



El Cajon Collaborative Homeless Services Working Group
 October 18, 2023--Meeting Agenda
 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Little House, 131 Avocado Ave., El Cajon 92020

Agenda Items	Time	Presenter	Action
I. Welcome and Introductions:	10:00	Group	
II. Connecting Families Resource Fair- CVUSD A. Help us plan and support our annual Connecting Families Resource Fair for McKinney-Vento families and those at risk of homelessness. Date: Wednesday, November 15, 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Location: Johnson Elementary School Need sponsors, flyers, translation, and registration. B. Collection of Children’s Books	10:10	Group	
III. Agency Sharing and Announcements- We would like each of you to share an event or story of homelessness with the group and why you have a passion for those who are experiencing being unsheltered. We’ll also have updates on what is happening with your agency and how we can help. Project ideas for our group in the future.	10:30	Group	

Next ECC Homeless Services Working Group Meeting:
 Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00 a.m. – Connecting Families Resource Fair- Johnson Elementary School. No meeting following the resource fair and we are dark in December.

El Cajon Council Meetings:
 Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. at CVUSD, 750 E. Main St., EC in the Boardroom

El Cajon Collaborative Community Health Work Group
 Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82094867584?pwd=UFV2YmM0ckI3aXA0ZzRwU25ERDhWdz09>

Food Access Network Meeting
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*“At this very moment, there are individuals only you can reach, and differences only you can make in their lives.”
 -Mike Dooley*

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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're still collecting children's books for our Little House library. These books are given to children experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or trauma.

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