

El Cajon Collaborative Activity Success Report

January-December 2010



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Neighborhood Healthcare
Rady Children's Hospital
Salvation Army of El Cajon
San Diego County Department of Probation
San Diego Youth Services
Suzanne Moser, RN

Mission: The El Cajon Collaborative builds relationships, leverages resources and promotes best practices to enhance the quality of life for children, youth and families in our community.

Building Relationships:

- Joined with more than 25 different non-profit agencies, government entities and community members through signed Partnership Agreement.
- Served as a networking hub for over 60 non-profit and social service organizations with services available to the El Cajon community.
- Convened meetings with local faith-based organizations to connect emergency food ministries with homeless and other social service needs in partnership with the Salvation Army of El Cajon.
- Coordinated 12 Newcomer Support Work Group meetings with regular participation from a wide range of community members and service providers.
- Participated in coalition building efforts with the East Region Collaborative Network (ERCN), Multisystems Work Group, ERCN Homeless Families Work Group and Community Services for Families steering committee.

Leveraging Resources:

- Successfully maintained www.elcajonresources.org, as an online hub for local resources, with nearly 12,000 unique visitors in 2010.
- Assisted agency staff in navigating referrals to local providers and helping match the needs of at least 400 families with available resources.
- Coordinated health resource providers to participate in Cajon Valley Union School District and El Cajon Recreation "Step Up to Health" event at Kennedy Park on Oct. 2nd. Including BMI/blood pressure and glucose screenings, dental health screenings and fluoride varnishes, as well as pre-screening for public assistance and health insurance programs.
- Outreached to over 200 City residents and gathered input regarding transportation needs in the El Cajon area to support the SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Planning Process. Outreach done in partnership with El Cajon Community Development Corporation, Salvation Army and License to Freedom.
- Participated in planning and provided support to East County "Project Connect" event, bringing resources together for homeless individuals in El Cajon, Santee and Lakeside.
- Connected multiple programs to community locations for trainings and classes in El Cajon.

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Independent Forensic Services License to Freedom

Mental Health America – San Diego

McAlister Institute

Salvation Army of El Cajon

San Diego County Library – El Cajon Branch

San Diego Hunger Coalition

San Diego Immunization Coalition

San Diego Youth Services

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Volunteers in Medicine

Promoting Best Practices:

- Disseminated 265 unique resources and information about local events for the El Cajon Community through regular e-mails to more than 300 individuals.
- Facilitated 10 resource dialogues on critical topics such as integrated health and mental health services, low-cost healthcare options, newcomer resources, library services, transitional aged youth services, 2009 Report Card on children, youth and families, California Healthy Kids data, public health and disaster preparedness, sexual assault prevention and response, and County Building Better Health agenda. Presenters provided in-kind from: Family Health Care Centers of San Diego, Mental Health America of San Diego, Volunteers in Medicine, San Diego County Libraries, San Diego Youth Services, The Children's Initiative, Cajon Valley Union School District, Independent Forensic Services, RadKids, City of El Cajon, East Region Public Health, and East County HHSA.
- Organized 5 "What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick" trainings (in kind support provided by Suzanne Moser, RN) with participation from more than 150 parents and staff all who received an index book of infant and children's health indicators, emphasizing the primary goal of preventing unnecessary emergency room visits for children.
- Co-hosted East Region "Parent Forum on Immunizations" attended by more than 50 individuals in partnership with the San Diego Immunization Coalition at the El Cajon Library.
- Coordinated 2 trainings on successfully accessing the Supplement Nutrition Assistance (Food Stamp) Program with participation from more than 40 East Region Staff. Training provided in-kind by Jennifer Tracy at San Diego Hunger Coalition.
- Assisted El Cajon Adult School with volunteers to implement a successful single day registration for ESL Classes with support from multiple community agencies.

Other Organizational Accomplishments from 2010 Include:

- Provided space for regional meetings and Collaborative activities at Little House.
- Awarded an extension of the SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Planning Community Mini-Grant.
- Re-negotiated mortgage at Little House property to allow for continued operation.
- Adopted Strategic Planning Outline for 2010-2012 and revised the Mission and Vision of the Collaborative.