Families 1st Partnership Collaborative Meeting February 23rd, 2021 1:00pm

Attendance: Caroline Sabin, Tori Courter, Gerri, Ashley Lewis, Joy Trail, Jessica Fumanski, Hannah Phipps, Janet Livingston, Renee Callaghan, Melissa Walker, Jamie Blevins, Krista Dressel, Margot Dainowski, Melissa Friedrich, Jen – Habitat for Humanity, Judy Pederson, Heather Tjaden, Marnia Hughes, Bobbi Carpenter, Kathy Scusa, Keri Miller

Families 1st Partnership working to expand to additional counties – currently expanded to Keith Co and Perkins Co.

Last Meeting Discussions: specifically around mental health care needs in our community and ensuring that our community has access to those – Families 1st Partnership worked to encourage all agencies, support groups, etc to register on Families 1st Partnership website

Continue to recommend and refer individuals, support groups, agencies, etc to register on our Directory

1. Need for Dental Care for those receiving Medicaid
* Biggest barriers this group sees is Providers (reimbursements) and Number of cancellations from Medicaid patients; as well as the amount of work required and the repetitive issues
* Dental care prevention education to these families?
* Lack of information on why dental appointments are frequently cancelled by this demographic of individuals
* No Medicaid Dental providers in this community – families having to travel to other communities for dental care
* Suggestion to have meeting with Dentists locally to see who would be willing to work on these patients as well as Medicaid managed care providers so they know the struggle that this is causing in our community
* Mobile dental unit?
* Creating Dental Task Force to include dentists, Medicaid care plans, community providers, etc. to meet for the first time in April

MCNA (Medicaid Dental Program) for this area- Ricky Fletcher -rfletcher@mcna.net

1. Transportation/Registration/Gas
* Education for those needing assistance with transportation?
* Partnering with the college to provide education to those needing vehicle assistance?