

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes

COMMITTEE: Youth and Families

MEETING DATE: March 11, 2014

CHAIRPERSON: Jessica Simons

LOCATION: Micah House

PRESENT:

Jessica Simons (Promise Partners)
Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer)
Pam Nightser (WCCA FaDSS)
Sheri Splichal (Iowa Western Comm. College)
Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery)
Kimberly Kolakowski (Children's Square USA)
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)
Cindy Goodin (Youth Emergency Services)
Lorelle Mueting (Heartland Family Services)

Dave Smith (Trailblazers)
Rayshawn Banks (Banister Leadership Academy)
Akile Banister (Banister Leadership Academy)
Kaylene Page (Workforce Development)
Claudia Stimpson (Children's Square USA)
Graham Jura (City of CB)
Denise Parker (Creighton Financial Hope)
Vickie Smith (Trailblazers)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE:

Michelle Badaucco (Carter Lake Resource Center) Shelby Miller (AMP)
Sandra McKinnon (ISU Extension)

Introductions and Announcements:

Jessie informed people of a Youth Development Training using the 40 Developmental Assets at the Salvation Army Kroc Center in Omaha on Tuesday, March 18 6:30-8:00pm. Jim Conway with the Search Institute will be leading the community training.

Promise Partners is accepting Community Networking Grant Applications until April 7 for community events and projects that bring neighbors and community together. These are the \$2,000 grants.

Kim from Children's Square USA talked about the integrated Health for those who are medically eligible. She works mostly with schools and children 5-19 and with their families.

Michael Brandwein will be presenting March 13 at the CB Library. 2 sessions will be held during the day for professionals & people who work with children and families. The evening session, "Why Don't You Behave" will be for parents and guardians.

Be sure to sign up for the Community Resource Fair to be held at Thomas Jefferson High School on Thursday, March 27. Encourage families and youth to attend to learn of community resources, a free meal, and clothing closet.

Speaker: Sheri Splichal spoke on the GAP Tuition Assistance Program at Iowa Western Community College. This is financial aid for non-credit classes. Programs like welding, CNA, CDL, phlebotomy, etc. would apply. These are for Iowa residents only. The most popular are medically oriented. Currently there are approximated 60 people enrolled. This is a onetime per lifetime opportunity with 89% finding jobs.

Pathways to Academic and Career Education (PACE) is a similar program to earn your high school equivalency, certificate, diploma, or degree from Iowa Western Community College. It is education to employment or back to work program. The biggest barrier for this population is transportation and child care. Many are single moms who are 18 and older.

Laundry Love Project:

The location is the Broadway Wash House Laundromat at 2020 W. Broadway in Council Bluffs. Next meeting will be March 20 at 1pm on site. We will be providing a meal of fried chicken, fruit cups, water. There will also be a children's activity table and a reading corner. Some members of the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association would like to help and can also supply table and chairs. We are budgeting \$6 to wash and dry a load of laundry. If you have any handouts for the Resource Table, please bring them to the April Youth and Family Committee meeting. Planning notes can be viewed at

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12wLR9dgnjeJEj-Qy6jIJT7qOFEDGo3jETwP4AmjO2SA/edit?usp=sharing>.

National Prescription Take Back Event:

Prescription Drug Drop Off Event is April 26 in Council Bluffs, Carter Lake, and possibly a town in the East side of Pottawattamie County. The Council Bluffs location will be at the East Broadway Walgreens. Sign-up sheets are available for volunteers. Please bring 230 handouts to the April meeting to go in the information packets that go to people who drop off medications.

Speaker: Akile Banister spoke on the Banister Leadership Academy. They work to strengthen youth and their families through empowerment, enrichment and extended academic success. Programming includes leadership academies, youth advocacy boards, Friday Night Lights, and Saturday Night Life. They also offer leadership training to childcare centers, community agencies, and schools. Are expanding to do more in the Council Bluffs community.

Community Calendars:

Calendars for March and April 2014 low cost activities were posted. Feel free to add activities or trainings.

March calendar can be viewed or edited at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VJKa3G-C4avEgCBio9H-1PtC0Gf9cvj_7wCskEblWx0/edit?usp=sharing

April calendar can be viewed or edited at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LJ-OCnl-x4OJap-obI4EFMAq3p2CAA5VPtTBkWyNVeg/edit?usp=sharing>

Nominations for Youth & Families Leadership Team:

Nominations will be accepted at the April Youth & Families Committee meeting for chair, co-chair, and secretary.

Council Bluffs Resource Fair- Developmental Asset Sharing Opportunity

The Youth & Families Committee will be hosting a booth on the developmental assets at the Community Resource Fair on April 27 at Thomas Jefferson High School. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Developmental Assets:

Deb Kissel led a brief reflection activity with members present.

▪ March Assets of the Month: Social Competencies

- **Planning and Decision Making** – Youth person knows how to plan and make choices.
- **Interpersonal Competence** – Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills.
- **Cultural Competence** – Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural / racial / ethnic backgrounds.
- **Resistance Skills** – Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.
- **Peaceful Conflict Resolution** – Young person seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently.

Sign up for upcoming Spotlight Speakers & Door Greeters

A sign-up sheet was passed around to sign up as a spotlight speaker and/or door greeter at future meetings.

NEXT MEETING:

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 1 at 9AM, 445 Glen Avenue

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 8 at 3PM at the Micah House. *Bring flyers for Drug Drop Events & Laundry Love Event.*

Speaker/ Topic- Kaylene Page, Iowa Workforce Development

Door Greeter- Tiffani Pinkerton

Spotlight Speaker- Graham Jura, City of Council Bluffs & Civil Rights Commission

Meeting minutes will be posted at www.promisepartners.org.