

Coalition for New Britain's Youth – Leadership Group Meeting

June 29, 2016

Introductions

Robin Sparks updates:

- New Britain -All American City Award Winner
- Community Issues/Equity & Education Grant – due August 15th Email Robin Sparks to be on Planning Group
- Scorecard Framework on website next week – Goal work plans are the next step
- Paulette Fox – more marketing necessary to connect and expand groups
- Parent Organizer Position for PLEA has been posted, contact Robin Sparks with resume

Strategy Group Updates

Data Group

- Results scorecards available this Friday – link will be sent out via email
- Asking for suggestions/recommendations if any changes are needed
- Narrative with each indicator needs

Professional Development

Training Opportunities

- (bite sized) CT Afterschool Network as Provider
 - Lunch time training 12-130pm
 - Effective facilitation of meetings, preparing for meetings, leadership etc.
- (full day trainings) Leadership Greater Hartford as Provider
 - Collective Impact
 - Facilitating groups, moving agenda of diverse groups forward, etc
 - For chairs, Strategy groups leaders, etc.
- When would be a good time to hold meetings?
(bite sized)
 - Not winter/holiday season
 - Can we do this virtually?
 - September is a bad time – start of school
 - October, November, March, April, May -good months
(full day)
 - TUE, WED, Thursdays –ok
 - Once per month, not all at once

Parent Group

- New Dates for Parent Cafés
- Working on recruitment
- 7 active members right now

Family Connections Group

- Create a list of programs that provide case management about literacy for parents
- Increase strategy for literacy – looking at data
- Recruiting members- contacting former members, and thinking of new members
- Location change – 57 Fern Street – Housing Employment and Training Center

Early Learning Group

- Recruitment for Birth to 3 group
- Framework
- Budget cut for school readiness
- Care for kids has budget cuts – new families will be effected with budget cuts
 - Meet at YWCA for crisis meeting/advocacy Thursday, June 30th 5:30pm

Youth & Workforce

- Pregnancy prevention & youth violence main focus
 - Anti-violence rally this summer
- Rich Mullins – Opportunity Youth Career Pathway
 - Develop better pipeline for those not going to college
 - Entire career pathway

Health & Wellness

- Obesity Sub Committee
 - Parks & Rec working on walking paths awareness & usage
 - Health department waiting for report back from UCONN – asthma data from school district
 - Policies of preschools – are there ways we can improve to prevent childhood obesity/asthma
- Behavioral Health
 - Reviewing search institute data – how to build protective factors
 - Developing inventory of what mental health services are available to families, Gaps?
 - Prevention and healthy development and best practice tools – social and emo. Development into school programming.
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention

- 2nd highest teen pregnancy rate, just behind Hartford
- Availability of reproductive health services (planned parenthood)

Planned parenthood president-Southern New England –Judy Tabar

- Overview of Services-
 - 1700 patients served currently
 - 20% teens
 - Located at HOCC- open 2 days per week: T, R 4:30-7:30pm
 - Call center to inform patients- info of how to get to different centers as well as social media ads
 - Sexuality Educators – 230 people served in 1 year
 - Teen/Peer Education program in Hartford – peer ambassadors

Questions/Comments from audience

- Programming to New Britain Community?
 - Resource Challenges –Health Services are Funded Federally, by State, & by donors
 - Where is funding for peer education program from? – Donors
 - How long does training take to become a peer educator? (Full-time Staff Member needed, with ongoing support) Teen Talk – 4 session program
 - Paulette Fox could incorporate into Capitol Workforce Partners Curriculum
 - \$800,000 to open a center, 4000 visits per year necessary, and state funding necessary.
 - How can we adapt current programs/facilities to be effective without the funding/help from your program?
 - Suggestion: Connect with CHC
 - Need 2 exam rooms, 2000 sq feet for health center
 - Data – Are you collecting data on effectiveness of teen peer program?
 - CDC deemed program ‘promising’
 - CDC ‘certified space’ is next step
 - Suggestion: Can you work with existing STD clinics?

DAP Report = Developmental Assets Plan and Breakout Sessions

- How many assets do students in NB have (to be successful)
- Review ‘Search Institute’ Handout- Consider top value priorities

Next meeting: Beginning of Oct. / Afternoon Meeting

Networking Time built into meetings / name tags or tents with organization listed