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| Topic | 8.22.22 Current things in the works | Updates 11.22.22 |
| Housing | Platte River Mall Apartments ---96 units | Rumored rent is $800/mo |
|  | Housing project near cemetery –in need of developer for estimated 51 lots | No update |
|  | Transitional Housing-NP Housing & Connection Homeless Shelter working together and project may be permanent vs. transitional | Connection in charge of project—things taking some time to get in place |
|  | Rent/deposit assistance available-COVID funds expire 9.30.22 | Many agencies continue to provide assistance for housing |
|  | Possibility of 3D generated concrete units-100 units |  |
|  |  | NP Housing-Wait list for 2 & 3 bed units have tripled |
|  |  | Habitat for Humanity only builds in partnership with individuals who qualify-No construction to meet agency needs |
|  |  | Families 1st has ARPA $ towards basic home repair, safety and home sanitation needs |
|  |  | Will work with landlords for rental homes |
| Utilities  assistance | Many organizations help the population they serve-broader coverage by Community Action | Most COVID funds are no longer available |

Families 1st Partnership Collaborative Partners –Quarterly meeting 11.22.22 UPDATE

Attendance: A Christiansen, DHHS; J Havlovick, Valor Counseling; C Augustine-Huggins , Proteus; C Roche, ESU 16; S Witt, DHHS; M Lewis, SOAR; M Keeney, PALS; J Hobbs, Trails West CASA; J Livingston, WCDHD; L Rowley, SWDHD; C Lienemann, EDN; P Callahan, Respite; C Priest,

RDAP; J Wright, Boys Town; E Richards, Independence Rising; M Hughes, EDN; S Collins, NP Housing; A Dowhower, Bridge of Hope; M McCuiston, Brain Injury Alliance; B Belka, PALS; B Garrick, City of NP; C Sabin, Families 1st Partnership

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| Transpor-  tation | Mid-NE Community Action-car repairs if COVID related-expire 9.30.22 |  |
|  | Families 1st-ARPA $ toward car repairs | ARPA $ can also be used for bus passes & gas vouchers |
| Need | Language barrier for those needing to schedule transportation | Hope Esperanza does have some interpreters to help, but need to check on their availability, |
| Need | After Hours Transportation |  |
| Need | Bike programs may solve needs for some. | Seek out partners to possibly support—Alive Outside, MPCC, NP Trails programs, State Patrol for bike awareness programs, Guardians of the Children |
|  |  | Other transportation options but may be limited due to liability-church vans, kids needing car seats. |
| Driver’s Ed for Adults | Kearney-NE Safety Center 308-865-8256 |  |
| Dental | Very few area dentists take Medicaid  Heartland Dental (Grand Island) & Blome Family Dentistry-Lincoln 402-483-7000 | No updates—F1P does have Dental $ and got work out to several dentists. Check GP Health emergency room to see if they are still getting dental needs in ER |
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| LGBTQ support | NP Pride has been started and Elizabeth Thayer has served as an advisory member to the group | NP Pride is currently not actively meeting |
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| Childcare | Ladybug Crossing reopened Kid’s Academy | Childcare option to open in Sutherland—Ladybug Crossing |
|  | Trucks & Tiaras-2 locations |  |
|  | Cuddles & Imaginations-expanding infant room |  |
|  | Noah’s Ark-purchase of larger facility |  |
| Needs | Overnight childcare, Daycares in schools for teaching staff, childcares with bilingual staff, Recruit for more in-home providers | No updates |
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| Mental Health | Current Strategy is to build lower level supports as prevention measures:   * Positive Solutions for Families(Parent Pyramid) * PIWI ( Parents Interacting With Infants)-1-3 yr * Boys Town Common Sense Parenting * Boys Town partnering with Region II to provide support to families who have child with behavioral heath needs | No major updates   * Positive Solutions for Families class held * Play is the Way -event organized by Rooted in Relationships-held at NP Public Library * Sixpence program is full at this time * Meetings coming up 11.29.22 to get input for MIECHv (Maternal & Infant Health Home Visiting-DHHS) |
|  | Connecting with local resources:   * Project Connect * Community Baby Showers * Central Navigation * Latino Health Fair-Hope Esperanza * Keith County Outreach | Main outreach by Families 1st is to SW NE 7 counties |
| Guardianship fees | No known sources—DaveThomas Foundation-not likely | No Updates |
| Bi-lingual forms | Great need for more forms in Spanish—WCDHD & Hope Esperanza working to build support | No updates  Region II has purchased translator devices |
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| Technology  Free access to  Services | Many applications now online. Those w/o internet access are limited. With ease of COVID restrictions-more is available in person |  |
| Refugee Services |  | Berean Church members have been actively sponsoring Ukrainian families that come to the community—provide many basic needs |
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| Veteran’s Services |  | SSVF ( Support Services for Veteran’s Families) does not have staff in a local office—must call to Scottsbluff for assistance. C Sabin & T Courter to find out more about how to get local services |
| Single persons on  Fixed incomes or senior citizens or those needing a caregiver | Few supports available for single individuals—Families 1st has gone to a $100 per person support | Group suggested that this needs to be more & recommendation was $500 per single individual in a year  Coaches to be informed.  ACTION item |
| Coaching support | More options needed for agencies that can coach—New coaching agencies gained through Brain Injury Alliance, Ran Shir Rescue, Independence Rising, Hope Esperanza, | Opportunities for more coaching through DoL SNAP next step. Efforts need to be made for education-Rent Wise, You $, Your Goals, Opportunity Passport offered regularly |
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| Addiction Services | City of NP reports that there are continued talks and outreach to find a provider wiling to take on a Detox Center -funding is available | “The Bridge” in Lincoln has shown interest and starting a branch here. Still working on this |
|  |  | Need more info out about NA & AA services-get schedules out to more |
|  |  | Connection Shelter—Ashley Lewis has taken training to facilitate a strengths based recovery program that is not faith based—more info to come |
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| Laundry services |  | Check with National Guard |
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| BARRIERS |  |  |
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| Housing | Need for developers, Rising rents disqualify some from  Assistance programs |  |
| Transportation | Continued high cost to purchase and/or repair a vehicle |  |
| Childcare | Shortage of workers who want to go into childcare does  Limit enrollments/full capacity |  |
| Mental Health | Participant engagement in education, coaching |  |
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| OPPORTUNITIES |  |  |
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| Agape Giving | Partnership between Families 1st & faith-based organizations  To better meet human needs in the community. |  |
| Photo Voice | Outreach to unconnected youth to use photography as a means of communication/expression-Connection Shelter & Keith Co CASA | Use of Photo Voice for recruitment to youth leadership chapter |
| ECMH  Early Childhood  Mental Health | Rooted in Relationship will host a family engagement activity  At NP Public Library—October 21st—10 families attended each of 2 sessions. |  |
| Plans of Safe Care |  | Community members meet regularly to make suggestions for a “binder” that will serve as a safety net guide for pregnant women who are also substance users. The binder is meant to outline all their resources, supports, etc |
| Parenting through Recovery |  | Lived experience group that is working on panel presentation to provide feedback on positive & negative supports in the community for those who are struggling with substance abuse and parenting |
| Presbyterian  Church |  | Sanitation and health kits available. See Flyer |
| Families 1st  NP Giving Day |  | Suggestion for focus of donations received: Food insecurity—protein source in particular.  F1P will work on use of the donations to provide vouchers for protein items—Also will check with the hunter donation program. |

Next meeting: February 28, 1 pm—by Zoom