Statewide Central Navigation Call
June 11th, 2020

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* Introduce yourself
* Questions/Answers throughout the call

Agenda:

* DHHS Updates – Emily Kluver, DHHS
	+ Food Program Updates:
		- Emergency Supplement payments approved for June to further support SNAP recipients. Additional Allotment will automatically be applied on July 7th.
		- Nebraska will implement PEBT. Designed to replace lost food for children that lost access to food after school closures. About 170,000 children qualify for free and reduced lunches across the state. Will receive EBT card for food. There will be a need for outreach to communicate this opportunity. Nebraska Department of Education and DHHS have been coordinating to provide this service to families that qualify.
		- Families that already receive SNAP will also be able to receive PEBT.
		- Voices for Children publication about PEBT: <https://voicesforchildren.com/policy/covid/pebt/>

* Preschool Development Grant – Betty Medinger, NCFF/Marti Beard, NCFF
	+ Nebraska received $8.9 million in funds towards preschool development, started April 2020. Will be distributed to communities through Communities for Kids. Anyone that has a continuum Coalition will have funds offered to develop a sustainable early learning coordinator.
	+ COVID Funds: grants will be available for childcare centers and in-home childcare providers. There will an application for funds. Up to $5,500 will be available as a sustainable grant, this will be a reimbursable grant for childcare providers. There will be more details July 1.
	+ Incentive grant also available to assist in reopening childcares.
	+ Providers will only be able to receive one of these grants, not both.
	+ More information about the Preschool Development Grant opportunities for communities will be shared at several webinars in July. All CWB's will receive an invitation to participate.
	+ Childcare providers that received the original $1,000 award will still be able to apply for these grants. The childcare providers that were pending from the original award will be able to receive the $1,000 grant as well, but will only be available to those that were on the waitlist from that grant application period.
	+ Child Care CARES Act funds will provide funds for stabilization and reopening. Applications are expected to open the first of July. An announcement email and postcard will be sent to all licensed providers in Nebraska. An FAQ will be online starting early next week.
	+ If you have questions, please reach out to Marti: mbeard@nebraskachildren.org

* CARES Act Funding Opportunities – Jenny Skala, NCFF
	+ Information will be released and mapped out for communities on how to apply and receive those available funds. Aiming for next Thursday to have that information shared out and will be allow communities to discuss and review. Please be sure to update any updates or concerns being seen and addressed in communities.
	+ Funds will have different timelines, requirements, amounts etc. NCFF will work to provide clarification on how the funds can be used to address needs as well as who is needed to receive the funds. Some fund awards will be written directly into contracts. Some, such as the Community Cares Funds will be an application for reimbursement. Private funders have asked if they could somehow be a part of the planning team to address gaps. One idea that has been discussed is assisting communities with the funds needed to bridge the gap for the reimbursement grants.
	+ Aiming for July to have applications and dollars flowing to collaboratives.
	+ More information can be found at the following links:
		- https://budget.nebraska.gov/assets/COVID-19/StateofNebraskaCovid-19andContacts.pdf
		- https://www.dropbox.com/s/enm279udmqno9m7/Governor%27s%20Press%20Conference.pdf?dl=0

* Task Force Opportunities
	+ Connectivity and Communication – Zainab Rida
		- Top priority areas identified in playbooks. Working on developing comprehensive communication strategies across communities. Working to assist non-English speaking populations, those working with those who live in rural areas that struggle to have access to internet services. Meet as a group to identify and meet 3 large goals based around connectivity and communication.
		- Efforts and Successes include:
			* Translation of materials in different languages, having resources for community collaboratives (website: https://www.dropbox.com/s/enm279udmqno9m7/Governor%27s%20Press%20Conference.pdf?dl=0 )
			* TEST Nebraska document was developed as well and will be posted with these notes and will be listed on governor’s website. This will share information on what to expect after testing. Will be translated in the near future as well.
			* Contact Information:
				+ Sainab Rida: Zainab.rida@nebraska.gov
				+ First Lady Susanne Shore: susanne@firstladynebraska.net
	+ Summer Learning Opportunities-Will Meinen
		- Looking at offering summer learning opportunities for children and families over the summer. As well as looking at how to communicate with business owners and families around thoughts on variety of possible approaches for the Fall return to school, whatever it may look like.
		- The Summer Learning Taskforce meets Thursday at 1:00 weekly.
		- Contact Information:
			* Jeff Cole: jcole@nebraskachildren.org
	+ Early Childhood – Betty Medinger
		- Efforts and Successes: Thermometer distribution and childcare referral network
		- 63 people meet on this task force
		- To be included on the Early Childhood "Huddle" task force we zoom every Wed. morning at 8am.
		- Contact Information:
			* Betty Medinger: bmedinger@nebraskachildren.org
	+ Well-Being – Emily Kluver
		- Focused on well-being on children and families and the impact that COVID has had on them. Wanting to make sure that families are connected to resources. Also educating on how to recognize abuse and neglect. Beginning to focus on anxieties about families and children as we get closer to school year restarting. Concerned for families that are facing possible evictions. Listening to communities that have listed need for more support groups such as Community Café models.
		- Contact Information:
			* Emily: Emily.Kluver@nebraska.gov
	+ Food Security – Emily Kluver, Zach Nelson
		- Good Food Taskforce- DHHS CEO and Chief of Staff. Addressing barriers around WIC and DHHS programs to work together and seamlessly.
		- Meeting every other week, contact Emily for invite.
		- NEHMA Food Insecurity Task Force: Looking at supply side of food insecurity. Conversation will be around food equity especially in times of disaster on June 24th over noon hour.
		- Contact Information:
			* Zach Neslon: Zach@RepublicInsights.com or : (402) 513-9115
			* Sign up at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pc--vrTstGN3oH8O3kBJ1TTNWWIEnK5gV>
	+ Older youth stakeholders
		- This task force doesn't meet regularly outside usual work, but will start soon with a regular check-in as strategies related to COVID and CARES are in focus. Stay tuned and please email Sara if interested in joining this task force.
		- Data webinar/party on June 29th 7-8pm to learn about the information provided on transitional services survey and CYI data for young people.
		- Project Everlast Omaha have been providing youth forum. Working with providers and partners to develop a forum around race. Sign up is required. June 18th. Flyers and more information being shared.
		- Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg (creator of Reaching Teens and co-founder of the Center for Parent & Teen Communication) will host two upcoming virtual workshops for Nebraska CYI/CR partners, specifically via the NE Expectant and Parenting Grant (these are open to NC staff and NC’s initiative partners):
			* Tuesday, June 23 7:00-8:30 PM: “Resiliency in Uncertain Times: A PARENT TALK” for parents of all ages and stages of parenthood. Registration can be completed here: <https://www.nebraskachildren.org/stay-current/event-calendar.html/event/2020/06/23/parents-building-resiliency-in-uncertain-times/295030>
			* Monday, June 22 1:30-4:00 PM: “Resiliency in Uncertain Times” for professionals working with young people, children, and parents. Registration can be completed here: https://www.nebraskachildren.org/stay-current/event-calendar.html/event/2020/06/22/youth-and-parent-resiliency-in-times-of-trauma/295000
		- Contact Information:
			* Sara Riffel: sriffel@nebraskachildren.org
	+ Housing: Representative unavailable on call. To engage in Housing Task Force, contact Jason Feldhaus at jfeldhaus@nebraskachildren.org

