

**Houston County Family Connection**  
**Collaborative Meeting NOTES July 10, 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 and goals met toward Annual Plan  
Participants will share resources and upcoming activities  
Participants will network with other organizations*

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**Sign In/Welcome/Networking**

**Introductions** 24 Agencies were represented at the collaborative meeting, 28 total people were in attendance.

**Strategy Team Work Updates**

**Health Strategy goal:** *To increase the knowledge and consumption of healthy foods and increase daily physical activity for participants.*

**Health Strategy Meeting: Chair - Marlene Noles** [mnoles@hhc.org](mailto:mnoles@hhc.org)

Look at Summer pilot program results, plan if we want to move forward with Catch Kids or what program and begin to plan for how to incorporate it into community programs around Houston County. Possible goals for this strategy: Identify partners interested in being trained. Identify funding streams to pay for training and supplies.

Currently there are 5 pilot programs for Catch Kids this summer. RAFB 70 youth, Boys and Girls Club 75 youth, Lyndsey Elementary 35 youth, Recreation Departments at Perry 35 youth and WR 70. Thanks to Stewart, Paulette, Brittney, Tian for operating these programs

**NEXT Health Strategy MEETING: August 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am at Houston Health Pavilion (usual meeting place)**

**Youth Strategy goals:** *Goal: To identify resources and connect youth and families to services that lead to school success.*

**Youth Strategy Meeting: Chair – Brittney Stewart** [Brittnev.stewart@dph.ga.gov](mailto:Brittnev.stewart@dph.ga.gov)

Areas to consider: Back to School Bash, Teen Maze, 16 – 19yr olds Not in School and Not Working.

**NEXT Youth Strategy MEETING: August 24 12:00 Noon at Houston Health Pavilion (usual meeting place)**

**Next Teen Maze Planning Meeting: August 25 1:30 Houston Health Pavilion (usual meeting place)**

**Other Committees:**

**Comprehensive Resource Guide:** to work together to create infrastructure for compiling, updating, and sharing resources with HC Community and United Way. Next Meeting TBD.

**DECAL Grant Summary – Final Report Available at** [www.houston.gafcp.org](http://www.houston.gafcp.org)

**Orientation to Family Connection** This will be conducted for all partner agencies or those interested in becoming a partner at the August Meeting. The purpose is to bring all partners together to collectively understand what our Annual Plan states, and how we will operate as a collaborative partnership to include benefits of being in the partnership and expectations for partners. This will be offered once per quarter for new potential partners.

## **Partner News/Updates/Activities:**

Department of Community Affairs (DCA) held their State of the Organization updates and round table discussions.

Final DECAL and Teen Maze Reports are available at [www.houston.gafcp.org](http://www.houston.gafcp.org) under Collaborative and then Collaborative Summaries.

Youth ChalleNGe sessions are available. The Sites open registrations at various times so that there is usually a program open for those seeking access. This is a VOLUNTARY program for youth 16 – 19 with 3 sites across Georgia.

Medicaid “Choice Period” is from July – September 2017. Families who want to change their CMO can do it by contacting [www.gafamilies.org](http://www.gafamilies.org) or 888-GA-ENROLL.

UGA Extension is hosting a Training for Child Care Providers: **Guidance Tool Box** is FREE. 2 hour CEUs available. Focus is on Discipline and guidance in the classroom.

Single Mom’s Connect hosting a **Sunday FUN Day** on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 – 7 at Peavy Park.

Single Mom’s Connect will offer **After School Program** at Agape Church on N. Davis Drive beginning August 2. Space is limited to 40 kids. Transportation is available for the first 14 who need it. Program will consist of tutoring, snack and recreation. Available for 5 yr olds to High School.

## **211 Discussion/Presentation Tammie Collins [tcollins@unitedwaycg.com](mailto:tcollins@unitedwaycg.com) or 478-745-4735**

Website for 211 is under construction but is accessible. [www.navigateresources.net/uwgc](http://www.navigateresources.net/uwgc)  
Services: Text, email, mobile app, and phone, CHAT is being considered still. Directories will be printable from the data base. To view a sample of caller results by county go to:

<https://www.unitedwayatlanta.org/need-help/> United Way agencies are working to support one call in center state wide to handle those since the calls have reduced due to technology. Agencies can request Volunteers for events from this site. The site will be updated 2x per year. Through an Email system requesting your agency to update your information.

Agencies can request user name and password to add your organization to the Uway data system by emailing [chughey@unitedwaycg.com](mailto:chughey@unitedwaycg.com) or call 478-745-4732 (211 Option).

HC Family Connection Resource Guide Committee will be working with agencies that create Resource Guides for their agency due to their grant funding. Together we will create a strategic and internal infrastructure to assist United Way with keeping their information current and up to date.

Houston County Needs to have a one stop place online for resources. We are happy United Way will continue to provide this resource to our County.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

**August 14, 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:**

**Book Bag Stuffing** July 13 10:00am WR Civic Center

**Back to School Bash** July 21 9:00am – 12 Noon CB Watson Primary School

**Health/Resource Fairs** August 1, 9, September 14, 18, 22.

## **Insure Georgia Enrollment Events – Houston County**

November 10 Centerville Library 10am – 6pm

November 20 Nola Brantley Library 11:30am – 7:30pm

December 5 Perry Library 11:30am – 7:30pm

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