



El Cajon Collaborative Council
July 7th, 2009 Meeting Notes

I. Introduction Networking Exercise

Pam Toohey, our new Council Meeting Facilitator led a networking and introduction exercise which asked meeting attendees to split in pairs and report about their partner. Questions included what topics and speakers the Collaborative meetings should cover. The topics will be summarized and discussed by the Council Leadership Team in August – which will then put together a calendar for the 09-10 year and available at the September meeting.

II. Collaborative Updates

- Lea announced that El Cajon Family Night will be starting back up on September 10th.
- Newcomer Support Workgroup met last Thursday, July 2nd and is talking about how to increase capacity for ESL classes as well as plan a training for case managers and other staff at the East County Career Center.
- El Cajon Collaborative is convening a Strategic Planning Team to help with the strategic direction of the collaborative. At some point the Council will need to weigh in on ideas and goals proposed by that group.

III. Community Announcements, Resources and other News

- Community Services for Families (CSF) Report – CSF currently has 66 families, 23 prevention, 19 voluntary and 14 dependency.
- Laura Andrews of Mental Health America made available a list of emergency numbers at mental health hospitals intended for staff and also promoted their mental health first aid program.
- Jenne Bergstrom of the El Cajon Library noted their Open House on Friday, July 31st.
- Alex Limon of Motivating the TEEN Spirit announced a 2 day workshop in Oceanside that they are doing on a 2 for 1 fee basis.
- Candace from Vista Hill Parent Care had two fliers about their services, including a new program for CPS involved families called Incredible Families.
- Ryan Habib was present to discuss the new Broadway Nutrition WIC Store in Lemon Grove.
- Pam Toohey from the Birth Parent Association has a new location for their clubhouse at the Redwood Garden apartments on Thursday evenings.
- Brenna Ring from the Rancho San Diego library branch promoted activities at the library including their summer reading program, intergenerational art classes, belly-dancing classes and story times.
- Corina Klepper from Home Start, announced that the Healthy Families program is getting cut starting July 17th – new applicants will be put on a waiting list and those currently enrolled will lose coverage through the program if they do not respond to their renewal within 30 days.
- Ma'at Crook from Center for Community Solutions is offering a Healthy Relationship class for teens in conjunction with San Diego Youth Services.

IV. Next Council Meeting

September 1st, 2009 as the August meeting will be used for small group planning.