

Glendale Strong Family Network Meeting Notes

Thursday, November 14, 2019, 12:00 – 2:30 PM



Attendees: Peggy Pexioto, Davita Solter, Ismael Cantu, Grace Kirker, Nora Lozano, Liz Rivera, Leslee Miele, Aimee Sitzler, Kaitlyn Crawford, Janet Bean, Gisela Jimenez Vasquez, Lila Mederos, Nina Gregg, Kishan Raja, and Kyle Giblin.

GSFN Journey

Peggy outlined the following key events and partnerships in the Glendale Strong Family Network's evolution:

- Started through the Governor's Office Safe Reductions Initiative focusing on reducing reports of child neglect and abuse. 85301 identified as the zip code with highest DCS reports in Arizona.
- Facilitative support offered through a partnership with MCDPH's Preventative Health Collaborative
- Partnership began with the Glendale Elementary School District (GESD) as meeting host and way to engage local parents as promotoras
- Network rebranded as Glendale Strong Family Network with collective vision of Strong Families and Safe Kids
- Partners focused on Protective Factors and created a neighborhood specific resource list
- Collaborated with Maricopa County Food System's Coalition (MarCo) to recruit for and host community food gatherings
- Partnership began with First Things First to include a focus on early childhood nutrition and food insecurity in young children and their families as an extension of Protective Factors

Community Need Assessment Data & Synthesis

Prior to strategic planning and goal setting, the group reviewed several needs assessment documents from local nonprofits, GSFN partners and Maricopa Association of Governments in an effort to come to a collective understanding of local needs. They also shared their lived experiences from working and/or living in downtown Glendale. GSFN partners also articulated their desire to engage the community in our work and focus their efforts on prevention and social determinants in health. Moreover, there was a sense of urgency as needs assessment data showed a large disparity in health outcomes and quality of life between Downtown Glendale residents in comparison with the rest of Arizona and Maricopa County.

General themes identified coincided with social determinants of health (SDoH). See following page.



SDoH Themes Identified

- Access to healthy foods
- Access to health care
- Low socioeconomic status, high poverty
- Early Childhood- lack of quality preschool
- Lower educational achievement
- Lack of true community engagement
- Lack of Affordable housing
- Transportation
- Increased rates of chronic disease
- Lack of job opportunities
- Declining families with young children in the area and GESD enrollment
- High pollution and environmental concerns

Strategic Planning

GSFN partners identified the following 3 goals:

- Build capacity of providers to address SDoH using protective factors. Support family resource navigation by additional three questions (basic needs/food, child developments and social connection) and sharing resource list.
- Build recognition and partnership between GSFN and City of Glendale (CoG)- share how GSFN priorities align with CoG needs assessment
 - District meetings
 - CDAC meetings-GESD is already attending
 - City Council meetings
- Increase food insecurity of Glendale families
 - Ask food question
 - Food events (e.g. community dinner and food gathering)
 - Coop and community garden



Follow Ups

- Peggy to update resource list with revisions from FIC and Nora to translate resource list headings into Spanish
- Aimee to ask Chuck to send out QR code for CoG needs assessment survey separately
- Leslee to invite Heart for the City to come to December GSFN meeting a partner highlight
- December GSFN meeting to continue action planning for goals and highlight community strengths to build on.

Next GSFN Meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2019, 1 –2:30 PM at GESD Family HUB