

Yuma Early Childhood Collaboration Meeting: 11 August 2014

Summary Notes: Family Development Sub-Committee

Committee members discussed the needs and potential resources needed for Yuma's families and identified a number of topics that were determined to be Parent Education opportunities, such as:

- Nutrition
- Financial Literacy
- Literacy
- Teen Parenting/Education Program & Communicating with Teens
- Mental Health
- Drug Awareness & Suicide
- Families Dealing with Loss of Child
- Affordable Care Act & Understanding the Act
- Disseminating Information to Families
- Legal Services
- Technology
- Family Planning

These topics were integrated into three primary community needs that committee members are recommending for consideration by the Yuma Regional Council as potential strategies with funding allocation(s):

1. Parent Education (See above topics)
2. Develop Comprehensive Referral System (Agencies/Organizations/Services)
3. Mental Health Services

Our committee discussed collaborative approaches with existing community service providers/ agencies which would ensure a greater impact for disseminating information, identify at risk populations and determine optimal approaches for implementation. Suggested approaches include but are not limited to:

- Mobile Resource Center (Van) with regularly scheduled neighborhood visits in Yuma County (**1st Recommendation**)
- Using Housing Authority complex community centers as neighborhood meeting venues
- Using free venues: non-profit centers such as libraries, MLK, Jr. Center, etc.
- Home visitations (**additional Funding in order to provide parent-requested additional training that can be conducted during home visits**)
- Reading Literacy
- Using community schools' (Districts & Charter) and Head Start centers' facilities as much as possible for parent education training opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration!