

## Community Wellness Meeting

September 2, 2020

In attendance Mike Scott, Laura Chastain, Jordi King, Veronica, Frank Moraga, Felicia Bicknell, Justine McDilda, Abby Sanchez, Sharon Sifling, Matt Vandzura, Emma Onawa

**Mike Scott Grand Canyon Food Pantry** – Walk-in coolers are up and functioning as a result the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month they are receiving larger deliveries from Saint Mary's. Phase 2 build out – now in progress. Remodel to actual pantry – will have to get lead / asbestos testing done then hope to use volunteers to finish build out. Need Volunteers!!

**Jordi King – Coconino County Health Department** – [Prescription Drug overdose Prevention Program](#) - trainings – free medication disposal bags – Jordi spoke with Greg Brush Tusayan Fire about holding naloxone training. Matt offer up assistance with location for NA meetings if we find a need.

**Veronica – Town of Tusayan** – thanks to those that attended movie nights last weekend. Hope to do again in the future.

**Frank Moraga – Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth** – always willing to share our events. Weekly zoom meetings for wellness.

<https://news.coconinokids.org/> Check out their information on many virtual webinars for parents, support etc. They also have several resource guides available.

**Felicia Bicknell - court appointed special advocates CASA** – 30-hour training program is now online – great opportunity to get training done. Looking for volunteers to be able to support kids. There are a number of services and funds available to help those who are supporting kids in Foster Care – contact Felicia if you have questions.

**Justine McDilda – DES** – Child Support Services mostly virtual model – portal available for case information. Justine would like to be able to set up some online trainings for parent groups. Contact her for more information 480-338-6205

Here is the link to DES' Child Support Services website <https://des.az.gov/dcss> and if any clients need to email in any documents for their case they can email [DCSS-Documents@azdes.gov](mailto:DCSS-Documents@azdes.gov) and the phone number is 1-800-882-4151.

**Abby Sanchez – North Country Health Care** – Abby is available to assist families with AHCCCS and SNAP enrollment – North Country now has HIV take home tests with results in about 5-minutes – working out the details of how they will roll out.

**Sharon Sifling – Coconino County Health and Human Services** – COVID-19 testing in Tusayan again next Thursday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> IMAX parking lot – saliva and swabbing testing 9 am – 1 pm.

**Emma Onawa – Family Involvement Center** – Volunteer opportunities available to become a Peer Parent Support Partner: training 24 hours free college tuition, credit \$400 month stipend, laptop and supplies – see attached for more information or visit <https://www.mesacc.edu/departments/cultural-science/social-work/parent-peer-support-social-work-scholarship-stipend-program>

**Matt Vandzura NPS** – Visitation low 25 – 35 % of normal – Now taking new reservations for back country permits online and in person – new no touch walk up method for permits – asking to physically go to back country permit office and follow instructions on the door.

**Bethany Larson – Victim Witness Services**

Hi Everyone – VWS at Grand Canyon is seeking volunteers to assist with Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities. There are many ways to get involved. Please share with your respective work groups.

Oct 1 – Wear purple day / lapel pins are available at VWS. Please let me know if you would like some for yourself or your work group.

Oct 10 – Family walk along the GC greenway from 9am-11am (add an hour both sides for set up and take down). Eight tables of activities designed around DV awareness will be set up along a ¾ mile length of the greenway in Grand Canyon village. We are seeking volunteers to man each table. In addition you have the option (but not obligation) to help in the construction of the activity at a particular table; if you would like to put out fliers for your organization as a community resource please bring them. Details on size of stations, etc. will be determined in our permit. (Details will be distributed to interested parties). Each station will have covid mitigation supplies available.

Month long – We are having a ‘word’ scavenger hunt for word signs posted in windows (homes/cars) or on bulletin boards around the GC Village and Tusayan residential areas. The words are all related to domestic violence in some fashion. We are seeking volunteers to help make the signs and we are looking for people willing to post them in their windows/on ‘non-visitor’ bulletin boards. Details will be explained to interested parties.

Month long - Purple Ribbons on stop signs in residential areas – we need volunteers to put up the ribbons.

(Note: There will be other events, not requiring volunteers, so please watch for the event calendar coming soon)!

If you are interested in volunteering please let us know by Sept 14 (include your preference of volunteer task). Once we know who is interested, we will have more specific details of the task assignment by Sept 21.

Looking forward to working with you to help bring awareness!

Any questions please let me know.

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# PARENTS WANTED

**Do you have lived experience, either as a parent or as a child, receiving services from a child-serving system?**

If so, and you'd like a career helping others navigate child and family systems, we have an opportunity for you — one that gets you:

- Free college tuition for 24 credits,
- Books and supplies (including a new computer).
- A monthly stipend to help support you and your family.

We're specifically looking for parents who have experience with any of the following entities:

- Department of Child Safety or Child Protective Services
- Addiction and Recovery
- Behavioral Health
- Juvenile Justice

As a participant in the 2-year Parent Peer Support Social Work Scholarship Stipend Program, you attend virtual online classes through Mesa Community College Social Work Program and participate in service learning at Family Involvement Center. After your first year, you're then eligible for a paid position in an apprenticeship program, allowing you to gain on-the-job experience under the guidance of a mentor.

To apply, you must have your high school diploma or a GED and be available to begin classes on Oct. 19.

**Learn more and apply today at**

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