



Glendale Strong Family Network

Thursday, July 11, 2021, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, via Zoom

Vision: Strong families and safe children in 85301

Attendees: Peggy Peixoto, Aimee Sitzler, Maria Pataka, Carmen Guzman, Leslee Miele, Nora Lozano, Monica Carranza, Nicole Yezzi, Catey Masferrer, Martiza Doyle, Liz Rivera, Davita Solter, and Silvia Ochoa

Barrier Busters & Good News

Meeting Space for Youth Leadership Council for Touchstone – Members offered Southwest Behavioral Health Services and Glendale Public Libraries as ideas. Peggy will introduce Monica to GSFN partners at the library for help.

Program Updates

Valleywise – The location in Glendale closed down and families are being redirected to the Peoria location. They are having drive-thru backpack pickup events at the Family Learning Centers. Registration available while supplies last at <https://valleywisehealth.org/services/family-learning-centers/>

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) – The new victim impact panel coordinator is Carmen Guzman. They are offering education to parents and teens on underage drinking via 15-20 minute presentations. Please contact Carmen at carmen.guzman@madd.org or 602-240-6500 ext 6458, if you are interested in hosting a presentation at your organization.

Catholic Charities Head Start – There has been a change in eligibility, which opens up the program to more families. As long as their utility bill is from the City of Glendale, families can enroll in CCHS. They are now offering behavioral health support in the classroom.

Touchstone Health Services – They are looking for more community sites to offer Safe Dates – A prevention curriculum for teens talking about healthy relationships and offering resources. They are also looking for youth (11 years+) for their leadership council to meet once a month and do volunteer work.



Glendale Elementary School District – They will be starting in-person workshops for families this fall. They will be continuing to offer virtual options as well. Parents really appreciate the online story times and workshops in the afternoon. School is starting in August both in-person and online. As of right now, 300 children are enrolled in the online school.

They will be opening a system of care center in 2022 and are working on their charter and goals. It will be located at Coyote Ridge Elementary School at 75th Avenue and Bethany home Rd. Services onsite include youth and adult services as well as behavioral and physical health care.

GESD Food Pantry to start in-person back in August.

Pilot Update

Thursday, July 29th at 1 PM is the kickoff event

GSFN Update

- Board will be opening a GSFN bank account to begin accepting donations.
- The revamped website will be completed and unveiled at August meeting
- The network will continue to meet online, but offering at least two in-person meetings a year (one in Fall and one in Spring)
- The next in-person meeting will be November 2021

Next Steps:

Peggy to introduce Monica at Touchstone to Greg at Glendale Public Library for meeting space for youth council

Liz and Leslee – To pilot the parent voice questions for inclusion in the August meeting

Aimee – to share general questions with Liz and Leslee

Aimee to reach out to Zacona at Norton and Ramsey Social Justice and Empowerment Center – for the August GSFN partner highlight

Next GSFN Meeting: August 12, 2021, 1-2:30 PM, Via Zoom