

Not One More Child Meeting Notes

January 27, 2020

Child Abuse/Neglect Fatalities Overview (April Jenkins and Kris Reed, DHS)

- El Paso DHS received 16,687 referrals in 2019
- 6,697 were assigned for assessment in El Paso
- The second largest number of referrals received was Denver County at 12,892
- 4,432 were assigned for assessment in Denver
- Two units have been created for 0-3 years and adolescents
- Special court services for families to add more support, education and programs for parents and their communities more information will be provided at the next NOMC meeting

Early Childhood Efforts in the Region (Alliance for Kids)

- There are 46,731 children under the age of five in El Paso County
- Alliance for Kids serves more young children than any other Council in Colorado
- The Alliance website has information on their Quality Initiatives Project, Family Support Programs, Early Care Education and Health/Well-Being
- The Quality Initiatives Project supports the development of early learning for all children and support families in working with partners and other families in their communities
- Support families and teaches building skills with ACEs by using positive approaches to help children learn appropriate behavior

Speakers Bureau Training (Katie Facchinello, Illuminate Colorado)

- Build communications capacity within communities, organizations and individuals to create social change
- Measuring and evaluating communications tactics and messages is critical
- Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign website highlighting inspirational ways to strengthen families, organizations planting/distributing pinwheels
- Toolkit for media outlets highlighting positive social norms, positive language and framing as well as story ideas that strengthen families
- Raise awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Materials shared at the meeting will be available soon as a toolkit at <https://www.copinwheelsforprevention.org/>

Committee Updates ...

Data

- Maps are posted online: <https://humanservices.elpasoco.com/not-one-more-child/>

- CDHS shares a lot of statewide data on the Community Performance Center:
<http://www.cdhsdatamatters.org/>

Communication

- April seems far away, but Child Abuse Month will be here in no time.
- Please send ideas for April Child Abuse Month and presentation topics for future NOMC meetings to kristinaiodice@elpasoco.com
- Please check the NOMC website: Notonemorechild.net –
<https://humanservices.elpasoco.com/not-one-more-child/>. What information/details/etc. would you like to see added?
- NOMC Community Cards are available in English and Spanish. Contact kristinaiodice@elpasoco.com if you would like some for your organization.
- CDHS has a lot of materials to prevent child abuse and neglect available online to download for printing and sharing. Visit http://www.co4kids.org/2018_CAPM for materials.
- DHS PIO has created a 30-second safe sleep video, which can be shared:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWN_jw9TGno&feature=youtu.be
- More information and another video is available from Public Health:
<https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/healthy-babies-safe-sleep>

Other Updates

CarePortal

- For more information, contact Mike Worley at mike@beautifulredemption.com or (719) 659-2781.
- CarePortal needs to double the number of churches to meet needs. They are working to expand to other counties.
- If your church may be interested, contact Mike.

BACA – Bikers Against Child Abuse

- Visit the BACA website for more information on upcoming trainings, events and monthly meetings. <http://colorado.bacaworld.org/colorado/pikes-peak-chapter/>
- The group focuses on helping kids in fear because of abuse or neglect; they offer a visible show of support and caring. The children can't wish themselves out of poverty but they can be given/taught the tools to live.
- BACA is looking into ways to support/Promote NOMC.

Department of Human Services

- Lynn manages resources at DHS. Organizations can share their materials with her for display in the information area at Citizens Service Center.
- Contact: D. Lynn Schulz (DianaSchulz@elpasoco.com) or 719-444-5722

Please check the website at Notonemorechild.net for information that can be updated or added.

The next Not One More Child coalition meeting will be scheduled soon, at the Citizens Service Center, 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs. Check back to the website for details.

If committees plan to meet, I'll gladly share those details with the group. Just let me know!