

Thursday, April 16, 2015

****Special thanks to St. Leo's for hosting and providing lunch and for the ongoing work they do in the community.**

...New Faces...

- Tavis Foreman, Cincinnati Health Department, community health initiative, 357-7428, tavis.foreman@cincinnati-oh.gov
- Erin Meyer, The Salvation Army, 646-0977, erin.meyer@use.salvationarmy.org
- Scott Stephens, Catholic Charities, sstephens@ccswoh.org
- Lindsey Cercula, Children's Hospital medical center, Lindsey.cercula@cchmc.org
- Jasma Warner, Stanta Maris, Every Child Succeeds, jasma.warner@santamaria.org
- Anmie Scheid, Healthy Moms and Babies, ascheid@healthymomsandbabes.org
- **New Contact for Pamela J. Adams, nfcc@zoomtown.com**

...The More We Work Together, the Better Our Communities Will Be...

...Giving Our Children a Good Start...

- Annie Scheid, new program director overseeing home visiting for Healthy Moms and Babies shared current van schedules and said the agency will replicate the "Saving Lives: Understanding Infant Mortality" first presented at the Villages at Roll Hill Thursday, May 21, from noon to 1:30 pm at the St. Vincent de Paul Society office in Winton Hills. The program at Roll Hill was very successful. Annie also urged providers to join the agency for Healthy Moms and Babies Awareness Day at the Reds game Thursday, Aug. 6 at 12:35 pm. Tickets are \$18 each and \$9 per ticket will be donated to Healthy Moms to continue its important work.
- Lindsey Cercula of Cincinnati Children's Hospital is working with the Cradle Cincinnati connection trying to reduce infant mortality in zip codes 04, 05, 14, and 15. Goal is to try to fill the gaps in services by agencies currently working in the field. We want to find out if there was one thing you need in this work and currently don't have, what would it be. Then we'd try to fill that gap. Lindsey has moved into an office at 3215 Warsaw and will be joined by a nurse and social worker.

...Facilitating Healthy Life Styles...

- Tavis Foreman of the Healthy Communities initiative of the Health Department says the program focuses on active living, healthy eating, and tobacco free living in the English Woods, North and South Fairmount, and neighboring communities. There will be an Expo explaining the work done to date and the partners involved Saturday, April 18 from noon to 3 pm at the Dunham Rec center. It is likely there will be another Expo in the North Fairmount area at a later date.
- Persons with food stamps who buy food at Findley Market or farmers' markets can get an extra \$10 of produce perks to buy fruits and vegetables.
- Dan Hart is acting supervisor at the Millvale Rec Center while Jim Boyle is acting as a regional manager in the downtown offices for two months. He says they are now getting the garden ready for planting. This gives youth an opportunity to understand the process of growing food and enjoying the food they grow. About 20 youth have been helping him clean up, weed, and get the garden ready for planting.
- There will be a Healthy Eating Program and tips for natural weight loss Thursday, April 23, at 1 pm at the Village at Roll Hill Community Center. There will be a complimentary healthy meal for the first 30 people. Unique U Medical Weight Loss and Wellness and Kenwood Rehabilitation will be presenting.
- Casey Betz of St. Leo's said work continues on getting the building at the corner of Carll and Baltimore ready for the St. Leo food pantry to expand and move other there.
- Antonio Roberto of Talbert said that their site is the pilot program to become smoke free by July 1 for both staff and residents. They are limiting smoking time, gradually increasing the time between periods when smoking is permitted. That site is also expanding its building to provide more space for group rooms. If providers know of any contractors who might be interested in applying for the job contact Antonio at 557-2500, extension 2372 or email antonio.roberts@talberthouse.org

.....Providing for Our Children and Keeping Them Safe...

