

Not One More Child Meeting Notes

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2017 Child Safe Sleep Fatalities – Krystal Grint, El Paso County DHS CYFS Manager

- El Paso County is not alone in seeing increasing numbers of child fatalities involving unsafe sleep practices.
- Data:
 - o 2015 – 5 reported
 - o 2016 – 2 reported
 - o 2017 – 10 reported
- The Coroner reports most child deaths to DHS as part of the investigation process. Not all are assigned for assessment. An example of a possible case assigned for assessment for possible abuse/neglect would be a situation involving drugs or alcohol.
- Most of the increase were children born in hospitals outside El Paso County. This highlights the need to find ways to better reach parents who may need educations.
- Demographic data on babies who die as a result of unsafe sleep is collected. Fatality reports, especially those involving law enforcement include many details. A member of the fatality review team will bring more detailed information to a subsequent NOMC meeting.
- Data does not show an obvious “why”; not enough documentation is provided for the child protection cases to indicate if it is a matter of a lack of education, or a family history of unsafe sleep practices.
- El Paso County Public Health and El Paso County Department of Human Services needs YOUR help as we begin work on Safe Sleep communication strategies. It would be extremely helpful to receive your feedback. Please fill out this survey and share it among your connections:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NBSNKVK>
- Parents do seem open to talk about Safe Sleep environments, especially when professionals acknowledge the reasons they may desire co-sleeping. There is often a mechanism to check for Safe Sleep environment, but it may only be a box to check during a medical visit. Peak Vista includes Safe Sleep education as part of the First Visitor Program, and hospitals share the information with new parents.

Introduction of Jill Calvert, new El Paso County DHS Director of Children, Youth and Family Services

- Jill Calvert has been in the field of Child Welfare for over 25 years. She has worked across the continuum of Child Welfare including Hotline coverage, Child Protection Intake, Adolescent Intake, Juvenile Delinquency, Concurrent/Ongoing Case Management, Foster Care coordination and as a Child Welfare Supervisor and Division Director.
- Jill has experience in implementing Child Welfare best practices and county specific programs in an atmosphere of transparency and inclusion, including rolling out Differential Response.
- She began her career in Mesa County, in Grand Junction, Colorado. Jill eventually accepted a position as the Child, Adult, and Family Services Division Manager/Director for Broomfield Health and Human Services. She has a Bachelor’s Degree from Colorado Mesa University and a Master’s Degree from Capella University.

**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.
- Smaller group has met regularly to review challenges and resources for the region.
- About 150 responded to a parent survey seeking feedback.
- One interesting observation: Libraries are a core part of the community in the region. Libraries are seen as nonthreatening and also voluntary places to visit. Librarians pay attention to families come in, and take action if concerned about the well-being of children.
- Please review the presentations, and if you have any questions, comments and observations, please contact Kathy Orr.
- The end product, with a due date of July 31st, will be the start of a strategic community plan.
- 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 April
- DHS creating window clings that can be displayed on windows of vehicles or businesses and other locations, to show support for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- DHS and the County are working on a new pin design featuring a bear and a pinwheel.
- DHS will be traveling to government leadership groups to present a Proclamation about Child Abuse and Prevention Month (El Paso County, Colorado Springs, Monument, Fountain Green Mountain Falls, Calhan)
- Two pinwheel “gardens” planned: one at El Paso County Centennial Hall and another at Citizens Service Center.
- CDHS is looking to embrace pinwheels across the state.
- A sign will be going up at the Children’s Hospital construction site with the hotline number.
- Human trafficking education/prevention event
 - o April 18, 2018
 - o Short film – “Chosen” – and a panel discussion
- Peaceful Households will host its annual Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Conference at the Antlers hotel on April 24, 2018.
- Kyndra’s Hope is working to organize an event to give away safety items and educational materials. If you’re interested in having your organization’s materials available, please contact: Kerry MacIntyre; Chair, Child Abuse Prevention Committee; The Exchange Club of Falcon; 803.847.0534; kyndrashope@usa.com.
- Any organization/entity that is hosting or sponsoring an event for Child Abuse Prevention Month should send details to Kristina at kristinaiodice@elpasoco.com to be included on the calendar of events.

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. Think ahead for April, and think of place where you can place them.
- DHS PIO will work to create a baby safety video that will include both safe sleep points and child abuse/shaken baby prevention.

Data Committee

- The mapping team will receive 2017 data to build the maps to show the distribution of abuse/neglect reports.
- Past maps are posted online: <http://dhs.elpasoco.com/Pages/NOMCChildAbuseData.aspx>
- CDHS shares a lot of statewide data on the Community Performance Center: <http://www.cdhsdatamatters.org/>

Faith Based Community

- The Exchange Club of Falcon thanks all those who generously donated to the Angel Tree program. More than \$6,000 in gift cards went to foster children, and more than 1,200 gifts were also distributed
- Kyndra's Hope has car seats, reflective safety items, and baby boxes. Contact Kerry MacIntyre (kyndrashope@usa.com). Kerry is working with Catholic churches and First Pres to share safe sleep education and materials.
- CarePortal
 - o Caseworkers make requests for families, and churches use their congregation network to fill the request. Video: <https://vimeo.com/156324868>
 - o CarePortal includes 22 churches that have served 1,503 children. One church has collected 48 beds and another has collected more than 100 boxes of diapers and wipes.
 - o CarePortal seeks 8 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, including CSFD, to encourage regular participation in NOMC.
- Det. Kory Dabb with the CSPD is expected to represent CSPD.

Hospital and Medical Community

- St. Francis continues to work on prevention materials that are given to new parents.

Military

- Two Fort Carson brigades are deploying soon, increasing the stress on families. There may be an uptick in numbers of child abuse and neglect.

- Evans Hospital and Fort Carson are looking into requiring both parents to attend the first three well-baby visits so both parents have the complete education.

The Not One More Child large group will next meet at 9 a.m. **March 26**, in the Assessor's Training Room (1st 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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