



Community & Family Partnership Collaborative Meeting

December 4, 2024 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Attending: Darlus McWilliams, Judy Martensen, Crystal, Jeni Snyder, Gay McTate, JR Giron, Lynn Vollbracht, Kim Kluever, Mel Lueders, Christy Larson, Guadalupe Ramirez, Amy Stachura, Hope Freshour, Joy Loschen, Michaela Vazquez, Lori Lee, Susan Nathan, Toni Webb, Hailey Crumley, Chuck Sherer, Kate Wythers, Jasmin Davis, Kristin Adams, Kari Pitt, Jill Colegrove, Kim Parsons, Jane Kasik, Donny Larson, Reghan Kabes, Brooke Bouck, Tammy Sassaman, Dana Wockenfuss, Tammy Bichlmeier, Bruce Prenda, Ed Wemhoff, Emily Green, Tammy Classen, Mike Sciandra, Claudia Lanuza, Sara Colford, Kaylee Strong, Derek Hines, Belle Maldonado, Sara Baustert, Aleigha Lawless, Roberta Miksch, Sarah Lindberg, Kimmi Viquez, Shawn Messerlie

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88976410017?pwd=TEFRTGh5UG5KRklONEdCc2JJV3pKQT09>

9:30 a.m. Welcome – Roberta

9:30 – 9:35 Sharing evaluation results of the October meeting – Roberta

9:35 – 10:05 a.m. Child Care Tax Credit information with NE First Five – J.R. Giron

<https://www.nebraskachildcaretaxcredit.org>

- Tax Credit for Working Parents- tax credit for parents or legal guardians of one or more children aged 5 or younger. Must meet certain household income guidelines.
- Nebraska Child Care Tax Credit for *taxpaying individuals* (that's us folks!) or employers – For those who make qualifying contributions to help improve the availability of child care options. To qualify, the contributing individual or organization must have tax liability.
- Nonrefundable School Readiness Tax Credit – for owners/operators of eligible childcare programs – Applicant must be rated at Step 1 or above in Step Up to Quality. Applications submitted between Jan 1 and March 1, 2025.
- Refundable School Readiness Tax Credit – for self-employed childcare providers or employees of child care programs – NECPRS Attestation before Feb 1, tax credit application before March 1st. Applicants can be submitted as soon as all eligibility requirements are met.

10:05 – 10:20 a.m. The Well – Dana Wockenfuss and Aleigha Lawless dana@thewellne.org

- Outpatient office just opened in Columbus- also one in Norfolk and one in West Point
- Evidence based; a majority of clients are underserved with inadequate financial resources who are at risk of developing behavioral health issues in Nebraska
- take Medicaid and Medicare
- services: individual counseling + Spanish, mental health and substance-use assessments, intensive outpatient program, community support, crisis response, contingency management

10:20 – 10:30 a.m. Changemakers – short video to share
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= D01T1cr89A&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D01T1cr89A&feature=youtu.be)

Transportation Update

- have some commitments from Colfax and Platte counties to help fund an employee transportation system from Columbus/Schuyler hitting major employers along the way. Need financial buy-in from businesses to help make this a reality. Disconnect from higher levels not understanding the needs of those and their circumstances. If you have a testimony, please consider having them write a letter. Email to Roberta by December 9th. \$80,000 still needed each year for 3 years. State and federal funds match 75%, but local funds need to be 25%.

10:30 – 10:35 a.m. Findhelp.org

- the way that collaboratives across the state will be linking people to community services
- explore now with hope for training in the future

10:35 – 10:50 a.m. Fill your cup

[Stressors: Coping Skills and Strategies](#)

[‘Revenge Bedtime Procrastination’ Is Real, According to Psychologists](#)

10:50 – 11:00 a.m. Your/our wins, successes and achievements in 2024

Other

December 11th – Colfax County community needs assessment strategy session 1 PM at St. Benedict Center

May 7th and 8th- Juvenile Justice Conference <https://nija.org>

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