



Door County Partnership for Children and Families Quarterly Partnership Update

Friday December 16, 2022

The mission of the Door County Partnership for Children and Families is to promote resilience, strength, and social-emotional well-being for the families in our community.

Attendees: Rebecca Nicholson (DCPCF – Community Connector), Chad Welch (DCPCF – Family Engagement Liaison), Mary Ellen Smith (DCPCF Co-Chair), Ann Smejkal (DCPCF Co-Chair), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Candis Dart (Parent/Community Member), Jess Holland (UWDC-Child Care), Beth Lokken (Door County Library), Josh Orberndorfer (YMCA), Katie Smullen (Sturgeon Bay Schools), Callie Krauel (DCMC), Cori McFarlane (DCDHHS), Cami Peggar (UWDC-STRIDE), Autumn Depner (DCDHHS-Economic Support), Sam Burris (JAK’s Place), Anni Lampert (HELP of Door County), Beth Chisholm (DHS), Dori Goddard (DHS), Eric Krawczyk (Public Health), Shauna Blackledge (Public Health), Katie Van Laanen (Public Health), Marsie Hartman (HOPE Church), Teresa Mertens (WIC)

1. Partner Updates

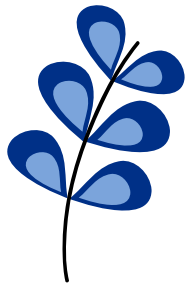
- a. **Public Health (Shauna Blackledge)** - Public Health got another staff certified as Child Passenger Safety Technicians Dec 6-8 and will begin offering that service as we only have one certified tech in the County currently. We would like to reinstate Healthy Kids Day (August) with the help of interested partner organizations. **The Mental Health Focus Group** has been working on some youth/family initiatives--400 gratitude/mental health kits went out through libraries in November and we decorated the Younkers storefront. We want to have an interactive area at the Sturgeon Bay Art Fair in May (again looking for partnerships/volunteers).
- b. **Public Health (Katie Van Laanen)** - Door County Public Health is rolling out online vaccine appointment scheduling. On our webpage <https://www.co.door.wi.gov/167/Public-Health> there is a button to click to schedule an appointment. People can still call to set up an appointment. Trying to modernize services and make things easier for the community. We have had quite a few staffing changes this year including changes near the end of 2022.
- c. **JAK’s Place (Sam Burris)** - Dec. 20th 2022, Holiday Meal at JAK's Place 4PM to 5PM Please call 920-818-0525 or send Facebook message.
- d. **HOPE Church (Marcie Hartman)** - Hope leads a LEAF Latino Emergency Assistance Fund which supports the Hispanic Resource Center. We will be purchasing grocery gift cards with small gifts for about 20 people.
- e. **DHS (Cori McFarlane)** - County office hours have changed to M-Th 7-4:30 and F 7-11:00. DHHS remains open by appointment Friday afternoons until 4:30. Beth Chisholm has been named DHHS Deputy Director, replacing Cori McFarlane who will retire Jan. 20. We continue to have vacancies in several program divisions. If you or someone you know is interested in working for DHHS, please check the county website for postings.
- f. **Door County Library (Beth Lokken)** - Door County Reads has started. The Book is Raft of Stars by Andrew Graff. Copies are available at all 8 branches while supplies last. The book is available in ebook and eaudio on our Hoopla database, with unlimited access.
- g. **United Way of Door County – Childcare (Jess Holland)** – employer contributions towards childcare benefit pilot program is underway. More information can be found here: <https://unitedwaydc.com/child-care-benefit-pilot-program/> flyers follow minutes below.

2. DCPCF Updates

- a. Dolly Parton Imagination Library – 708 active / 470 graduated
- b. Raising a Thinking Child training – Looking to hold sessions in 2023
- c. Parent Cafes – looking to hold in person sessions in 2023

- d. WOW Cafes – looking to hold in person sessions in 2023
 - e. Triple P – upcoming classes will be posted on our website events calendar and you can find more information here: <https://doorcountyparents.com/triple-p/>
 - f. Welcome Baby program – transitioning to Gina Felhofer who will assume the role of Family Resource Specialist in January 2023
 - g. Community Connections served 21 in November and 24 so far in December
3. The Partnership is looking to increase community engagement and is looking for feedback on how to go about this. Our existing sub-committees have served us well but have not been meeting since pre-COVID. We are looking to create new opportunities for parent/community involvement in the Partnership. Ann Smejkal suggested another Community Conversation event.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2023



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Could you use help paying for child care?

UNITED WAY AND THE WOMEN'S FUND OF DOOR COUNTY MAY BE ABLE TO HELP:

We are accepting applications to match employer contributions towards childcare costs.

FOLLOW THE QR CODE OR REACH OUT TO JESS HOLLAND, CHILD CARE COMMUNITY COORDINATOR AT UNITED WAY, TO LEARN MORE:

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