



El Cajon Collaborative Council Meeting
May 4th, 2010 Meeting Notes

Meeting Purpose: *To engage service-delivery staff and community members in resource sharing, networking, and action to benefit the children, youth and families of the El Cajon Community.*

I. Welcoming Remarks & Collaborative Updates

Pam Toohey was at a conference and therefore Lea Bush welcomed everyone and shared that Neighborhood Healthcare has offered to buy lunch for our Council meeting attendees and so we will be starting a little early (around 12PM) at our June 1st meeting. Additionally, she requested that everyone take any extra or leftover copies of their materials after the meeting.

II. Presentation & Discussion Topic: Transition Aged Youth (TAY), ages 16-25 Resources

Lorena Gurule, Program Manager for the Transitional Housing Program – Plus through San Diego Youth Services (SDYS) gave a presentation on the services and resources that are available for TAY in our area. She noted that they are able to house 19 emancipated foster/probation youth, with supportive services for approximately 24 months as long as they are ages 18-24 at locations throughout the County. The youth are required to work or be in school full time and pay a graduated scale of rent, part of which is invested in a savings account for when they leave the program. SDYS also offers transitional living for youth ages 16-24 through their Take Wing program. All youth are housing in one complex near Point Loma and pay 30% of their income. A copy of Lorena's presentation can be accessed here:

http://www.elcajoncollaborative.org/uploads/1/4/1/5/1415935/transitional_housing_program-plus_elcajon2.pdf

Additional information regarding the Take Wing program for any youth ages 16-24 is available here:

http://www.elcajoncollaborative.org/uploads/1/4/1/5/1415935/take_wing_program_information.pdf

Other groups which offer services specific to the TAY population were invited to share resources, attending participants included:

- Harmonium, Inc.
- Motivating the Teen Spirit
- Vista Hill ParentCare Case Management

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III. Resource Sharing – Community Announcements

The following organizations and community groups were present and shared resources and/or program updates. All were recommended to utilize the Collaborative Council contact list to follow up on information presented at the meeting. The Collaborative contact list is updated monthly with individuals who have participated in the meeting within the 6 months and can be accessed at: http://www.elcajoncollaborative.org/uploads/1/4/1/5/1415935/5-4-2010_ecc_contact_list.pdf

April resources were shared by:

- Army One Source
- Cajon Valley Union School District
- Catholic Charities
- Center for Community Solutions
- Crossroads Family Center, Community Research Foundation
- Cuyamaca College
- El Cajon Community Development Corporation
- El Cajon First United Methodist Church, Bethlehem Food Pantry
- Harmonium, Inc.
- Healthy Adventures Foundation
- Home-Start
- Institute for Public Strategies
- Jewish Family Service
- License to Freedom
- Maximus
- Motivating the Teen Spirit
- San Diego County East Region Health and Human Services
- San Diego County Public Health Nursing
- San Diego County Probation Department
- San Diego County Refugee Coordinator
- San Diego Youth Services
- Vista Hill/ParentCare Case Management

Any electronic versions of resources shared that were sent to will be made available on the resources page of the El Cajon Collaborative website (<http://www.elcajoncollaborative.org/resources.html>).

Next Meeting: June 1st, 2010

Presentation: San Diego County Report Card on Children Youth and Families

Resource sharing focus: *Summer programs for children, youth and families!*

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