

Glendale Strong Family Network Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 8, 2018, 1:00 – 2:30 PM



Attendees: Aimee Sitzler, Milagro De Jesus, Barbara Sherry, Pamela Morrison, Peggy Peixoto, Greg Kinder, Cheryn Palmisano, Raslyn Sleet, Fran Pearson, Grace Kirker, Liz Rivera, Julie Fann, Jody Gallimore, and Laura Oxley

Decision Points

- Set new goals for 2020 concerning DCS stats including report numbers:
 - New goal for DCS removals: By 2020, removals from homes 85301 is 30% of 2016 baseline
 - New goal for DCS reports: By 2020, reports to DCS from 85301 is 20% of 2016 baseline
- Establish new goals besides DCS statistics and consider data regarding family permanency/homelessness in 85301
- Find accurate, free tool to track partner engagement
- All partners present completed the GSFN partner application

GSFN Partner Highlight – [Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services \(Grace\)](#): Free resource to pregnant teenagers in Gila, Maricopa and Pima Counties

- Few requirements
- Classes to learn about self-care during pregnancy, care for newborn, breastfeeding
- Home visits and developmental evaluation for first year

Additional Discussion

The group discussed the on-going challenge of finding affordable housing for low-income families, especially parents with criminal records. Moreover, “crime-free” housing creates an additional barrier for these families. Opportunities noted for state and housing policy changes to support these families in securing affordable, stable housing. Also, barrier buster challenge presented regarding home cleaning services for GESD children with chronic absences due to lice infestation. Group shared ideas regarding local church or tribe casino funding to help district have unencumbered dollars to help families pay for cleaner who specialize in this area.



Workgroup Updates

Family Engagement Workgroup (Liz)

Glendale Elementary partnered with St. Mary's Food Bank. The school is distributing food every other week on Wednesdays and Thursdays to families. If it works well, will do more. Head Start brought kids from other schools this week. Hope to continue through the summer.

Partner Engagement Workgroup (Grace)

Still looking for a good measurement tool to measure network partner collaboration and engagement.

Communication Workgroup (Peggy)

Combining previous promotional information to create a brochure. If you have not sent your organization's logo, email to Chuck.

Please share the tally sheet with your staff. It is an effort to track whether information we're sharing is sufficient, correct and being used. Share the paper sheet with staff, even a couple days feedback will be helpful.



Action Steps/Follow Ups

- Cheryn will send low-cost or free tax help locations in Glendale to Chuck to post on website & distribute through list serv
- Cheryn will to bring data about homeless families we know aren't stable in the zip code (3 years) to see if might be a good outreach for group – ensure the families are connected to available services and know how to avoid homelessness. Information needs to include 2016 data for baseline measurement.
- **On February 2th, there's an opportunity to promote GSFN at Glendale Unified District Boardroom (7301 N. 58th Ave).** Benevilla Family Resource Center and First Things First presenting a Tooth Fairy Program. Liz can set up a table where we can layout information about our organizations and speak to attendees about our group and goals. Table would ideally be manned from 4:30 – 6:30. Information should be on the Glendale district's website.

Next GSFN Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2018, 1 –2:30 PM at Landmark FRC