

September Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2019

****Special thanks to St. Leo for hosting and providing lunch and for its on-going commitment to our community**

...New Faces...

- Latasha Hambrick, community health worker, Cradle Cincinnati Connections, 3210 Warsaw Avenue, 513 987 6066 latasha, hambrick@cchmc.org
- Elizabeth Kraft Hamilton Jobs and Family Ignite Program,, krafte@JFS.Hamilton-co.org
- Maurice White, Community Action Agency, mwhite@cincy-caa.org

...Continuing to Collaborate...

...To Work for Peace, Progress and God's Blessings on Our Communities...

- Join hands to show Cincinnati is **United to Stop the Violence**. We stand in solidarity against violence in the City of Cincinnati. **Sunday, September 22, 3:30 pm** Hands Across the MLK Bridge for Peace Rally begins at 4:00 pm, march begins at 4:30 pm Meet in parking lot on the Corner of Reading rd. & Martin Luther King Dr. Parking available. Please bring a sign with a peaceful message, a chair if you wish, and encourage your friends and neighbors to join. After the event, stay for food, drink & fellowship. Stop by various organizations' tables to learn how they're working to make Cincinnati more nonviolent and how you can help.
- Greer Aeschbury of Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) reported good progress on the Beekman Corridor alliance, a group of neighborhood residents from North and South Fairmount, Millvale and South Cumminsville who have been working collaboratively on issues of dumping, housing, and lack of investment. The dumping group gave a presentation at City Hall and sought funding to add 10 additional cameras to catch dumping violations. That group plans to meet again with council committee members to continue discussion and further reinforce the need for cameras. The housing group plans to meet with the city land bank to talk about a program to work with vacant lots in the neighborhoods.
- Everett Brewer of President Drive church of Christ said the church completed 11 weeks of its Friday Family Fun Nights which got families together for hot dogs, playing games together and deepening relationships.
- Pastor Brewer also reported on the Day of Hope sponsored by area churches and the police. Next year's event will be on Saturday, August 15. 350 filled backpacks, 350 toiletry packs, \$2000 in prizes for adults and children, and coats, hats, and gloves. Local pastors formed a group United Worship that walks and prays together in neighborhoods. Their next prayer walk will be Sunday, Oct. 6 in the area around Willing Spirit church on Westwood Northern Blvd.

...To Improve Self- Sufficiency and Save Money...

- April Barker of Cincinnati Jobs and Family says their Ignite program in zip code 45225 is still not in its new location at the Millvale Rec Center but case managers are already working with participants to help break down barriers that might keep them from work. The program is for people ages 18 to 24 who are receiving Ohio Works financial aid. Elizabeth Kraft is heading up the program there that offers in home comprehensive case management to individuals to enable them to become self-sufficient. A wide range of services are offered including connecting people with educational and vocational training, child care, transportation and other barriers. JFS works with many community partners to provide these services.
- Ken Wilson of Cincinnati Works reported that more than 1100 people attended its fall job fair at the Cintas Center on Tuesday. 75 employers were there. Cincinnati Works has formed a partnership and has absorbed Beacon of Light which provides transportation to jobs for people who don't have it
- The 3rd year of " Pathway to Financial Health" classes. Will be held on Thursdays from Sept. 19 to Oct. 24 from 11 am to 12:30 pm at the Villages at Roll Hill community center. Classes are open to all.

...To Continue to Provide Great Opportunities for Our Youth...

- Exciting things have been happening at LEAP academy, according to Eneida Uehlin. Enrollment is now up to 300, children “walked the red carpet” to welcome them on the first day of school, and eight girls had an opportunity to meet with Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor who spoke of the challenges she faced in her life and gave them copies of her new book.
- Maurice White of the Community Action Agency CAA says the agency will now be running the Head Start program at the Millvale Rec center previously done by Cincinnati Union Bethel. He said CAA is working to involve local 3 to 5 year olds in its program that provides an educational and social foundation that aims to inspire life-long learning. There are full-day and half-day on-site programs. Transportation is provided. Vouchers and private pay are accepted. There is also an in-home program for income-eligible pregnant moms with children up to age 5. Early Head Start is available for ages 6 weeks to 3 years only in a full day option Monday through Friday, does not provide transportation and requires child care vouchers or private pay. For more information call 513 569 4510.
- Felicia Selvie of the Children’s Home talked about the SPARK in-home kindergarten readiness program which provides free information and supplies to prepare, 3, 4, and 5 year olds for school. Trained home visitors work with parents and children and provide a new book, lesson activity, and educational supplies each visit, as well as opportunities for group interaction with other families in the program and referrals to other community supports. For more information call Felicia at 513 272 2800
- Shadow Days at DePaul Cristo Rey high school will be Thursdays, Sept. 26 and Oct.3, Friday, Oct, 11; Mondays, Oct 21, Nov.11 and 26; Tuesdays, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5; and Wednesday, Nov. 20. Open house will be Thursday, Oct 24 from 4 to 8 pm and will provide an opportunity to view the new gymnasium and student center and new academic building under construction. DePaul Cristo Rey provides low income students an opportunity to get a college prep education while gaining work experience to help pay tuition. Call the admissions office 861-0600 for more information
- St. Xavier’s Big Brother program for boys ages 8 to 12 at the Villages at Roll Hill will start with a family “Greet & Meet” October 6, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Xavier’s High School. The first Field trip is October 20th. * All trips except one are now on Sundays.
- Girls Life Skills for ages 7 to 17 starts back on October 3, at 3:00 p.m. There will be a speaker every other meeting and dinner every meeting.
- Sign up for Wonderful World of Magic Show: October 22, is now underway at the Villages at Roll Hill community center. You do not have to live in the Villages at Roll Hill to attend. There will be bus pick up at 4:15 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. showing.

...To Improve Health and Decrease Infant Mortality...

- LaTasha Hambrick, community health worker for Cradle Cincinnati spoke the agency’s efforts to provide case management in the area to help reduce infant mortality and provide information, support, and services to pregnant mothers. While Cradle Cincinnati provides services for pregnant women regardless of race, it has an additional program called Queens Villages for African American women who historically have had higher infant mortality rates. Queens Village will have a “brunch for the people—holding space for black moms to share and leaders to listen” Saturday Oct. 5, from 11am to 1:30 pm at Fueled Collective, 3825 Edwards Road. There will be free yoga in Winton Hills Sept. 17 to Oct. 22 and Trapercize, building better fitness training for African American women of child-bearing age Saturdays< Oct 5 through 26 from 9 to 11 am at 1769 Carll St. Child care is provided with RSVP traperiuze.eventbrite.com. Contact LaTasha at 513 987 6066 for more information
- LEAP Academy will be collaborating with the Free Store food bank to open a food pantry at the school that will serve parents of students twice a month.
- Childhood Food Solutions (CFS) provided food for 4000 children on the 191 days school was not in session last year.
- Greer Aeschbury of Working in Neighborhoods WIN said the community garden was abundant and they held a produce pop up at the 1st Baptist church of Cumminsville

...To Get Ready for the Holidays...

- Sign up for Thanksgiving for residents of Roll Hill and seniors at McHenry House are underway at the community center and will end Oct. 17.
- Christmas Sign up is September 21, 2019 (Saturday) and September 24, (Tuesday) both days 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lisa is asking for candy for the Villages at Roll Hill 20th annual career costume party Thursday, Oct. 24. Be sure to bring a bag of candy to the Fairmount Providers' meeting Thursday, Oct. 17

***October Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 11:30 am to 1 pm
President Drive Church of Christ***