

Surviving Abuse, Exploitation and Neglect Committee.
Existing Resources & Services
Notes

7/1/2020 4:00PM

4pm -4:15pm: Introduction and what each person would like to bring to the committee. Their concerns around the pandemic:

- Jonathon Rondeau: President of The Arc. Interested in supporting those with disabilities (physical and intellectual).
 - Many families with children with disabilities are missing out on services they had access to pre-pandemic. (such as technology assistance)
 - Where can we serve and refer families???
- Sandra Barnes- DHS, CPS. Expert in resources for children.
- Lauren Pruitt: Freestate Justice. Working for LGBTQ. Covid19 has made groups vulnerable to homelessness, job loss and more, even more vulnerable.
 - Covid19 being used as an excuse to fire LGBTQ employees.
 - Freestate has had a hard time disseminating information to at risk individuals.
- Jeanette Ortiz: Legislative + Policy counsel for Anne Arundel County schools.
 - Making sure students have access to food, earning resources.
 - Because students are home, teachers and counselors are missing those signs of abuse and neglect.
- Heidi Howard: representing Pam Jordan for the meeting.
- Barbara Palmer: Kingdom Kare Childcare Center. Subcommittee Chair.
 - Need to reduce stress on families by providing resources.

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Groups that need services.

- LGBTQ: most basic needs
 - Homelessness, job loss increasing.
 - Resource: 211- call or text for finding chelters. Useful but not enough people know about it.
 - Trans community: ID may list opposite of what they identify.
 - Resource: Safehaven.com will help those who call to find shelter, navigate the court, resume help etc. Good because it is immediate.
 - Identification: the process for changing is becoming more streamlined but name change still needs a court order. Many need someone to walk them through the process.
- Schools/Youth/Families
 - Many families now have reduced income.
 - As soon as shutdown started, schools opened up food programs to feed students 3 meals a day + weekends.
 - Still continuing during the summer.
 - Changing grading system for virtual learning.
 - Gave chromebooks to families but only 1 per family. Need a 1 to 1 ratio. Need more funding.

- Lack of internet: school system created hotspots at schools.
- Verizon was able to provide free internet for a short while, but it has ended.
- People Personnel Workers (PPW) , school counselors, principals reaching out to families. Making sure families know these resources are still available.
- Food insecurities: Local group served 1800 individuals every monday
- Military population:
 - many working long hours and still have to learn how to homeschool children.
- Immigrants
 - Undocumented families- fear of coming out because they are scared of being asked for ID.
 - Making sure there are translators
- Disabled Population
 - Basic needs not being met. Need access to technology.
 - Where can information be disseminated?
- Home-bound
 - Immunodeficient- scared to go out even if they know where the resources are.

TIP: Find 1 central time and location for different jurisdictions to reach all communities. A safe place for residents to come receive their aid.

*Make sure we take into account intersectionality (ex: same sex domestic violence). Many victims struggle to report because they don't fit into a certain 'box')

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Existing Resources- Stakeholders that can assist us

- Local school systems.
- Local food banks
- Dept. of Social Services
- Local Dept. of Aging.
- Churches
- SNAP benefits- can use SNAP on grocery delivery services
- DMV identification- LGBTQ can more easily change their identification (many are unaware).
- Access to Medication- Healthcare representatives.
 - Making sure information on COVID is accurate.
- YWCA
- This is a census year: look to counties and their census coordinators.
- Housing: Loving Arms.
 - Make sure youth note that in October they can go to shelters without an adult

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How to get al compiled information out:

- Pamphlets.
- Digital
- Have stakeholders distribute
- Hotlines

- APP: each agency or county may have an app with the pertinent information
- Some counties have hotspots throughout the county where people can call for food + necessities.

Starting Steps:

- 24 jurisdiction.
- Divide by county or divide by resources/issues?

Issues

LGTBQ- Lauren Pruitt

Military- Barbara Palmer

Immigrants/undocumented- Jeanette Ortiz

Elderly- Sandy Bartlett.

Disabled- Jonathon Rondeau?

Youth- Jeanette Ortiz

Unaccompanied minors- Betsy Tolentino?

Isolated Communities- ?

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims- Christy Lewis? Lisae Jordan?

Take into account how the needs may vary across the state.

FOR NEXT MEETING: Create list of issues for each jurisdiction. Broad overview.

Next meeting: 7/10/2020 10am