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Lee County Family Connection
Lee County
FY18 Annual Plan
July 01, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Governance Type: Private non-profit body

Collaborative Functional Type: Partner Engagement

Collaborative Description and Activities to Strengthen Effectiveness: To ensure that the Lee County Family Connection Collaborative functions most effectively, a structured approach to effective partner engagement must be a high priority. Critical partners to engage and bring to the collaborative will be the City of Leesburg and Lee County Government and City/County Officials. Lee County Family Connection is on the precipice of a systems change in our community, with the introduction of a community-supported Family Engagement Academy. Priority one will be to establish a solid partnership program. The strategy, Family Engagement Academy, has already been identified as a high need in our community; thus the strategy will guide the process of engaging partners with a clear purpose. A strategic partnership plan outlining goals, partner roles and resource needs will guide the process. Investment in the partnership program, by organizing training, providing toolkits, as well as common language and talking points for our partners will empower the effectiveness of the partnership program. Fostering a culture of coordination and inclusion for all partners will increase partner engagement and demonstrate the importance of partners committing resources and making tangible commitments to the project. Establishing outcome-related measures for the Family Engagement Academy, that all partners jointly develop and review regularly, will guide a successful partnership program with positive outcomes and a systems change in the Lee County Community.

Desired Outcome: Increased stable and self-sufficient families.

Strategy: The Lee County Family Connection Collaborative will work to actively engage partners, old and new, in order to provide supports and services to disadvantaged families so that they become more stable and self-sufficient.

Child and Family Indicators:

Indicator	Data Source
Children enrolled in the Georgia Pre-K program [CR2]	Georgia Kids Count
Children ages 3 to 4 not attending preschool [CR6]	Georgia Kids Count
3rd grade students achieving Proficient Learner or above on Milestones ELA assessment [CS8b]	Georgia Kids Count

Activity Type	Activity Name	Description	Target Group
Systems Change	Family Engagement Academy	Engage partners through education and training to support the Family Engagement Academy.	Community Partners and Leaders
Collaborative Development	Partner Development and Engagement	Develop a plan to strengthen current partnerships and to bring new partners to the collaborative table.	Community Partners
Results Accountability	Program Evaluation	Designate an evaluation team within the collaborative partnership, to develop an evaluation system for the FEA.	Collaborative Partners
Sustainability	Partner Engagement	Develop and maintain Memorandums of Agreement with local partners, outlining partner's commitment of in-kind donations and financial commitments.	Collaborative Partners
Communications	Website	Keep Family Connection Website current and updated with information important to the success of the FEA.	Lee County Community

Program/Service Name	Description	Target Group	Lead Implementing Partner	Collaborative Responsibility
Books for Kids	Grass roots program to provide age appropriate books to disadvantaged families with children birth to age 8.	Backpack Blessings, LCSS Pre-K, Lee County Head Start	Lee County Retired Educators	Funding, Liaison with Kiwanis Club and Lee County School System
Backpack Blessings	Provide weekly weekend nutritional support to children identified as in need.	Disadvantaged students K-5th grade identified by school counselors, administrators and teachers.	Kiwanis Club of Lee County	Liaison between Schools, Kiwanis, The Vine, for distribution of bags, funding resources and food donations.
Literate Lee	Local focus on early literacy education for disadvantaged families with children from birth to age eight; with monthly planned activities for the family unit.	Disadvantaged families with children birth to age eight.	Lee County Family Connection	Lead Literate Lee team in planning and implementation of programs and activities, as a Get Georgia Reading Community. Funding source.
3rd Grade Dictionary Project	Distribution of new dictionary to each 3rd Grade Student	3rd Grade Students	Lee County Certified Literate Community Partnership	Work with CLCP to secure funding and organize distribution of dictionaries.
Lee County Youth Leadership	A community centered program open to students enrolled in LCHS 9th - 12th grade, or homeschool students identified as 9th - 12th grade. The program will provide education/training about community, leadership, and citizenship.	9th - 12th Grade Students	Lee County Family Connection	Organize recruitment, meetings and community partner support.
Teen Maze	Real-life simulation of the negative consequences of high-risk behaviors.	8th Grade	Lee County Family Connection	Lead in planning and implementation of event.
Re-Enactments/Driver Education	Presentation of driving re-enactments, driving education programs for young drivers.	9th - 12th Grade	Lee County Family Connection	Liaison between Public Safety and School System. Work with team to plan and implement events throughout the school year.
Family Engagement	Conduct pilot program, up to ten families,	Backpack Blessing	Lee County Family	Develop and implement FEA, with

Academy	providing classes, programs and activities to provide education, support, resource information and positive relationships to disadvantaged families.	Families	Connection	support from collaborative partners.
Christmas Thrift Store	Christmas thrift store that allows disadvantaged families to shop for new items for Christmas at thrift store prices.	Backpack Blessing Families	Lee County Family Connection	Organize event, work with partners to see donors to financially support program.
Back to School Bash	Provides free school supplies and resource information.	Community at large	Lee County Family Connection	Organize and implement event.

To Document and Monitor Progress:

Program/Activity	Items Collected	Responsible Party	Frequency of collection
Books for Kids	Distribution and Financial Report	Program Coordinator	Quarterly
Backpack Blessings	Distribution and Financial Report	Program Coordinator	Quarterly
Literate Lee	Team Meeting Sign-In Sheets, Agenda, Minutes	Program Coordinator	At each Meeting
Literate Lee	Event Activity Registration, Pre-Test, Post-Test, Surveys	Program Coordinator	At each event
3rd Grade Dictionary Project	Distribution and Financial Report, Media Releases	Program Coordinator	Annually, following event
Lee County Youth Leadership	Sign-in sheets, Agenda, Minutes	LCYL Officers	At each meeting
Lee County Youth Leadership	Event & Activity Reports	LCYL Officers	After each event
Teen Maze	Pre & Post Survey Results	Program Coordinator	Annually at event
Teen Maze	Volunteer, Teacher, Administration Survey	Program Coordinator	Annually, after event
Re-Enactments/Driver	Sign-in sheets, Agenda,	Program Coordinator	At each Meeting

Education	Minutes		
Re-Enactments/Driver Education	Media Release, Student Survey	Program Coordinator	After each event
Family Engagement Academy	Sign-in sheets, pre and post-tests, surveys	Program Coordinator	At each event
Christmas Thrift Store	Number of Families & Children Served, Financial Report, Partner Survey	Program Coordinator	After event, annually
Back to School Bash	Participant Registration Forms, Partner Survey	Program Coordinator	At each event, annually

Benchmarks:

1. Increase children enrolled in the Georgia Pre-K program from 75.6% in 2015 to 80% in 2019
Data Source: Georgia Kids Count

2. Increase 3rd grade students achieving Proficient Learner or above on Milestones ELA assessment from 45.7% in 2016 to 50% in 2020
Data Source: Georgia Kids Count

3. Decrease children ages 3 to 4 not attending preschool from 60.0% in 2015 to 50% in 2020
Data Source: Georgia Kids Count