- There will be a 4-on-4 Basketball tournament, resource fair, and social Saturday, April 18, from 11 am to 3 pm at the Price Hill Rec center. Sponsors include Childhood Food Solutions, Cincinnati Works, Project Nehemiah, Positive Influence Team, Cincinnati Police, U Can Speak for Life, Price Hill Safety CAT. Basketball winners will receive cash rewards.
- Tony Fairhead of Childhood Food Solutions (CFS) is responding to the *Enquirer's* editorial about childhood poverty and explained that the same time the All Star game is here, is the worst time of the year for hungry children. He says that CFS wants to fill that gap with its sacks which can supplement the food available at home. Though free lunches are available they do not serve the majority of eligible children. CFS has \$17,000 available and needs \$250,000 to meet the need.
- Planning for summer activities is underway at the Millvale Rec Center. Among the planned activities are the football camp that begins June 6. The first 100 children who sign up will get free memberships to the center. The pool will open June 2 and be open to August 28. There will also be a summer enrichment program centered on math and science. The Center will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner during the summer.
- The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is sponsoring the Reds' rookie success League June 8 through the 18 at the Roselawn center. In addition to sports skills, the program also offers lessons for life. Transportation will be provided from the Millvale center, where applications are available.
- Lisa Hyde-Hill of the Villages at Roll Hill spoke of two youth programs that are very successful—the Girls' Life Skills group is making mother's day gifts for their moms—jewelry and a framed letter telling their mothers what is "worth the wait" for them. The St. Xavier Big Brothers program is wrapping up for the year. There will be laser tag this Saturday, a trip to the zoo May 2, and a family picnic May 16. She spoke of the relationships that have been formed and spoke of one young man who began playing basketball with his St. X Big Brother eight years ago and is now going to become a professional basketball player.
- Lisa is planning summer field trips and programs for the Villages at Roll Hill. She is working with Whole Food Again Ministries to provide summer breakfast and lunch.
- Roll Hill Academy will be selling Mother's Day flowers May 6-8 for \$.50 and \$1 to raise money for a school picnic.
- Saturday Hoops and Dribblethon is held Saturdays from 9:45 am to 12:45 pm through May 9 at the Over The Rhine Rec Center. It provides an opportunity for youth from all over the city to get to know and play with each other.
- Erin Meyer of the Salvation Army's human trafficking program is seeking ways the agency can partner with local agencies who might be working with people who might be victims. The Salvation Army provides a 24 hour hot line, an outreach and drop in program, as well as case management. She shared the signs of human trafficking: appearance of being under the control of another; restricted movement; demeanor changes; signs of physical abuse; lack of personal possessions; lack of awareness of location; large debt; lacking control of ID, document or finances. The local hotline number is 800-1863. The national hotline is 1-888-373-7888. For more information go to endslaverycincinnati.org

...Further Enhancing the Quality of Life in our Communities...

- Pamela J. Adams, president of the North Fairmount Community council, says they have started a tutoring and homework program at the former North Fairmount school every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm through June 2. Volunteers are always needed. There was a clean-up in North Fairmount in March and additional clean-ups are slated for Saturday, April 25 and May 23 from 9 am to noon.
- There will be an opportunity to recycle electronic devices Saturday, April 25, from 10 am to 2 pm at Oak Hills High school.
- Officer Melissa Emody was filling in for Officer Adrian Gibson. She shared crime stats and said they have a new supervisor Sergeant Damico Anderson. District 3 has been involved in neighborhood clean-ups. The dedication of the new police station is set for June 25 at 4 pm. The district wide open house will be Wednesday, May 13 beginning at 9 am and running until 12:30 pm. National night out will be the first Tuesday in August at Oskamp Park.
- UC social work interns are completing their year at St. Leo's. Both are going on to graduate school. Natasha Lovely will be attending the University of Michigan and Jocelin Morrow will attend Boston College where she received a \$25,000 scholarship.

- Scott Stephens of Catholic Charities spoke of the partnership between St. Leo's food pantry and Catholic Charities and said he is listening to learn what services the agency could provide the community.

...Helping with Jobs and Education...

- Courtney Craig of the Welcome Center at Roberts school said they are extending for Tuesday and Thursday ESL classes from 6 to 8 pm Students can attend one or both classes each week. Four levels of English are offered. Enrichment classes are offered for children while their parents attend class. There are still spots available for Spanish speaking persons who want to complete their pre-GED work in Spanish. Contact Courtney at 363-4693 for more information.
- St, Leo's offers day-time ESL classes Thursdays, from 9:30 am and Saturdays from 10 am to noon. All are welcome.
- The Cincinnati Library is offering a Job Readiness Academy Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 1m to noon at downtown library room 3 B taught by Sara Haas of the Work Initiative network. For more information call 354-5666 or email [shaas@win\\$work.org](mailto:shaas@win$work.org)

May Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 11:30 am to 1 pm Millvale Rec Center