



## Glendale Strong Family Network

Thursday, June 13th, 2024

1:00 - 2:30pm meeting via Zoom

### Attendees

Justine McDilda-DES Division of Childcare  
Elvia Zaragoza-GSFN/SWHD Healthy Families  
Alexander Piatka - Midwestern University  
Leslee Miele - GSFN/Glendale School Dist  
Noemi Leva-Molina Healthcare  
Jenny Beasley- Heart for the City Community Garden  
Dennis Parcels - GESD SOCC  
Lori Schweighardt - Harvest Compassion Center  
Leticia Abarca - City of Glendale CAP  
Francis Pacaja - First Things First  
Maria Ruiz - Westside Head Start  
Peggy Peixoto- ADHS, GSFN

Natalee Sticht- CAC  
Hector Vega- Az Children's Association  
Mary Perez - Mountain Park Health Center  
Brooke Calvin - First Things First  
Sandy Teng - City of Glendale CAP Office  
Ricardo Reyes - SWHD  
Lisa Vallee - DES AZ Early Intervention Program  
Alena Camacho - Arkos Health  
Nicole Olvera - DES Division Of Childhood Support  
Brandi Jordan - Rise Up Glendale

### SummerFree Programs - (some links included, some additional flyers added to this months meeting note section on the website)

- Glendale Public Library - lots of great family programs
- Children's Museum - first friday
- Let's Talk Dads program - series of workshops for fathers to bond with kids through literacy - [Let's Talk Dads - Southwest Human Development \(swhd.org\)](http://www.swhd.org)
- Sunbucks - any child qualified for reduced lunch also qualifies for Sunbucks - <https://des.az.gov/SUNBucks>
- Stop CMV Symposium - <https://stopcmvaz.org/cmV-facts>
- Boys and Girls Club - affordable daytime childcare camp
- Splash Pads  
[Splash pads in Phoenix: Top 12 to check out in summer 2023 \(azcentral.com\)](http://www.azcentral.com)
- Stonepoint Community Church - Sat Jul 20 - Summer Community Event - 10-1 - backpacks, school supplies, resource fair - food, legal, training, lots of resources
- Heat Relief Network
- Gardners picking seeds for local library, and other seeds that can be planted during summer time
- Social Spin - Glendale System of Care Center - Mon and Tues get laundry done for free  
[Social Spin Flyer 2-14-24 - Google Drive](http://www.google.com)
- Summer Meal Programs from school districts - free breakfasts, lunch, and even some dinners  
[Summer Flyer systems of care 2024.png - Google Drive](http://www.google.com)  
[Summer Flyer SOCC Spanish 2024.png - Google Drive](http://www.google.com)  
<https://www.peoriaunified.org/summermeals>

- System of Care - First Things First - Family Hub - extensive programming in June and July for kids 0-5
- Kindergarten Prep Program - Glendale Elementary School District Website - check out the calendar
- Youth Council - June 22nd - 6th-12 grade 4-5pm to create summer calendar
- Rise Up Glendale Youth Council:  
All 6th-12th grade welcome!  
Heroes regional library creative room  
June 22nd  
4-5pm  
\*This meeting youth will be planning all the youth activities for the rest of summer\*
- Community Centers for kids and youth - Glendale Community Center - Summer Feeding Program  
Peoria Unified School District - Summer School in June; Kindergarten in July
- Summer Art Contest - 9 Winners receiving tablets

**Barrier Busters:**

None to report

**Helping Grand - up to \$1,000. Car repair, dental, technical school, trade school, mental health support**  
<https://dcs.az.gov/helping-grand-concrete-resources>

**Update on Grant - just wrapped up and ended.**  
**Build Website, speaker training**

**NW Region of FTF - additional funding we applied for and awarded**

**Valley of the SUn United Way - Mighty Change - small non profits eligible - applied for and we should know by the end of June.**

**July Event Planning:**

**Saturday August 3rd - Day of Event 8am-11am**

**Friday August 2nd - Help Set up 2pm-5pm**

- Noah - Dental Screenings
- Clipdart - Free Haircuts
- SW Behavioural Health Services - immunizations
- Support bags of food - 400 bags last year:
  - Molina will provide insulated bags again this year
  - Produce - instead:
    - Peanut butter, pasta, canned tomatoes and/or sauce, canned veggies, mac n cheese boxes, popsicles, apple sauce, cereal, ramen, muffin mix bags, flour, salt, baking soda/powder, fruit cups and fruit pouches, oatmeal
    - Gatorade and non perishable items from St. Marys - Dennis
- Face Painting
- Books and items for families out front - just not by the food
- Blood Drive
- Food and Nutrition - free breakfast, pending
- Shaved Ice
- Hospitality Room - bagels, etc sponsored by Molina
- Suggestion: ice for Gatorade
- Planning meeting : Wed, June 19th @ 4pm

**Partner updates and/or good news:**

- [AzEIP Resources | Arizona Department of Economic Security](#)
- Summer Back to School - New Kids Sneakers and Snack Drive - Harvest Compassion Center
- New address for Catholic Charities 5151 N 19th Ave Phoenix, Az 85015
- Rise up Glendale - partnering with Int'l Rescue City - back to basics to keep kids safe in todays world - Cyber safety, western medicine, translated into 11 different languages
- Diapers still available at the family hub
- Back to school campaign - physicals - back to school/sports - come with screening hearing and vision, immunizations - free backpack and \$10 gift card to Walmart - Mountain Park Health Center
- [Housing & Utility Assistance - City of Glendale \(glendaleaz.com\)](#)
- World Refugee Day - 10a-1pm Gateway Community College - Buckeye Road

**Next Meeting**

**July 11th**

**Via Zoom**

**1:00pm – 2:30pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88155373136?pwd=eDhuUUJoWEYrc0M0blo4ODBkTGIPdz09>