding specific info during the year

By the end of FY20, hold integrated GSFN partner training on a quarterly basis

-Develop integrated 2-hour training to include Protective Factors (intro), social determinants of health, and “essential 3” questions

Additional Ideas Shared:

- Continue partner highlight presentations at monthly meeting to build resource info and recognition among partners
- Update GSFN brochure and develop new partner orientation online
- Explore closed-loop referral system (e.g. Equality Health)
- Integrate training into ???

GOAL #2: Build recognition and partnership between GSFN and City of Glendale

By end of Quarter 1, a GSFN representative will attend at least one of the following meetings to share how GSFN priorities align with City of Glendale needs assessment and the GSFN vision

- District meetings, CDAC meetings, and/or City Council meetings

Additional Activities:

- Engage Jaime Aldamo's office- District Representative
- Reengage school board

GOAL #3: Increase food security of Glendale families

Key Activities:

- Partner with Blue Watermelon and Heart for the City Community Garden to hold the community dinner
- Coordinate and host a second Community Food Gathering
- Partners regularly asking the food insecurity as part of the "essential 3" GSFN questions

By the end of Quarter 1, create a taskforce made up of partners (GSFN, Blue Watermelon, promotoras, and Heart for the City) to lead community dinner planning

The group still need to determine what role, if any, a co-op and community garden will play in future strategic planning.

Additional Updates

GSFN partners have the opportunity to participate in a focus group regarding a referral system app being developed by a Annie E. Casey and DCS Collective Impact effort aimed at reducing DCS reports in Maricopa County.

Follow Ups

- Peggy/Chuck to email focus group info and sign in link to GSFN partners

Next Meeting: 1/9/20, GESD HUB: 7301 N 58th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301