



November 4, 2015

1:00 – 2:30

Centerforce

In attendance: Vicky Marques, Marcela Anzurez, Alyce Brame-Galyean, Holly Shaffer, Dianna Sullivan, Jeremy Prater, Yvonne Elmendorf, James Leet, Melissa Cochran, Andi Sledge, Karmel Shields

Updates/Successes:

- Holly and Dianna attended 2 day cultural competency training. Very good training. Holly connecting with the training team to provide training to CPSD.
- Red Ribbon Week – Mizz Vicky's prevention team collected stickers from 480 students at CPHS pledging to be drug free. These numbers were up from previous years: 1st year there were 309, 2nd year there were 394). Great job!
- Community Dinner: Approximately 50-60 people attended the first community dinner. There was just enough food and everyone enjoyed playing Bingo. Community connection was made with Little Church on the Prairie for their "Make a Difference Day" and providing free laundry on October 24th. Alyce reported the service was the talk of the neighborhood. Flyers were distributed at the dinner which helped spread the word of the event.

Parent Perspective:

Marcela shared her story, including her own son's struggles with drugs once they moved into the neighborhood. She came to the meeting to shed light on the needs of the community and because she is worried for her community. She reports that 70% of the community struggles with drugs and alcohol. Parents are exhibiting bad behaviors and kids are learning from it. There needs to be more good examples set, starting in the home. Marcella knows the police can't do everything so it needs to come from the community. Marcella believes programs are needed and we need to talk about drugs and provide programs for parents and youth.

Most Valuable Preventionist Award:

Congrats to **Mirella Villagomez** for consistently going above and beyond to help the youth and families in Springbrook!

Springbrook Connections Update:

Springbrook Connections will be hosting a community dinner on November 25 from 2:00 -5:00 at Centerforce. In need of volunteers, please come if you can. Holiday giveaway coming in December, date TBD. Group currently holds meetings at Centerforce. There is a great group of junior volunteers at the food bank on Saturdays.

Law Enforcement Updates:

Facing a lot of homelessness issues. One problem area off 47th and Pacific was finally vacated of the homeless camp that had been formed on the property.

Positive connection with Mental Health First Aid and the Police Dept.

Police Dept willing to be involved in events with the prevention efforts at the high school and in the community. Can provide things such as fatal vision goggles with trained officers.

Girl Scouts:

Group going well. Homelessness an issue with some of the girls in the group – 3 recently out of homelessness. Most affordable apartments are where there is lots of drug activity. Reaching out to families. Looking for ways to continue providing support as they move into middle school.

Resource Poster: Coming in final form next month!!

Community dinner & Family Night Planning for December

Possible leads for food include:

- 1) Service Organizations: Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, or other service organizations.
- 2) Military: It was also suggested to invite the JBLM to bring a meal for the community dinners. Specifically, getting in contact with a Family Readiness Group or a Officers wives club who may have interest in serving right outside the gate.
- 3) Churches- like Life Center South (English or Spanish service)
- 4) Panera bread may be a good resource for donating food as well

Possible activities for December Family Night:

- 1) Making crafty Christmas Centerpieces or ornaments
- 2) Family Pictures with photo booth with a frame
- 3) Pictures with Santa
- 4) Karate/Self-defense class

It was voted that doing Family pictures with photo booth & frame will be our activity for the December family dinner/activity. It was also suggested that the pictures with Santa would be a good addition to the Christmas giveaway.

Springbrook Monthly Movie- Last month's movie "Ratatouille" was a success with 40 kids coming & a great integration of Centerforce clients. November's movie will be "Inside Out" & will be shown on Wednesday November 11th from 1pm-3pm.

Community Survey Collection-

Collecting community surveys is a whole coalition activity. It's important that we collect 250 surveys before December 31st. There are 2 ways to participate as a coalition. One way is to take some surveys with you now & give them to families or people you may be connected to. Another option is to help volunteer at Tyee Park to hear from families & pass out hot chocolate/coffee. Since many of us will be gone at a training the week of conferences, it's important that we work as a coalition to get this accomplished.

Next meeting: December 2, 2015 from 1:00 – 2:30