Tuesday May 23, 2023-Quarterly Collaboration Meeting and Service Array Review

* Youth Family Development-Not on slide show
  + Community education
  + Funding issues
  + Better coordination of services
* Update on what areas to focus on
  + Transportation
  + Communication
  + Identifying groups
* Transportation:
  + John Hale- If we try to rely on the city’s bus system we’ll get nowhere, need to come up with different options.
  + Jen-Bicycles & Strollers
  + Problems in the past with bicycles in the past-lost or stolen, abandoned the program.
  + Sarah White- superintendent NP Public to encourage bus routes for students. More school involvement with transportation.
  + EDN-Worth asking about carpooling, limited resources, she thinks they want to get out of the bus routes.
  + John Hale-concerns about carpooling logistics and problems.
  + Subcontracting transportation for school. Grand Island Public does this.
  + Find easier ways to provide daycare transportation.
  + Family First/Bobbi- funding through grant writing for transportation. Need people to write the grants and then run the program; follow through.
  + Shelly-Questions about data to identify the problems for families.
    - Both time constraints during drop off-parents both working
    - Limited car, 1-car family.
    - No transportation or access to vehicle.
    - Health issues preventing parents being able to drop off.
    - City buses full
  + Questions of why were even speaking about transportation in this setting.
    - Identified as common denominator.
    - Some believe this is a city planning issue.
    - Zoom attendant-community/charitable solutions that need to be utilized/explored.
    - City and the school need to be held accountable to establish and participate in addressing transportation.
    - Not a nonprofit responsibility to fund the solution; but to bring solutions to the table.
  + Groups that need to focus on this issue.
    - Schools
    - Medical
    - City/Chamber of Commerce. (Uber, ride share, etc.)
    - New companies coming to community.
  + Possible task force (Key players) to work on transportation, and then be able to bring it to people/groups that can create change and solutions.
    - Task Force-Businesses affected with transportation issues, administrators/school board.
  + Possibility of George from the bulletin to call out the key players.
  + Businesses are going to help step up to fill the worker need/transportation for employees.
  + Possible invitees to be on transportation task force.
    - City officials
    - School officials (public & private)
    - Sustainable Beef officials
    - Wal-Mart DC officials
    - Hospital officials/medical
    - Menards Officials
    - Center for Rural Affairs
    - Dept. of Labor
    - Hotels-(Tag from the hotel association)
    - People who need transportation resources
  + Concerns that transportation task force needs to be more centralized and specific before opening it up.
  + United Way 211 services-explore how they got it running and utilize it.
  + Promotion for more uber drivers/ride shares
    - Employers can link up an account with uber drivers-Uber business.
    - Under 18 can have account linked to their parents’ account
  + Survey on family first website to find the need for transportation.
    - Link on social media to be available to public
      * Have you missed work, school or an appointment due to transportation issues in the last 30 days?
      * Have you missed an opportunity/event in the past 30 days due to transportation issues?
        + What was/were the opportunity/event you missed?
      * What is your most common mode of transportation?

* Communication:
  + Service Directory
    - available in 2 different ways
      * QR code
      * family first website.
    - You can search by category of need or organization.
    - New Feature-Discussion Board to find resources quickly and efficiently.
      * Members with a login can only be on the discussion board.
  + Emergency contacts through QR code-easy & quick access to crisis resources
    - Numbers to emergency contacts
    - Crisis lines-hot buttons, click on them and they dial the live crisis hotline.
    - Directory to non-emergencies at the top of the page.
    - Posters with QR available in Spanish and English.
* Mental Health/Substance Abuse:
  + Updates on mental health data
    - Depression rates statistics
    - Drug use-opioids and marijuana
    - No one wants to take on drug and alcohol rehab
* Childcare
  + Ladybug crossing-full because of staffing issues
    - 2 in NP & Sutherland
  + Trucks and Tiaras-full
  + Noah’s Ark
    - New facility
    - Working at full capacity at what they’re staffed for
  + Cuddles & Imaginations
    - Refinished and can now take more children.
    - Holding spaces for Sustainable Beef.
  + In-Home
    - Many are retiring or quitting.
    - Training-continuing education
    - ESU 16 Offers training-many on Saturday
* Missing Data:
  + Veteran’s community.
    - Shir-About 5 veterans interested in join a support group. Welcome home veterans for the whole state.
      * [shir@biane.org](mailto:shir@biane.org)
  + Substance Abuse
    - Binge drinking & vaping
  + Disability Information
    - On it or need to get on it
    - Lower level of assistance
    - How do we address those needs
    - Understanding/education of their benefits
    - Understanding/education on what they can receive while waiting for benefits.
    - Bobbi-Not a friendly environment at social security
      * Not contusive to learn about benefits there
      * Tori-Recommends using the SOAR program; friendly and knowledgeable
        + [Soar@nmca.org](mailto:Soar@nmca.org)
      * Disability waiver wait list-families don’t know they need to apply about 8 years before they turn 22. Gap in the community.
        + Should be done before middle school
        + Should be done mid-elementary during IEP meeting.
        + School systems & families need to be educated in this process. NP and surrounding areas.

3 significant needs & IQ number, under70

Needs include-sight, hearing, physical, etc.

Information is available & training through ESU 16 but it’s not utilized.

Information needs to be advertised-clinics and hospitals

Service directory

Medical professionals

* + - * Felon Data
        + Sheriffs’ office, Kevin with the city?
        + North Platte 3rd highest crime rate in Nebraska.
        + McCook Work Force Program
        + Sheriff staff (Rowley and Jerome)
        + Probation Office
        + Crime Commission required to have this information
        + Employment of felons

Housing concerns

No snap benefits

* + - * + Railroad has program for felons called 2nd Chance.
      * Undocumented
        + Access to health care and lack of health care coverage
        + Language barriers

West Central-Needing groups who work with minorities to be a part of survey to address minority issues.

* + - * + Legal Resources for minority/undocumented.
* Next Steps
  + Transportation Task Force
  + Childcare (in-home and education)
  + Disability education and advocating