

Local Leadership Group Notes
July 31, 2019
2:00pm-4:00pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Family Growth Center)
549 Mt. Hope Ave. Lansing, MI 48910

1. Welcome/Introductions
Parent Café Question:
How do you make amends when you mess-up in a relationship?
Everyone shared their thoughts with an elbow partner before a few share outs.
2. June Meeting Review
June notes and July agenda approved. The meeting working agreements were reviewed.
3. Home Visiting Continuum
2020 Domestic Violence Training and Implicit Bias Training are on the list. Working to partner with Foster Care Training. Need to determine when we can fit all trainings into next year, including the Speed Dating Event on September 6th and the Parent Panel in May 2020.
4. Great Parents Great Start
Michelle will have an update in September. Any questions can be directed to Michelle.
5. CQI: Speed Dating Event
-Currently working on 2nd PDSA Cycle. The CQI Team is meeting more frequently. Speed Dating Event is scheduled for September 6th.

-A survey was sent out to all HV supervisors and they were asked to share the survey with their staff to see how well LLG info was being disseminated to HV staff that does not attend LLG meetings.

-We had a good response from the staff, so it appears the supervisors are passing on LLG information to staff.

-Kathy V. shared that her staff prefer information be shared verbally versus an email because they get so many emails.

-The flyer for the Speed Dating event was sent out today, July 31st to all the supervisors and anyone who responded to the above survey.

-The Speed Dating event will give all the programs an opportunity to share about their programs and also have an opportunity to network and build relationships with other staff members from other programs.

-All supervisors need to identify a staff member to present at the table. Lisa will provide info.

-September 4th is the deadline to register

-2nd Date could be with Foster Care workers and Legal System.

-Emily would like to have a living contact document for all the programs to be able to access and update as changes in staff occur. The CQI Team is working to create this document and get it posted on the LLG website with a password protection so only home visitors can access it.

-Kelly would like to develop business card holders for families to put on their fridge to help them identify which programs they are enrolled in to reduce the confusion between the programs.

-Need to follow-up on this discussion. Talk to the parents to get feedback. There were mixed feelings about whether or not the parents would use this.

6. Parent Voice:

How do you advocate for yourself and your child(ren)?

- Ask questions and stay involved
- Pray about the situation
- Get multiple opinions.
- Follow your “mom-stinct”
- Communication is key
- Rely on the experience of others to help make difficult decisions. Support is a main resource that is needed.

7. Spotlight

Pastor Coye Bouyer, Shared Pregnancy Dad’s Group

- Pastor Coye comes from the Kingdom Life Church that he started 10 years ago. His focus is to give back to the Lansing community that he was raised and continue to keep the church as a forefront.
- Shared Pregnancy counsels women to not have abortions. Most of the focus was on the mother but there was little father involvement. The mothers receive double the points from the program if the father comes and is involved. He was asked to step-in because past pastors did not connect culturally to the community.
 - The Dad’s Group meets every Wednesday at 11am. The group focuses on how the fathers should conduct themselves and take responsibility. There is also a Bible study. The Bible study is conducted by relating the fathers’ situations or concerns etc. with biblical solutions.
 - About 1-3 men attend the group
 - Open to have program and/or teaching/education resources

*Emily was interested in contacts and how to connect with families who do not belong to a congregation but are interested.

Agency Updates/Announcements

- Power 96.5 has a Backpack Event August 15th from 4-6pm at Gier
- Connect for Kids is at the Lansing Center 9:30am on August 19th
- The Health Department is partnering with Community Mental Health for Awareness Day on August 15th from 2-5:30pm at the Health Department. (No Back to School Health Fair this year)
 - Mental Health screenings
 - Food
 - Bounce House
- Community Mental Health has a Social Worker position open. MSW is required.
- Partnership Survey was sent out. Please be sure to take the survey ASAP.**