* Optional opportunity for information on CWB Evaluation template and Q&A: For coordinator or central navigators. Templates for 12-month evaluation will be due end of July. Information will be coming out quickly. Opportunities to join discussions for those that would like to review the evaluation template for more information. Will be recorded as well for those that are unable to attend either session.
	+ July 7 12:30-1pm
	+ July 8 3-3:30pm
* Community Dialogue
	+ Open time to share:
		- Something in your community you are excited about or is giving you hope
		- Something you have questions about
		- Agenda items you would like to see on future calls
		- Etc……
	+ Project Everlast Omaha: Allowing safe spaces for young people that are wanting to share about their feelings and needs during this time via virtual meetings. Has been growing in amount of participation and looking forward to providing opportunity for providers. Anyone is encouraged to attend forums.
	+ Elci Warnell: Were able to provide a virtual baby shower. Offered topics around self-care, resiliency, etc. Looking to provide an in-person baby shower next year.
	+ DHHS Support Services Specialists/Darnice Amos: Will be meeting with Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative to work with partners on what resources are available, changes, etc. Meet with Omaha 360 that provide information throughout community.

Stacy Schenk: Seeing collaborative working together, not just in their area, but around the state has been a great thing to observe.

* + Growing Community Connections: Last Thursday, there was a large apartment fire and 24 units were totally destroyed. The Red Cross came in to help with the disaster and connected with JoAnn and Sandy. Red Cross coordinator was impressed with the collaboration that was witnessed. Had a great GCC Collab meeting today with presenters on the works and data in our community around bullying and drug abuse, also launching a communication plan for tri state area, and sharing about the house market in our area now.
	+ Norfolk: losing Central Navigator (tomorrow) to another opportunity. Question to other communities that have experienced this: What are ways that you have operated in the interim until the position is filled/trained…specifically times when the Coordinator is not available to cover. Have coaches stepped in? other communities? etc.
		- Stacy Schenk will help connect Heidi to other coordinators. Pull in
		Fremont into discussions around this topic.
		- Fremont: Case managers have built a strong team to rely on to assist with applications, continuing work with families etc. When referrals come in directly to navigator they are connected to coaches. But there are also coaches that just do the application and serve the families and send in the application to the navigator. Before Steph came on and they had a Coordinator (Shayla) but no Navigator, slid to Coordinator, and if she had more than a day or so off, they communicated within our office (United Way) and with those coaches/case managers and sent those needs to the appropriate person. COMMUNICATION is key!
		- JoAnn and Sandy (Growing Community Connections) have also worked around this as well. Have been reaching out to community to help with taking applications in the event that they are out of the office and then coming back to update data. Wondering if there will be an opportunity to look at possibilities to have someone available to update and coordinate data.
	+ Deborah Dancer: How to support coordinator conversations have been occurring. Looking at providing additional supports and resources to assist with workload such as website, partners, virtual assistant etc. Virtual assistant: someone to help coordinate meetings, welcome packets, meeting minutes and meeting tasks. Last Pass device helps provide security to materials. Contact Deborah for more information at ddancer@projectharmony.com
	+ York/Eryn: Would appreciate ideas around project management. Will be connecting with Deborah to further discuss these ideas. Would love to see more professional development opportunities.
	+ Carmen B: through ENCAP has been working with the community to host more mobile food pantries to reach more families and help with some of that food insecurity.

All notes, audio, and chat box recordings are posted at <https://www.nebraskachildren.org/frequently-asked-questions-for-communities.html>

Next Call: Thursday, June 18, 2020  10am

Agenda item will be on how to support undocumented families.