



**El Cajon Collaborative Council Meeting**  
**November 5, 2024 / 12:30 – 2:00pm**  
**Cajon Valley Union School District Boardroom - 750 E. Main St., EC**  
**In Person Only**

**Meeting Agenda**

In 2007, Congress passed its first resolution recognizing November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month (NHYAM) to build awareness of the issue of youth homelessness, including its causes and potential solutions, and highlight the need to work to prevent homelessness among children and teens. Since then, November has been a time to elevate the issue of youth homelessness; applaud the efforts of businesses, organizations, and volunteers dedicated to meeting the needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness; and grow the commitment to intensify efforts to prevent and end homelessness among young people in the United States.

**I. Welcoming Remarks: (5 minutes) Carol Lewis, El Cajon Collaborative**

**II. Panel Discussion: (70 minutes)**

**Topic: Recognition of Youth Homeless Awareness Month**

**Panelists:**

**---San Diego Urban Street Angels (15 minutes)**

Craig Lewis, Program Manager and CeCe Cuevas, Case Manager

**---San Diego Youth Services (15 minutes)**

Wil Lybarger, Manager and Byron Fagan, Coordinator

**---Home Start, Inc. (15 minutes)**

Laura Tancredi-Baese, Executive Director

**III. Networking Activity: (15 minutes)**

Bring your flyers and share your information. We will have time for announcements.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 12:30 p.m.– CVUSD Boardroom- 750 E. Main St., EC

**Next Homeless Services Work Group:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. We meet at Little House 131 Avocado Ave., El Cajon 92020

**Next Community Health Work Group:** Next meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 8:30 a.m.-

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82094867584?pwd=UFV2YmM0ckI3aXA0ZzRwU25ERDhWdz>

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**Mission:**

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**2022-2024 Overall Strategic Focus**  
**El Cajon Collaborative**

**Goals:**

**1. Equitable Community Access to Nutritious Food:**

- A. Objective: Organize nutrition education to youth and adults at community events, meal distributions and food pantries.
- B. Objective: Ensure CalFresh application assistance at all community events and education on changes to the program.
- C. Objective: Provide opportunities for local community pantries and meal distribution sites to network and share resources with one another and the people they serve.

**2. Enhance prevention strategies and increase advocacy efforts for mental wellness and substance abuse prevention:**

- A. Objective: Support anti-bullying campaigns and education to families.
- B. Objective: Work with Collaborative partners to promote outreach efforts to educate and assess depression and trauma following COVID-19.
- C. Objective: Distribute information on substance abuse prevention through Collaborative partners and at all community events including tobacco, vaping, opioid use, and marijuana.

**3. Advance opportunities to create safe, healthy, and livable neighborhoods.**

- A. Objective: Ensure safe, fair, and affordable housing across the continuum of need.
- B. Objective: Increase community engagement in self-sufficiency opportunities.
- C. Objective: Increase opportunities for meaningful leadership and civic engagement.
- D. Objective: Support community-wide activities for families and individuals that are experiencing homelessness or are at risk.

**4. Support the Cajon Valley Union School District (CVUSD) for Health and Wellness Activities and Policies.**

- A. Objective: Serve as the Wellness Council for CVUSD to build awareness of and engagement in school and district-wide health policy development, implementation, review, and updates.
- B. Objective: Organize and execute a district-wide Wellness Fair with stakeholders to share information with students, staff, families and the community about healthy eating, physical activity, health services and other local health and wellness resources.

**We are still collecting children's books. If you are at the library, check out the used book shop for great deals on kids' books. Or, if you are doing a little cleaning, remember us for your used books.**

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