

Houston County Family Connection
Collaborative Meeting Agenda March 13, 2017 * 12-1:30pm
Community Education

Houston County Family Connection Mission:

*Together community partners work to limit duplication and overlapping of services,
then coordinate more efficient and effective service delivery,
and ultimately, better results for families in Houston County, Georgia.*

Meeting Purpose:

*Participants will get updates on committee work
Participants will share resources and upcoming activities
Participants will network with other organizations*

Sign In/Welcome/Networking

Introductions

Strategy Team Work Updates

Health Strategy goals: *lower obesity rate and increase the nutritional value of foods our community eats.*

Update – working on securing 6 food pantries for health fairs before June 30th.
Working on Meet me at the Market Event in MAY.

Youth Strategy goals: *Reduce youth recidivism*

Teen Maze Update – final count down for Teen Maze. Next meeting is March 22nd 11am at Connections on the Parkway 957 Carl Vinson Parkway in the building in the back of the lot. We will be reviewing the curriculum and making final adjustments. Tian will email out the flyer. We have room for more groups to attend. Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard on this event. It is going to be AMAZING!! Volunteer are still needed.



Upcoming Trainings –

April 7 Brain Development 101 must register at CWTC website

DECAL Grant Update – Need to give away bus passes for people with children under 5 to ride the bus to the libraries for storytime. Afterwards they can ride the bus for the remainder of the day for FREE.

Strategic Plan – see attached plan with activities. Everyone agreed to move forward with the plan as is.

According to our Policies and Procedures voted on at the February Meeting. We need to have a nominating committee to select a Collaborative Chair, Co- Chair and Secretary for next fiscal year (July 2017 – June 2018). Sharon Rogers and Brittney Shannon volunteered for this committee. The Board has decided we need to complete a fundraiser to support the Strategic Plan and other expenses. Tian reported we have two board members willing to serve, but need at least 2 collaborative members to assist. Two possible fundraisers are: Amazing Race Houston County and or Casino Night. If interested contact Tian.

Partner News/Updates/Activities:

Wellcare is hosting a Dinner for first 75 at Chik fil A on Watson March 23rd 5 – 7 pm.

Hodac has a fashion show on April 28th at Cary Martin Conference Center Tickets pre sale are \$25.

Secrets in Stiletto's is scheduled for April 1, 2017 at Anderson Conference Center from 10 – 2. 600 tickets available. Targeting youth middle school to adult men and women boys and girls. They have speakers for the young and older men as well as the young and older females. Contact Tomekia Daniel at Georgia Legal Services.

Connections on the Parkway is working with Lyndsey elementary on specific projects to include grand raising and autistic summer program.

First Choice Primary has open appointments now taking walk ins.

Hispanic Connection has partners translating information into Spanish for organizations. Next meeting is March 28th 1-2:30 at Peyton Anderson in Macon. Contact Jose Rodriguez at First Choice Primary for more information.

Eye glass screening was very successful. They had to turn away approximately 200 people per day. This is a HIGH NEED for Houston County.

WR Housing Authority is applying for two grants. Farmers Market and Minority Violence for youth 12 -18 that are High Risk. If you have programs to offer this population and want some funding to support your programs, contact Sharon Rogers. The Housing Authority offers Life Skills classes, Construction Apprentice Programs and Home ownership classes. If you want to speak to any of these classes please contact Sharon.

Single Mom's Connect is hosting their Autism 5K on April 8 and Zumbathon on March 18.

RAFB and Rainbow House are offering **123 Magic Parenting Class** for 2 days per week for 2 weeks. Beginning March 21st. Tian sent out the flyer already.

Rainbow House offers **Mandated Reporter Training**. Her next class will be April 28th contact Tonya Zellner for more information or to register.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mondays are WEAR BLUE DAYS!!



Partner Spotlight

NEXT MEETING:

April 10, 2017. Noon -1:30pm at Community Education at Houston Health Complex - in the old mall on Houston Road and Watson behind Checkers – Entrance E3. Call for directions: 478-923-9771.

Upcoming Events:

April 4 Brain Development 101: Understanding the impact of Trauma on Brain Development

April 6th Teen Maze OPEN HOUSE 6 – 8 pm

April 8th Teen Maze Volunteers Needed. 9:30-4:30pm