

Local Leadership Group Notes
8.17.2016 12:30pm-2:30pm
Harley Franks Educational Center

Members Present Nola Schramm, Jamie Yeomans, Christina Redmond, Dorothy Cooks, Jodi Spicer, Jessica Baker, MC Rothhorn, Kristen Osterhouse

Parent Café Relationships/Social Connections

How does an acquaintance become a friend?

MC is leaving! He works at MSU now and plans to attend events if possible. If you want to stay in touch please email him personally at MRothhorn@gmail.com and any Parent Coalition follow up will be handled by Jessica Baker. He will be missed dearly!

Healthy Families America Updates (Jodi Spicer)

HFA funding has not been released however the program will continue to operate as is for now.

More posters have been ordered. Flyers are currently available. Remember that HFA is focusing on the city of Lansing to get the word out. The family **MUST** reside in the city (even 48917 delta or 48906) as long as it's a Lansing address.

There were no new referrals in July. Also a family exited the program.

There were eight referrals in August. There referrals came mostly from CareHub via The City Rescue Mission so there is a nice comprehensive partnership to look at needs for a family needing resources.

Currently the program numbers are:

26 currently enrolled

3 pending enrollment

7 pending assessment

At the annual Home Visiting Conference in August, Jodi asked the parent panel to tell what happens when a home visitor does not feel like a good fit. She

shared the story of one of the parents in the panel who was NOT a good fit with her home visitor because of age difference and life experiences. Jodi wanted to know about contact that kept this parent engaged despite that fact. It was revealed the supervisor wanted feedback and would NOT stop calling. Therefore persistence is key. The supervisor was willing to come back out because the parent and supervisor hit it off during initial intake and the supervisor seemed genuinely interested in finding the right fit to keep the parent in the program.

An additional strategy learned through the process is to follow up with call/text Effie shared she's learned it takes an average of 6 contacts before someone responds, even if they are interested.

Kristen asked about the process. Jodi explained the first home visit must occur within first 3 months and an assessment within first 2 weeks of birth. Can work with family up to 5 years but usually it will be 3 and then they will transition to a preschool program. Enrollment is based on fit and risk and HFA will provide support, resources, screenings, etc.

HFA is wrapping up the CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) project and still has 9 active referrals with a goal of 10. The project has been helpful and an additional strategy learned through the process is to follow up with calls and texts. Effie shared she's learned it takes an average of 6 contacts before someone responds, even if they are interested.

In finalizing CQI work, Effie asked if it was possible to involve Mary M. from Expectant Parent Organization (EPO) to see if she can refer parents or when she connects them to a car seat resource. Also, Mickie Kreft from Sparrow Hospital, is a car seat technician and could be another potential referral source.

Perinatal Moods Disorders Training

Friday September 16th 9-2:30 at Grace United Methodist Church

Flyer is available today. Please distribute widely and sign up on the Eventbrite link here asap: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/perinatal-mood-disorders-tickets-27091826382>

Please share with families in programs to attend at 12:30 for community resources and lunch.

Jamie mentioned we should capture emails at sign in for all home visitors so they can participate in planning for the training next year and we should consider another flyer in PDF for the hyperlink.

CPS Zipcodes Christina

The number of removals in the hardest hit areas are as follows: 48906 (82) 48910 (80) and 48911 (63)

48906 is all the way north to clark rd east past 69 and as far west as were 69 and 96 meet and willow highway.

48910 is north of mt hope, south to jolly rd, east of farm lane and west of pleasant grove.

48911 is Jolly and north up to Waverly, East of where 496 and 96 merge, East to college rd, West to creyts rd, and South to holt rd.

There was some surprise that 48906 had such a high rate of removal. Effie described it as a split personality zip code with both poverty and affluence depending on the area.

Dorothy suggested we keep it visual and find out what other organizations are in the 48906 community. This way, we can partner with them for outreach.

Kelly with Early Headstart has a home visitor who specifically deals with 48906.

Is there a church we can get into in each zip code? Does the health department have an immunization site located in those spots?

MC and Christina outlined the areas on a map.

LLG Parent Recruitment/2017 Meeting Structure

Happy LLG New Year in October!

How can we make the meetings more parent friendly? Should we move back to the Family Growth Center? Should we consider a different 2.5 hour slot? Should we move the meeting to Tuesday or Thursday?

Jamie Yeomans mentioned preschool drop off and pick up times could be an issue. Baby and toddler nap times could be an issue. What would be best to avoid this? On site childcare through Family Growth center plus food and snacks would be helpful. Once a month can Panera donate bagels and cream cheese to a parent group in Lansing or even quarterly? Effie can look into this for October.

Would the Culinary program from ISD be willing to bake and donate cookies? Jessica can follow up with this.