



Columbus Area United Way



Community & Family Partnership Collaborative Meeting

June 4, 2025 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Attending: Molly Pofahl, Traci Pilar, Rosa Pinto, Amy Richards, Kari Pitt, Christy Larson, Tammy Classen, Joy Loschen, Kelly DeSilva, Corey Briggs, Megan Cada, Judy Martensen, Lisa Rosendahl, Leslie Castillo, Taylor Brase, Paul Einero, Tricia Faust, Toni Webb, Heather Bebout, Jane Kasik, Jasmin Davis, Kim Parsons, Jill Colegrove, Shanle, Crystal Callahan, Sarah Lindberg, Roberta Miksch, Tammy Bichlmeier, Ashlie Stone, Belle Maldonado, Derek Hines, Estefany Caballero, Sara Colford, Marisol Bujanda, Aimee Heesacker, Gay McTate, Guadalupe Ramirez, Jessica Wiig, Kate Wythers, Kelly Garcia, Kimmi Viquez, Libby Crecco, Mickaela Vazquez, Mike Sciandra, Sarai Ramos, Shannon Stutzman, Shawn Messerlie, Sophia Yelkin

9:30 - 9:40 a.m. Welcome – Roberta

- Habitat – Two meetings scheduled for people to attend to get information. Required for people to apply – need to attend one of the two.

9:40 – 10:00 a.m. Nebraska Association of Infant Mental Health (NAIMH) – Sami Bradley/NCFF

- Infant Mental Health - the ability of infants and toddlers to express, regulate and experience emotions, form close and secure relationships and explore the environment and learn
- www.neinfantmentalhealth.org
 - Resources and social stories on the website. Important to understand child development and focus on regulating emotions.

10:00 – 10:10 a.m. Evaluation results from April's in person meeting and follow-up of meeting –

- Conversation came out at the in-person meeting regarding more meetings and potentially in other counties. Roberta sent out a survey to gather more information. Information to go to the Steering Committee to discuss and give feedback on what they would like to do with these meetings moving forward.

Gay Conversation Time

- Gay has been a consultant for our collab. since our beginning in 2010/2011.
- Changes with NCFF – Decided to move away from using consultants and would assign a TA to the collaboratives. Gay will be with us through July for sure and possible into August.

10:10 - 10:30 a.m. Sharing NEW 2024 Child Protective Services data & conversation about what the data is telling us – Kate Wythers - CAUW/CFP

- 55 removals in our four-county area. 296 accepted intakes for a total of 764 children. Numbers increased between 2023 and 2024. Of “Do Not Meet Definition” intakes – 56% physical neglect, 24% physical abuse. Educational personnel are the largest reporters. Education and resources are important as some families are trying their best, but do not have the resources or knowledge.

10:30 – 10:40 a.m. Community Opportunity Map and ways to use it! – Sarah Lindberg – CAUW/CFP

- <https://community-opportunity-map.casey.org/cailive>

10:40 – 10:55 a.m. Current climate and funding conversation

- Survey results – multiple agencies have seen funding cuts and grant changes. Some agencies have had to make big changes including cutting the number of sites they serve and other community efforts. Important to advocate – write your congressman. Molly to send Roberta a letter template that can be used.

10:55 – 11:00 a.m. Wrap-up

- Resource Center for childcare providers up and running at the Kramer Center
- Local Food Access Grant – started in August – have distributed 3,822 pounds of ground beef and 35,700 dozen eggs to all four counties

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