Families 1st Partnership Quarterly Meeting 12/5/23

1. Powerpoint

 Section 1—Central Navigation information

 2021-456 participants $132,797 in assistance

 2022-289 participants $71,717 in assistance

 2023-228 participants $106,609 in assistance 2023 more males that applied

--Could ask Munroe-Meyer –how many are single dads

Outcome Data—work w/Munroe-Meyer on how we can get more survey results

 Section 2 Older Youth-often coached by PALS (Central Plains Center for Services)

 60% already on public assistance

 Funding to youth 2023--$12,071

 Section 3-Core Strategies for Parents

 Circle of Security-40 served in past year involving 103 children

 Another to start in January

 Section 4-Local Prevention Strategies

 Plans of Safe Care & Straight UP Advocates

 Notebook made to give out in Hastings and NP

 Section 5- See attached report

Many changes at Munroe-Meyer

1. Updates
	* Straight Up Advocates--Lived Experience group…Cassandra Kramer
		+ Women dealing with system and share resources, support and community activities
		+ Recovery Walk in Cody Park in September
		+ Meet 2nd & 4th Tues, 5-7 pm at 304 East 6th, NP
		+ Part of Panel Presentation-
	* Disability Resources-Tam Littrell—Bethel Church Embrace program
		+ Offer respite events for parents whose children have disabilities
		+ Checked with Munroe-Meyer for availability of a Resource coordinator for NP area—not at this time
		+ Greatest need is finances and communication (between community services and families)
		+ Overwhelming for parents (networking connected to school)
		+ Parents-medical personnel to com along and mentor—invite GP Health to be involved
		+ Rep from PTI (Parent Training Institute) resource can provide education in community
		+ Need flowchart to map out programs, etc.
		+ Medical Model-church want to connect—Respite Care (wants to offer)
		+ Embrace Ministry-Respite Care for the disabled kids and siblings
		+ Kids can come & spend time—they provide something for siblings also
		+ Parents get alone time
		+ December craft activity—9 showed up
		+ Info in Service Directory and online Bethel Church
	* Inmate Outreach
		+ Strengthening service for inmakes—20 different resources—19 counties served
		+ Inmates often need IDs, SS cards, and a place to live
		+ Emergency housing—Salvation Army has cots, blankets, etc. but lack staff
		+ Homeless Kids in High School –67? Figure may need to be updated
	* Transportation
		+ Department of Transportation been involved
		+ Working on goals to improve what we have for public transportation
		+ Community Survey coming to determine true needs
			1. Check with Judy Clark to see about the Marvin Planning study
	* Minority Needs
		+ Health Literacy class through WCDHD starting in January 2nd Wed of each month by Zoom 11 am
			1. Info on Plain language, active listening, teach back
			2. Cultural sensitivity, awareness of judgement free zone,
			3. Not just for health care info—just for communication with anyone
		+ Access translation devices—nothing replaces an actual human to translate
		+ LMCA Spanish lessons Tues & Thurs 6-7:30 pm—will start up again in January
* Communications
	+ Fam 1st has worked to improve Service Directory but having some technology issues with making it user friendly, etc.
* Childcare update
	+ Trucks & Tiaras has openings
	+ Doing research
	+ Have funds to assist with Childcare
		- Scholarships for thos working and at 250% of poverty
			* $400 each month for first 3 months
			* $300 per month if help is still needed
1. Families 1st new grant year beginning October 1st, 2023
	* 11/9—learned of changes for funding available
	* Reduced to $126 K from $300K in previous year
	* Have budgeted for basic needs to keep office running
	* $14K to assist families is already spent, so no more assistance to families until 2024
	* Referring to other agencies
		+ ERA Funds (24 Million for balance of state rent, utilities)
		+ Veteran’s programs
	* Suggestions from group for funding options
		+ Aksarben Foundation funds
		+ Centris
	* Setting priorities for the future
		+ Contract requires Central Navigation
		+ Other needs in the community?
			1. Many are becoming homeless
			2. Rent, utilities still a need for those who don’t qualify for ERA
			3. Education offering for families
				1. Budgeting
				2. Building other supports
2. Next meeting is Tuesday February 27th 1 pm location to be announced.

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