



El Cajon Collaborative Council
September 1st, 2009 Meeting Notes

I. Collaborative Updates

- Council Calendar
- Lea announced that El Cajon Family Night Parenting Classes will be starting back up on September 10th at Meridian Baptist Church – 660 South Third Street, El Cajon, 92021.
- Newcomer Support Workgroup will meet on
- Community Services for Families (CSF) did not have a report at this time, but did introduce a new case manager for the El Cajon area, DeAndrea King.

II. Presentation on El Cajon Community Development – Rebecca Reyes and Christina Burke

Rebecca Reyes and Christina Burke gave a wonderful presentation on their work in the downtown El Cajon neighborhoods doing community development and cultivating their goals of “sustained resident engagement” and “celebrating the uniqueness of place and people”. Of particular focus was the work they have done around Lend A Hand day, for which they showed a digital story (video) of the impact on one family in El Cajon.

Additionally, Officer Dan Hansen with the El Cajon Police Department presented information on the www.elcajonneighbors.org website/blog where residents can go to ask questions about community safety issues and discuss with police personnel as well as their neighbors! The website also has crime prevention videos and tips and is a really great resource for families in our community. Finally, Samantha Hook also with the El Cajon Police Department discussed the Crime Free Multi-Housing project that she manages to make our community a safer place!

III. Community Announcements, Resource Sharing & Other News

My apologies to anyone whom I've missed below that announced something at the meeting, there was a period of time I was occupied trying to fix our technical difficulties with the presentation materials and I was therefore not able to take notes on some of the announcements. Please feel free to email me your announcement if you would like it included in the meeting notes – lea@elcajoncollaborative.org

- Romalyn Galacgac from East Region HHS, announced the upcoming walkability “audit” taking place on Saturday, September 26th from 9-noon.
- Enrique de la Cruz from CASA distributed an article from the “Californian” about “medical” marijuana dispensaries in San Diego County and concerning statistics about their usage.
- Jenny Mork from FAMNet, announced their upcoming “FamilyPalooza” on November 7th at the Prescott Promenade in downtown El Cajon, where non-profits and other service providers can host an informational booth for \$25. The event is targeted to provide safety and health information for families in El Cajon.
- Alex Limon from Motivating the Teen Spirit is hoping to secure funding for a workshop for Foster Youth that can serve the East Region of San Diego.
- Chanin Massaglia from the Naval Station school liaison program is looking for connections in school districts for the purposes of helping military families find resources and support.
- Barbara Magoffin from Together We Grow has services available to medically fragile children, including weekend respite care.

Community Announcements, Resource Sharing & Other News continued

- Laura Andrews from Mental Health America introduced a new outreach workers for the African population and community members.
- Pam Toohey of the Birth Parent Association announced two mental health & depression discussions happening in September one for adults and one for teens. She also presented information about a 3 part series on Wednesdays with the focus of families working toward permanency and reunification.
- Sylvia Martinez and Suha Kassab of the 2010 Census talked about El Cajon being a hard to count area and needing support for ensuring a complete and accurate count in this area. They are looking for individuals who would like to partner with the Census Bureau to provide information and materials prior to March, 2010 when the Census surveys will be released.
- Laura Carter from East Region Public Health Nursing announced the upcoming Not to Be Forgotten Rally and walk for Domestic Violence Awareness in El Cajon on October 1st from 9:30AM-10:30AM. After gathering in El Cajon, walkers will also be invited to join in the festivities in Old Town San Diego later in the morning.
- Gina Fiore is a new youth services Coordinator for the San Diego Workforce Partnership and is looking for ways to connect Transition Aged Youth (TAY) to services available at career centers.
- Janet Middleton of the Cajon Valley Union School District is looking for shoes in children's sizes since many families do not have resources to buy shoes this year.

IV. Next Council Meeting

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