

Fairmount Providers' Meeting Thursday, September 21, 2017

Special thanks to Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) for hosting and providing lunch and for their ongoing involvement in our community.

...New Faces...

- Kyle Reiser, Roll Hill School, Kr@gradcincinnati.org
- Elizabeth Kaple, Santa Maria, Elizabeth.kaple@santamaria-cincy.org
- Ben Lotianga. St. Leo. lotiangaben@yahoo.com
- Corey Hatfield, Beech Acres, chatfield@beechacres.org
- Felicia Selvie Children's Home/SPARK, fselvie@thechildrenshomecinti.org
- NaKita Anderson, WIN public ally, nanderson@wincincy.org
- Kenneth Fleming, Amicus Children Learning Center. Kennethaldenfleming@gmail.com
- Ellen Berninger, Cincinnati Health Department Ellen.berninger@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Lisa Garofalo, consultant early childhood lag1@fuse.net (new email)

...Joining Together for the Common Good...

...To Help Our Children...

- Cristo Rey High School will have eight shadow days in the next three months .There will be an open house Thursday, Oct 26, from 4 to 8 pm at the school 1133 Clifton Hills Avenue and a corporate work study program information Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:30pm at Paycor in Norwood, a corporate partner. Advance registration is required for the high school placement test prep class which will be Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 am to noon and the placement test Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8 am. Call Yasmeen Kahn or Ed Thornton for more information 861-0600
- Corey Hatfield of Beech Acres is the mindfulness, building strengths coordinator at the new LEAP Academy on Baltimore Avenue. The program aims to improve student self-control, increase classroom participation, cultivate an atmosphere of respect, and boost their over-all self-acceptance and will be introduced throughout the year as compliments to regular curriculum
- Kyle Reiser is the new resource coordinator at Roll Hill Academy. His current focus is on achievement and tutoring where he is working with UC's Bearcat Buddies He school is also working on mental health and social and emotional skills. He also plans to do more work with parents.
- Lisa Hyde-Miller of Villages at Roll Hill said the summer program was very successful. There were over 23,000 meals served and more than 200 volunteers helped with activities and field trips. Girls' Life Skills will begin Oct. 5, and meet the first and third Thursdays of the month through May. Dinner will be provided by LaSoupe and Little Ceasars' pizza. The first program will focus on goals, motto, and mission for the year. The St. X Big Brothers' program for boys ages 7 to 12 is in its 18th year. 25 have already signed up. There will be a meet and greet for big and little brothers and their parents at the Communities at Roll Hill Community center Sunday, Oct. 15, from 1 to 2 pm Over 300 families have signed up for the free Thanksgiving Meal provided by Union Savings Bank.
- ***Don't forget to bring a bag of candy to the next Providers' meeting Oct. 19, for the annual Career Costume Party at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. Instead of dressing as ghosts and goblins youth research the career they hope to become and dress professionally and explain the education needed for that career and the income they expect to make.***
- Ken Fleming of Amicus Children's learning Center now housed in the former St. Leo school, said the group will be doing the "toys for tots" program for children in the 45225 and 45232 zip codes. Amicus has an after-school learning program at that site and 4 others.
- Jim Boyle of the Millvale Rec Center spoke of the many activities available at the center, including gym, cardio, dance, and community garden. He said the summer program was successful with 60 to 100 youth attending each day. 3 Church groups came and helped spruce up the center. The fall schedule is from 10 am to 9 pm. Fall activities include teen council, boxing, flag football, computer, and gym. Students come and receive a snack after school and a hot meal at 5 pm. Evening activities are for teens and adults. The Center is working to get an after-school program up and going.
- Though Lisa Garofalo has retired, she is still working with Taylor Academy on kindergarten readiness.
- Molly Luken is excited by Taylor Academy's new principal Sherman Ealy and implementing the Vision 20/20 new technology program. She's preparing for lots of activities including those for Halloween and Thanksgiving and the opening of its after-school program Oct. 16

- Felicia Selvie of the Children’s Home shared information about SPARK a free in-home kindergarten readiness program. Trained home visitors conduct lessons based on Ohio’s Early Learning and Development Standards with pre-school aged children and their parents. For more information contact Felicia at 272-2800

...To Get and Stay Healthy...

- Ellen Berninger of the Cincinnati Health Department’s Creating Healthy Communities Coalition which aims to make neighborhoods healthier places to live, work, and play invited members to attend and share information at monthly meetings at the Health Department on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10 am to noon.
- The 19th annual Price Hill Women’s Health Fair will be Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Price Hill Recreation Center, 959 Hawthorne Avenue. There will be free health screenings as well as the opportunity to schedule Pap smear and cervical cancer screenings (513) 557-7249 or mammograms (859) 655-7400. There will also be raffle prizes, snacks, and childcare available. For more information call 557-7249
- Susan Jorgensen’s focus at WIN is working on providing healthy fresh food to residents in the area. Each Friday there is an opportunity to buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables.

...To Further Enhance Our Communities...

- There will be a Job Fair, sponsored by Cincinnati Works with over 15 local employers, Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 10 am at the United Way, 2400 Reading Road.
- NiKita Anderson of WIN is the employment barriers removal specialist and is looking forward to working with community members including Ken Wilson, outreach worker for Cincinnati Works. Which offers free job readiness and employment help including barrier removal, finding and keeping jobs and help with foster children who are aging out of the system.
- Riegel Behrens, who does community development for Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) spoke of their work in the South Cumminsville and Millvale communities and desire to reach out into the North and South Fairmount communities as well. WIN has been awarded a grant to help develop an action plan with residents to provide better access to fresh food, health care, and jobs. The grant provides help from local and federal resources who will meet with WIN next week to begin to prepare for the planning process
- Scott Stephens of Catholic Charities said the agency continues to open the St. Leo Food pantry on the 4th Saturday of the month from noon to 2 pm for those who cannot access the pantry during the week. Catholic Charities also expects to soon be in its new offices next to the food pantry and plans to offer services to meet community needs.
- Elizabeth Kaple of Santa Maria talked about two new programs that provide hearing testing and hearing aid and eye testing and glasses for those who could not afford them, Santa Maria offers a range of services including health insurance enrollment, help with Medicaid and food stamps, notary services, human trafficking, and pro bono counseling.
- Officer Adrian Gibson says overall crime is down in District 3. He shared local crime statistics and a parents’ guide for cyber safety as well as helpful police phone numbers including 765-1212, non-emergency calls; 263-8300, district 3; 352-3718, drugs and prostitution; and 263-8345, Officer Gibson.
- **TRAFFIC ALERT:** Southbound State Street between Beekman and Cincinnati Fire House 21 will close to traffic beginning Monday, Sept. 25 through spring, 2018
- There will be a FREE Pet Health Day for people who struggle to have money to care for their pets, Sunday, Oct. 1, from noon to 4 pm at St. Francis Church on Liberty and Vine Streets. There will be a blessing of animals, exams by volunteer veterinarians and staff, vaccinations if needed. Info and vouchers on reduced cost neuter and medical services. (Limit 4 pets per owner) Tickets for appointments will be issued in front of the church starting at 9 am.
- There will be a “Stuff the Cruiser for Our Furry Friends” Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 am to 2 pm at district 3 2310 Ferguson Road. Donations of pet food, toys, or other pet items will be donated to the SPCA
- Emma Shirey of Xavier’s Community Building Institute spoke about a recent Channel program on North and South Fairmount noting the successes and gaps that still need to be filled.

**October Fairmount Providers; Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 11:30 am to 1 pm
Millvale Rec Center hosting
Molly Luken providing lunch**