**Glendale Strong Family Network**

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

meeting via Zoom

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

*Attendees: Michelle Sambrano, Martin Nowakowski, GESD Social Workers, Leslee Miele, Liz Rivera, Maria Pataka, Aimee Sitzler, Peggy Peixoto, Jenny Beasley, Davida Solter, and Nicole Yezzi*

Barrier Busters & Good News

## Barrier

## Federal funding for free lunches for children as well as waivers for Grab and Go summer meals are not being renewed. The news media interviewed Glendale families at a HUB food pantry event and families shared how important these food resources are to helping their food stamps and budget stretch farther. There are many GESD schools that have been offering free and reduced meals to students (Community Eligibility Program) and when they reapply many schools may not qualify.

Resource

The federal Public Health Emergency will likely end in summer of 2022. We need to help families prepare for changes to their AHCCCS and KidsCare coverage that may accompany this loss of funds. This toolkit can help you communicate these changes to your friends, family, students, patients, or other members of your community. **A resource toolkit (Eng/Spa) on how to communicate with familes about how to renew their info with AHCCCS. :** [RESOURCE TOOLKIT](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1kUaLGTfTO14P7bOMG67KAAcEDM4aB9lj)

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| April Community Food Gathering 4-23-2022Community Food Gathering PlanningReview list of vendors – 11 Total VendorsFlow of the event -Music and kids activity table throughout event7-8 AM Step Up8 AM Kick off8:30 AM Drawing9:45 AM Drawing, Zumba 15 min10 AM Food Demo & Zumba 5-10 Min10:30/45 AM Final Drawing11-12 Clean UpVendor Table OutreachMichelle – Child HelpPeggy – Arizona Children’s AssociationLiz – WIC and SNAP (Anthony)  * Aimee - [susan.mayer@gcaz.edu](mailto:susan.mayer@gcaz.edu) from GCC about doing blood pressure checks * Sateesh from Bethany Home Discount Pharmacy. He can be reached at 623-476-6243.   Dissemination of flyer  GESD – social media and peach jar and flyers at market on the move  HFTC – Will have volunteers pass out some in neighborhood surrounding garden  Follow-Up Tasks   * Martin – to bring 5 shade pop up tents for the event * Aimee call to GCC to let them know they need bring their table and shade, ice for ice chest, large ice chest * Aimee – to get rocks activity * Peggy – paint and paint brushes * Leslee – food shopping, drop off to garden Tuesday 4/19 * Leslee to bring two A frames and drop off food at garden by Tuesday * Nicole - Registration form – need to ask number of people in the household * Aimee - Post-survey   Other  Family Promise a new shelter in Glendale – possible partner highlight and invite to GSFN - Family Promise Jerry Elizalde 480 659-0803 [jelizalde@familypromiseaz.org](mailto:jelizalde@familypromiseaz.org) |

Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting is May 12, 2022