



## Glendale Strong Family Network

Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1:00 - 2:30pm meeting via Zoom

### Attendees

Stephanie Santiago- Mountain Park Health Center  
Elvia Zaragoza- Healthy Families, SWHD  
Ashely Dickerson- Foster Ed  
Nicole Yezzi- FTF NW Region  
Jenny Beasley- Heart for the City Community Garden  
Ricardo Reyes-SWHD Outreach  
Denis Parcels- GESD SOCC  
Leticia Arbaco- Glendale CAP

Liz Rivera- GESD Family Hub Resource Center  
Diana Manzo-CFR PAT Home Visiting  
Neida Paez- Touchstone Human Services  
Pam Morrison- Phoenix Rescue Mission  
Justine- Div of Child Care DES  
Regina Weiler- DES Employment and Rehab Services  
Nora Lozano- Equality Health

### Partner Highlight

#### FosterEd Arizona – Ashely Dickerson, Senior Program Manager

- Vision: Work to create a reality where all youth can graduate from high school with a variety of options for success.
- The only program within the state of Arizona that does this type of work.
- Education Champions: identify an adult who can support the student's long term success
- Student Centered Engagement: using positive principles to build strong connections with every young person
- Education Team: A group of engaged adults around the youth to coordinate teams to promote growth and to provide support
- They accept referrals for students pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, plus 6 months post-secondary
- They partner with schools, DCS and community partners, their parent organization is a non-profit law firm which helps them navigate educational rights.
- Hosting a free conference Sept. 27-28. First day will be in person, second day will be virtual. Seeking proposals to present at the conference who focus on relationships between child welfare and early childhood systems.

Register for conference:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-fostered-arizona-foster-care-conference-tickets-648477191737>

Submit a proposal:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRnAxBGu1jYnJ7kQlu36xcicVh3k7bSmK9wMBj2LFEekiPRw/viewform>

Exhibitor Request:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgXMGrSsTWLoJHuc7Q9cctPeiP7mavgrfj7Ynsaqj4Tf03dg/viawform>

For more information: Foster Care Education Toolkit

<http://foster-ed.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/FosterEd-ToolkitDesign-Web.pdf>

## GET READY FOR SCHOOL, GLENDALE!

### Back to School Event

- Event Details
  - July 22 from 8am – 11am
  - Glendale System of Care Center 7677 W. Bethany Home Rd., Glendale 85303
- Vendors and Volunteers
  - Registrations: Agencies and volunteers can sign up via this online Google form: <https://forms.gle/AjN7nzCZqArq2K8g7>
  - The room should be large enough to accommodate all agencies who apply; would be able to accommodate 41 six foot tables and 500 chairs from the warehouse.
  - Vendors: no fees and no raffles
    - Leslee and Noemi are the volunteer coordinators for the event
    - Volunteers needed: 7:30-11:30am
    - Regina offered to send out the flyer as a group volunteer opportunity to her staff
- Breakfast will be offered from 8am – 10am
  - Children 1-18 years are eligible
- Food and Water
  - USDA Produce baskets for to serve 400 people
  - Distribution of St. Mary's food items would require each recipient to register which might produce lines. Peggy will bring this topic to the planning committee to discuss further.
  - Pam offered to provide water through Phoenix Rescue Mission
- Sponsors/Partners
  - Molina Complete Care is bringing 800 backpacks
- Event Flyer
  - Working on putting together an event flyer to get it out to families asap
- Haircuts
  - Denis said Chase Builders asked for the cost and they might sponsor the haircuts. Peggy will provide the cost to Denis so he can work on making those arrangements.
- Additional Services
  - Denis may be able to coordinate immunizations
  - Valle del Sol may be willing to bring out their mobile unit, this is pending
  - DJ has been booked
  - Stephanie suggested setting up an appearance or contribution from the Cardinals football organization

*Next meeting: Thursday, July 13 at 1pm*

### Other Program Updates

City of Glendale: Will be relocating offices and they will be moving into the System of Care Center at the beginning of the year.

Mountain Park Health: Having a Back to School campaign May 29-July 2 and a Pride night forum offering a safe space for families.

AZ Cap Grant: DES certified childcare provider; Applications will be available July 1.

**Next Meeting July 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**