Greater NE Community Response Call   
October 21, 2020  
10:00-11:30am  
  
This meeting is limited to CR community Coordinators and Central Navigators in greater Nebraska and is a time to discuss specifics around CR in your area and learn from one another and/or problem-solve and innovate together.   
  
All calls will be recorded, and notes, recordings, and chat box transcription will be posted to the FAQ site:   
<https://www.nebraskachildren.org/frequently-asked-questions-for-communities.html>

Agenda

Debrief October 15th Celebration and Reflection- (10 min.)

What takeaways do you want to share with your leadership and community collaboratives?

What support do you need to do this?

* Caroline Sabin: coordinators really have to know their communities and their needs. It was a great opportunity to hear the work that is happening in other communities, initiates some self-reflection with each coordinator on things they could be doing in their own community. Found the outreach to the schools, addressing food needs were in particular interest. Made Caroline reflect on how her community could enhance in their community to further address those needs.
* Julie Nash: Gave ideas to help think outside the box and hearing from others. At the moment so many are surviving the COVID pandemic that you get stuck in that mindset.
* Sandy Nation/Dakota County: Right now, we are so focused on all the negative things happening around us, it was refreshing to look at the positive impact we are making in our community. Yes, people are still struggling but we've been able to maybe relieve some of the stress they are feeling.
* JoAnn Gieselman: hearing the wonderful work that is going, on encouraging to hear the good work good people at putting forth. Feeling a unanimous feeling that everyone is working so hard and pausing to reflect that the work is impactful.
* Kimberly Barton/Fremont Family Coalition: New to the collaborative, hearing the successes of the other communities was great to hear and looking forward to celebrating Fremont’s successes next year.
* LeaAnn Johnson-Kappes/NCFF Consultant: From a collective impact statement, seeing statewide data was a positive point that communities can take back to share. Allows communities to look at data to determine successes and further need.

Community Specific Infographics

What feedback do you have on these?

How have you/will you make use of these locally?  
Suggestions for future materials?

* Caroline: uses the infographics especially when presenting to organizations such as Kiwanis, so they can see the successes and impact. Appreciate how professional looking, clear, and appealing they are, offers a credible source of information.
* Julie: will be utilizing the infographics with officials and elected officials. Offers a quick snapshot and summary to share rather than a long report.
* Valerie Roth/H3C: had a call with UNMC around data. Asked to include another question to follow-up with families a year out from receiving CR services.
* Catherine Brown/ Research & Evaluation, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation: Data is pulled from what is collected and submitted and sometimes does not offer the full picture for community specific questions. Probably good to note for clarity that the infographics are only generated for locations in the annual statewide evaluation. Want to assure the use of the infographics is useful and a good use of time. Welcomes any recommendations or questions.

Community Coordinator Calls- Break Out Groups (15min)   
What is currently useful in the Greater NE Coordinator calls?  
What would make them more useful?  
Attendance – should we open it up to include all Coordinators, or is it working well building the greater NE team?

* Nichole Hertz: Hearing what other people are doing, giving a picture of what CR is and what other communities are doing. A great space to be able to hear the voices in the room has been super helpful. It would be more helpful if people would be expected to have their video on to make it more personal. Also, maybe make time once in a while for break-out conversations over a question or network opportunity, sometimes by geography, sometimes by size/make-up of covered area, etc.
* Sarah Papa: This work is very different than a lot of positions and agencies. Have been able to work with other coordinators across the state in attempts to connect and develop a comradery. It is such an isolated position that it is hard to explain their role and for people to really understand what the position. Has been with coalition for about 18 months and originally felt like didn’t know what to do do. It has been very helpful to connect, reach out to other coordinators and have support. Great resource to avoid duplication. Sees value in both keeping the calls to rural communities but also in adding in urban collaborative coordinators as Fremont reaches out to Sarpy often in coordination and partnership. Having it open only to rural collaboratives serves a special purpose in that rural communities have very unique challenges. Having a statewide coordinator meeting quarterly would be a good idea and time efficient. Would like the meetings to be once a month due to time scheduling.
* Wanda Fedorchik: appreciates the forum to share what is happening in their communities and hearing from other communities. Enjoy that it can serve as an inspiration, venting, and solution building. Hearing solutions from other rural communities seem to be more appropriate for similar communities, it is harder to relate to urban collaboratives. The Wednesday meetings allow for more personal connections, might be a good idea for a once a month meeting or quarterly for all the coordinators to join instead. Like having the current schedule.

Community Shareback:

* Jake/Fremont Family Coalition: keeping them to rural communities is a great benefit. Has been a great resource to Jake as a new director. Would encourage to explore the opportunity to connect with all statewide coordinators on a different call. Our Small Group also had some discussion around the potential of some regional meetings and the merit they may provide.
* Chandra/Hastings: The call is a great opportunity to hear about what is working in another collaborative. A drawback is that not all the same resources are available across the state. It is great to hear what other communities are doing and what resources and services are being utilized, especially as a new director as well. It would be useful to have administrative components such as form utilization, in particular administrative processes. If Douglas and Sarpy do not have their own calls setup already it would be ok to include them or allow them to have their own calls. Also seeing if they can have occasional meetings with all statewide coordinators.
* JoAnn: Learn so much from each other, from similar work and very different opportunities to share. Meeting and seeing new people. Also working together to blur the lines in service areas. The challenges are knowing who should be on the calls. Having urban areas involved would allow to have a different perspective and opportunity to learn more. Would be great to see a call with statewide coordinators.
* Chandra: Would like to have an access point to have a mentor that can assist in answering questions especially for coordinators. Possibly partner communities in mentoring or supporting each other.

Prep for CARES Act call (Jennifer Skala)  
Report community spending thus far  
Barriers to utilizing these dollars (if not already reported)  
Upcoming announcements for additional dollars

* As of yesterday, portal for reporting or reimbursement is still not up.
* Difficulties that show the COVID effect on the applications.
* Difficulties connecting with landlords to get documentation.
* Some places have been able to use the money and need more and other communities that aren’t going to be able to spend all the funds.
* $40 million dollars will be going towards healthcare providers, and further funding for places of care and worship.
* Looking at the allowance of reallocating community funds when they are being able to be utilized in the original category.
* Details are updated on the site: <https://coronavirus.nebraska.gov/Home>

Community Questions:

* Who will be the person/place to reach out to about the additional funds that will be available? Jenny will check into who/where to contact.
* Do communities need to be sitting and applying asap? Is it a first come, first serve type of situation or is it competitive? It is first come, first serve. If you know the need and are ready go ahead, apply today. But if you can wait till tomorrow for further clarification, please wait.
* Is there an organized effort to get word to legislators that the Dec. 31st deadline is not enough time? There have been efforts to reach out to legislators and the Governor to advocate for an extension. Coalition for a Strong Nebraska would like to hear and gather input from communities on the need for the deadline extension and the barriers to access/utilize funds are.