**NEEDS Current things in the works:**

Housing Options Platte River Mall Apartments—96 units-rent amount not known yet

Project housing area near cemetery -51 lots—need developer

Transitional housing-NP Housing &Connection Homeless Shelter

may end up being permanent vs. transitional--

Rent/deposit assistance available through agencies-COVID funds expire 9/30/22

Possibility of 3D generated concrete units—100 units

Transportation Mid-NE Community Action-COVID Car repair funds—expire 9/30/22

Language barrier for those needing to Families 1st-ARPA $ towards car repair

schedule transportation Families 1st-providing gas vouchers and bus passes

After hours transportation

People can’t afford cars—renew bike program?

Dental Survey of dentists—some do pro bono, but only 2 take restricted # of Medicaid.

Updates for dentists taking Medicaid: Heartland Dental, Grand Island and

Blome Family Dentistry, Lincoln, NE 402-483-7000

Utilities Assistance ERA program if COVID related—September 9th is last day for applications

Community Action & Families 1st

Driver’s Ed for Adults Kearney-NE Safety Center 308-865-8256

LGBTQ support People’s Health have started a group—Correction—NP Pride has started the

Group-Elizabeth Thayer is an advisory member for the group

Mental Health support Building lower level supports as preventive measures

* Parent Pyramid-Rooted in Relationships
* More trained for PIWI (Parents Interacting With Infants)-a play-based parenting strategy
* Boys Town Common Sense Parenting-1 held

Two more budgeted for new year

* Boys Town partnering with Region II to provide support to families who have children with behavioral health needs—Referrals go to Jaime at Boys Town

Connecting with local resources

* Project Connect
* Central Navigation
* Community Baby Shower
* Latino Health Fair w/Hope Esperanza
* Keith County Outreach—Regional agency

Assistance for Guardianship legal fees No known resources-Dave Thomas Foundation—Not likely

Extermination & home repairs Families 1st-ARPA request includes pest control & minor home repairs

Childcare Ladybug Crossing re-opened Kid’s Academy

Overnight Childcare Trucks & Tiaras -2 locations now

Daycares in schools for teaching staff Cuddles & Imaginations-expanding infant room

Recruit for more in-home providers Noah’s Ark-purchase of larger facility

No updates on wait lists at childcares, but anticipate 500 spots needed

More forms in other languages WCDHD Minority Health Initiative -advocating for Hispanic population

Hope Esperanza working on all basic living needs for minority populations

Technology free access to services

8.23.22—Identified needs

Refugee Services

Veteran’s Services

More support for single adults on fixed income Families 1st will do $100 towards needs—this doesn’t cover a lot—seeking more

Assistance for seniors or disabled needing caregivers Funds for single individuals—Giving Day received $1680.

Coaching for those who aren’t connected to a

specific agency/need— Brain Injury Alliance may be available as a coaching resource—Central Plains also

Addiction Services City of NP reports that there are continuing talks and outreach to find a

Hospital/provider willing to take on a Detox center for the region-Funding is

available.

Laundry Services

**Barriers:**

Housing—Need for developers to take on building projects

Rising rents disqualify some from assistance program if higher than fair market rent

Transportation—Current purchase cost of vehicles, costs to repair

Childcare-Shortage of workers who want to go into childcare limits the enrollment

Mental Health—Participant engagement in education, coaching,

**Opportunities:**

1. Agape Giving-Families 1st is partnering with Faith based organizations to start a program to meet human needs. 6 churches are currently participating. Families with need of items can make requests for through the Families 1st website or use of QR code application. The request goes out to the participating churches to see who may be able to meet the need. This could eventually expand to businesses or philanthropists to provide item or funds to cover purchase of the item. This is in the beginning stages as the system and process is tested.
2. PHOTO Voice-An outreach to unconnected youth to learn photography as a skill and as a form of communication. This is being carried out through Keith Co. CASA and Connection Homeless Shelter. Funds to continue have been requested through Snow Red Fern Foundation
3. Early Childhood Mental Health workgroup (Rooted in Relationships)—Planning a family engagement activity—projected for October.
4. Parenting through Recovery—grant award $15K—Develop a mentor group for those with lived experience-parenting through substance use recovery. Panel discussion to be facilitated by the National Center for Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. The purpose of the panel discussion is to bring awareness of local support needed to keep parents in recovery.
5. Proposed LEAP Chapter in Keith County—to address identified need of more activities for middle school youth. LEAP-(Leadership Opportunities-Active Participation)—Leadership curriculum plus community volunteerism are part of the model
6. Expansion to SW NE—agreement with SW Nebraska Child Advocacy Team to do outreach in the SW counties: Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Dundy, Chase, Perkins, Red Willow, ---This creates opportunities to apply for funding that covers a region vs. a smaller population.