

# Glendale Strong Family Network

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Meeting Notes



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

*Attendees: Peggy Peixoto, Jenny Beasley, Nicole Yezzi, Ismael Cantu, Davita Solter, Jessica Graber, Aimee Sitzler and Olivia Lucio. GESD is on Fall break as well as power outages across the west valley led to fewer than normal attendees.*

### **Barrier Busters & Good News**

City of Glendale continues to support families with rental and utility assistance. They are hiring for CAP office staff as contract through June 2022.

### **Partner Highlight – Heart for the City Community Garden**

Jenny Beasley presented regarding new initiatives at the HFTC Community Garden. They will be applying for funding with AzFBN and the GSFN will be signing on as a supporter. For more information about HTFC, please contact Jenny at [hftc.gardens@gmail.com](mailto:hftc.gardens@gmail.com) or <https://www.heartforthecityaz.org/garden>.

### **Glendale Community Data**

The group reviewed findings from the City of Glendale Community Needs Assessment 2019 Data as well as the MCDPH COVID Response survey findings for Glendale. The group identified key findings that are supported by what they are seeing in their work as well as what is being reported by families:

- Housing - Already high need for affordable housing and was exacerbated by pandemic
- Youth, recreation parks and recreation
- Families experiencing homelessness
- Safety – crime
- Mental Health
- Access to COVID vaccine and testing events as a strength
- Employment changes after COVID-19
- Distracted driving

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## GSFN Updates

Pilot partner will be receiving a survey soon to let organizers know how the program is going  
Virtual training opportunity for the on Lean on Me Az, protective factors training to come this fall

## Next Steps

Southwest Behavioral Health Services and their opioid programs will be our November partner highlight.

Next Meeting: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Via Zoom

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