

Not One More Child Meeting Notes

October 15, 2018

Child Abuse Prevention Month Brainstorming Session

(Julie Krow, Department of Human Services Executive Director)

- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
- DHS is partnering with the Colorado Springs Conservatory on some sort of creative project.
- Goal is to focus Child Abuse Prevention Month on “what can we do to help the children in El Paso County.”
- Use CAP Month as a way to highlight need to foster and adoptive families. Not everyone can be a home for youth, but everyone can do something.
- El Paso County has a high number of children in residential and congregate care and we want to bring them “home.”
- Ideally, as many partners as possible will be involved. (If your organization has an event or something planned, please let us know!)
- Art collaboration idea: doors and/or windows decorated by children in foster care that could be displayed around the community.
 - o Art on one side, story on the other side (highlight hopes/dreams/aspirations)
 - o Create printed materials to go with displays to suggest action steps to the public
- April 5 is the tentative date for an expanded child abuse prevention event. Lead organizer is Kerry MacIntyre-Henry (kyndrashope@usa.com or 803-847-0534).
- The annual conference by Peaceful Households is April 24 at the Antlers Hotel. Registration is not yet open, but more information is online at <https://www.peacefulhouseholds.org/2019-annual-conference>

Review of 2017 density maps of child abuse/neglect data

Data Committee (Mike Duysen, El Paso County IT)

- The mapping team completed maps with 2017 data to show the distribution of abuse/neglect reports.
- In the process of creating the heat maps, some addresses were dismissed as being invalid, or they could not be found. Nearly 14,000 records were matched.
- Some good news: Small increases make for encouraging trends.
- Referred Cases
 - o More intense to the north (Austin Bluffs Parkway)
 - o More intense to west (Colorado Avenue)
 - o More intense to the south (Cheyenne Meadows)
 - o More intense in Northern Powers Boulevard/Falcon
 - o Max density moved slightly to west (near Fountain/Academy)

- Assessed cases
 - o Largely the same from 2016 to 2017
 - o More intense on northeast side of city (Woodmen Road/East of Powers Boulevard) – this may reflect population growth, since there are relatively new schools in that area
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- Founded Cases
 - o Here
 - o More intense in the Rockrimmon area
 - o Less intense near Manitou (Colorado Avenue corridor)
 - o Max density moved slightly to west (near Fountain/Academy)
- There was a spike in the areas near Fort Carson.
- For the most part, high density areas for abuse and/or neglect were largely unchanged; without the growth charted in previous years.
- The number of child abuse/neglect reports is increasing at about the same pace as previous years
- Maps are posted online: <http://dhs.elpasoco.com/Pages/NOMCChildAbuseData.aspx>
- Mapping details will change as child protection shifts to Differential Response, or DR, when responding to reports of child abuse and neglect. The shift began this year, but is not yet complete.

Committee Updates

Communication

- NOMC Community Cards are available in English and Spanish cards. Contact kristinaiodice@elpasoco.com if you would like some for your organization.
- We are working on updating the safe caregiver magnets, with a generous offer of support from Fort Carson.
- CDHS has a lot of materials to prevent child abuse and neglect available online to download for printing and sharing. Visit http://www.co4kids.org/2018_CAPM for materials.
- DHS PIO has created a 30-second safe sleep video, which can be shared: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWN_jw9TGno&feature=youtu.be
- More information and another video is available from Public Health: <https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/healthy-babies-safe-sleep>

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- CDHS shares a lot of statewide data on the Community Performance Center: <http://www.cdhsdatamatters.org/>

Faith Based Community

- As of November 19, 2018, CarePortal has served 2,932 children through 33 churches.
- Broadmoor is working with one church on beds.
- CarePortal is still recruiting churches, and there is a way for churches to split requests.
- The effort recently expanded to Fremont County; invitations have been issued to Douglas and Arapahoe counties.
- For more information, please contact Mike Worley at Mike@beautifulredemption.com.

Medical Community

- Academy Kids Dental, Vision and Orthodontics would love to attend any community outreach events that are planned. Academy Kids Dental offers Tooth Fairy events upon request.
- In December, Academy Kids will be sponsoring a toy drive to benefit 500 families with gifts and stockings.
- For more information, contact Annette Bernal, Community Outreach Specialist, at Annette.bernal@academykidsdental.com or 719-375-9007.

Military

- Troop movements at Fort Carson as some return from deployment and other brigades exit.
- Many areas have had funding reduced
- Staff will work as climates change with deployments.

Other Updates

Lisa Jenkins – Kingdom Builders Family Life Center

- The organization is located in southeast Colorado Springs
- Programs include working with youth and families, tutoring, computer skills, life skills and meals.
- Contact: info@kingdombuildersfamilylifecenter.org; 719-464-6676

Colorado Department of Human Services

- Dianna Butler, Public Awareness Communications Specialist, has marketing materials that can be co-branded. CDHS is seeking partners in child abuse/neglect prevention efforts.
- For more information, contact Dianna at 303-866-3258 or dianna.butler@state.co.us.

Kyndra's Hope/Falcon Exchange Club

- It is time for Angel Trees and the gift card drive for foster children (Rock Mountain Kids and Lutheran Family Services). If your agency is willing to sponsor a tree, or wishes to donate, contact Kerry MacIntyre-Henry kyndrashope@usa.com or 803-847-0534.
- The Falcon Exchange Club is looking for organizations to connect with for scholarships for camps (for foster children, or those with DHS cases).
- The club is also looking to expand to non-college scholarships, such as CNA certification.

CASA

- Jessica Kobylinski is the new director of programs
- Since July, the organization has helped 468 children with 199 advocates (as of Oct. 15, 2018).
- Most children at CASA are young men, however most advocates are women. CASA seeks more male advocates. Direct those interested to <https://www.casappr.org/>.
- CASA is working to make sure children and families are connected to programs and resources to help.

BACA – Bikers Against Child Abuse

- The group focuses on helping kids in fear because of abuse or neglect; they offer a visible show of support and caring. The children can't wish themselves out of poverty but they can be given/taught the tools to live.
- BACA is looking into ways to support/Promote NOMC.
- <http://colorado.bacaworld.org/colorado/pikes-peak-chapter/>

Pikes Peak Community College

- PPCC has many resources for students, as well as sponsoring events and food help.
- For more information, contact Belenda Cornelius at 719-502-2088, 719-325-6831 or Belenda.Cornelius@ppcc.edu.

Department of Human Services

- Lynn manages resources at DHS. Organizations can share their materials with her for display.
- Contact: D. Lynn Schulz (DianaSchulz@elpasoco.com) or 719-444-5722
- How can DHS continue to grow collaborations?
- Let DHS know if there are things that case workers can do better or differently
- Help support case workers. When the community supports case workers, they do better work.

Please check the website at Notonemorechild.net for information that can be updated or added.

The Not One More Child coalition will next meet at 9 a.m. on **January 28** in the **Assessor's Training Room** in the Citizens Service Center. Prepare to hit the ground running as we plan for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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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