# Not One More Child Meeting Notes November 13, 2017

Colorado Child Maltreatment Prevention Framework for Action Community Planning Grant partnership and collaboration with NOMC – Kathy Orr, Peaceful Households Executive Director

- Peaceful Households applied for a state grant to work on a collaborative community approach to develop a framework to prevent child abuse and neglect. In all, 26 entities applied and 16 received approximately \$17,000 per site.
- The state announced the grant about a year ago, and DHS had been watching for the application. There was an exceptionally brief window to apply, so DHS supported Peaceful Households application.
- Not One More Child will serve as the core group, with those who express interest meeting more often through the process to develop the framework.
- The end product, with a due date of July 31<sup>st</sup>, will be a strategic community plan.
- Work will conclude looking at policies, cultural changes, and services. The state assigns a facilitator to assist with the project.
- Kathy Orr, kathy.orr@peacefulhouseholds.org, is the main contact for the grant work. Karen Trierweiler is project support.

# Child Abuse Prevention Month – Julie Krow, DHS Executive Director

- Child Abuse Prevention Month is in April and DHS will create a spreadsheet of ideas and confirmed projects.
- Some ideas:
  - Reach out to partners and create window clings that can be displayed on windows of vehicles or businesses and other locations, such as schools and homes.
  - Create new pins with the same design but add metallic/pearlized/glitter/reflective look to make it pop.
  - Cases of Love needs a new location for the annual suitcase collection for children in outof-home care.
  - Car seat safety checks (potentially partner with Safe for Kids, UC Health, CSPD)
  - Some kind of big kickoff event with the District Attorney's Office and law enforcement.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Look into media sponsorship for ads aimed at preventing abuse/neglect.
- Human trafficking event
  - Proposed: expert panel or film and discussion
  - We have several people to contact at CSPD and the DA's office to participate.
  - CDHS has webinars available on the subject matter as well as possible contacts.
  - Trails may be updated so that information such as numbers can be tallied about human trafficking information when it is part of a child abuse/neglect case.
  - Law enforcement could come and present to NOMC.
- CDHS is looking to embrace pinwheels across the state.
- Peaceful Households will host its annual Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Conference.

## Committee Updates ....

#### Communication

- NOMC Community Cards are being ordered (English). Spanish cards are available. Contact kristinaiodice@elpasoco.com if you would like some for your organization.
- DHS PIO will look into costs, options, and availability for Public Service Announcements in local media.
- DHS PIO will begin work to create a baby safety video that will include both safe sleep points and child abuse/shaken baby prevention.

### **Colorado Department of Human Services**

 CDHS is looking for ways to continue the "it takes a community to prevent child abuse and neglect" and asks organizations for stories that could be shared via social media. There are many ways to contribute to preventing child abuse and neglect. If you have someone to feature, contact Sarah Krcal, CDHS Public Awareness Communications Specialist, at 303.866.3258 or sarah.krcal@state.co.us.

### Data Committee

- The mapping team created new maps to show the distribution of abuse/neglect reports with an overlay of poverty information from Census data. The new maps show the percentage of population living below the poverty level in each block group.
- The additional maps are posted online: <u>http://dhs.elpasoco.com/Pages/NOMCChildAbuseData.aspx</u>
- CDHS shares a lot of statewide data on the Community Performance Center: http://www.cdhsdatamatters.org/

#### Faith Based Community

- The Exchange Club of Falcon received the Foster Child Ornaments for the Gift Card Angel Trees from Lutheran Family Services and Hope and Home. They still need sponsors for gift card trees, so if your organization can sponsor one it would really help! Ornaments for gifts are also available if your agency would like to collect toys instead. The Exchange Club of Falcon can provide a small tree if needed to display the ornaments. Please contact: Kerry MacIntyre; Chair, Child Abuse Prevention Committee; The Exchange Club of Falcon; 803.847.0534; <a href="https://www.kyndrashope@usa.com">kyndrashope@usa.com</a>. In 2016, Angel Tree coordinated the giving of almost 10,000 gifts and gift cards.
- Kyndra's Hope has car seats, reflective safety items, and baby boxes. Contact Kerry MacIntyre (<u>kyndrashope@usa.com</u>).
- Careportal
  - Caseworkers make requests for families, and churches use their congregation network to fill the request. Video: <u>https://vimeo.com/156324868</u>
  - CarePortal seeks 10 additional churches to expand the reach and impact of the program.

o Mike Worley can be reached at 719-659-2781 or mike@beautifulredemption.com

### First Responders

- Assistant District Attorney Kim Kitchen will take the lead in reaching out to agencies to encourage participation in NOMC.

### **Hospital and Medical Community**

- St. Francis reviewed their approach with new parents regarding Safe Sleep education.
  - Sleep sacks go home with all new families.
  - All new parents watch the shaken baby video.
  - A complete packet sent home with each family includes information regarding Safe Sleep habits.
- Safe Sleep
  - Presentations have happened/will happen at Court Care and Westside Cares.
  - Coroner Dr. Bux support our efforts to communicate Safe Sleep practices to the community.
  - NOMC will extend an invitation to Dr. Leon Kelly from the Coroner's Office to attend meetings.
  - Kyndra's Hope has baby boxes. Contact Kerry MacIntyre (<u>kyndrashope@usa.com</u>).

### Military

- Fort Carson is looking to expand boot camp sessions for dads. The sessions are a proven prevention technique: To date, no fathers who have gone through the class have been involved in confirmed neglect/abuse cases.
- New leadership is focused on families and mentor dads to continue prevention efforts.

The Not One More Child large group will next meet at 9 a.m. **January 8,** in the Assessor's Training Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Citizens Services Center, 1675 Garden of the Gods Dr.

If your committees plan to meet between now and then, I'll gladly share those details with the group. Just let me know!

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