



# LBK Community Newsletter

*“What we do in life, echoes in eternity.” ~ Maximus Decimus Meridius*

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## Unite Us CEM, Nikki Kuhn, Stops By The Hub For A Visit!

It is one thing to visit someone virtually and entirely different to meet with them in person! On June 21st, Nikki Kuhn, Community Engagement Manager (CEM) for Unite Us (Unite Texas) made her way up to the Hub City from San Angelo. It was a day of “Meet and Share” FUN with several partners and a community friend! Below are some pictures of our day!

**NOTE:** *We will be reaching out soon to community friends who have said they want to join LBK Community and the Unite Texas networks. We cannot wait! :-)*



Meet & Share with Lubbock Public Health Department

(L to R) LaShonda Black (SUSAN), Seydia Adkins (LBK Community), Nikki Kuhn (front, Unite Us), Ariea Alexander (PH Fellow), Meagan Miller (PRC, Behavioral Health), Tiffany Torres (Epidemiology), and Madeline Geeslin (Health Promotion)



Meet & Share with Love the Hub (L to R) Seydia Adkins, Nikki Kuhn, Josh Hurst



Meet & Share with the YWCA (L to R) Nikki Kuhn and Kathryn Boren



Meet & Share with Parkridge Pregnancy Medical Clinic  
*I forgot to get pictures!! My apologies!!*



And... she met a guy ;-)

## What is LBK Community?

LBK Community is a cross-sector alliance comprised of *health and social* community providers who have agreed to work on one platform powered by **Unite Us** which delivers a closed-loop referral system, enabling each partner to send, receive, and track referrals electronically. Moreover, if you are a non-profit agency, you are able to use the Unite Us platform and join LBK Community at no cost.

LBK Community is the brainchild of Public Health Director, **Katherine Wells**, and Health Promotion Manager, **Madeline Geeslin**. The heart behind both LBK and Unite Us is to efficiently connect people to needed resources and to track those referrals. If you would like to learn more about LBK Community or you are ready to join, please click on this link to submit your request: [LBK Community Inquiry](#)

~ Seydia Adkins

## LBK Community 3rd Anniversary Celebration

**DATE:** July 24th

**TIME:** 2:00p-4:00p

**WHERE:** Lubbock Civic Center

**RSVP Deadline:** July 20th

Invitations were sent! Please mark your calendars! As shared before in brief, the celebration will be a time for fun, learning more about Unite Us & LBK Community, and *did I say FUN?* We will also have outstanding members from the **Unite Us** Team here with us, and cannot wait for you all to meet! Please bring your swag, business cards, and beautiful smiles! Let's go, LBK Community and Friends! **LBK turned 3!**

*Celebration time! Come on!*

**RSVP Deadline: July 20th**

Email: [arieaalexander@mylubbock.us](mailto:arieaalexander@mylubbock.us)

*Please indicate names of those who will attend*

## Catholic Charities Kinship Navigation Team partners with YWCA for June Kinship Alliance Luncheon



Pictured Left: Regina Culver, Director of Education, YWCA

eliminating racism  
empowering women  
**ywca**  
Lubbock

**Terri Rodriguez**, Director of the Kinship Navigation program at Catholic Charities, has worked hard to bring community resources together. One such effort to do so is their creation of the **Kinship Alliance Luncheon** meant for resource education and connection. If you are interested in learning more and/or would like to be added to their invitation list, please email **Gracie Perez**: [gracie@cclubbock.org](mailto:gracie@cclubbock.org)

# IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Since kick-off in May 2023, **Unite Us** has moved **13** partners onto their platform :-)! There are also **5** partners currently engaged and completing steps for on-boarding! We are excited about the progress!



ON-BOARDED:

# 13



## ENGAGED (in progress)

211/SPAG

- Parkridge Pregnancy Medical Clinic
- South Plains Food Bank
- Lubbock County Detention Center
- University Medical Center Hospital

## PARTNERS IN ACTION



(L to R) Deanne Milford, Program Manager, and Rebecca Wilson, Parent Educator

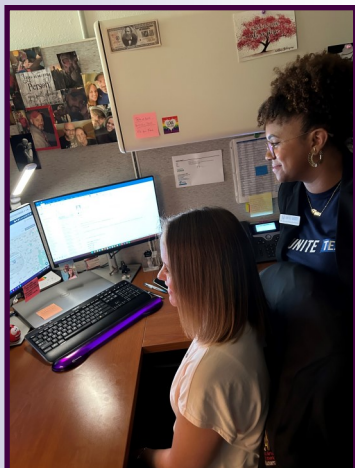
Spotted at the **2023 Juneteenth Celebration** at Mackenzie Park: **The Parenting Cottage (L)** and the Lubbock Public Health Department's **SUSAN Team w/ HIV Outreach (R)**



**SUSAN:** (L to R) Jennifer Taggart, Vanessa Galarza, Rocky Flores (front left, HIV Outreach), Freddie Harris (center, HIV Outreach), Esmeralda Torquemada and Maritza Vasquez

### SUSAN User Adoption

(L to R, below) Jennifer Taggart with Unite US CEM, Nikki Kuhn looking on. SUSAN has been actively utilizing the platform!



**SUSAN Team Picture with Unite Us CEM, Nikki Kuhn (L to R)** Vanessa Galarza, Nikki Kuhn (Unite Us), LaShonda Black (Supervisor), Jennifer Taggart, Madison Deleon, and Esmeralda Torquemada.



# QUICK REMINDERS

## LBK Community Meetings w/ Unite Us (partners only)

**Unite Us Info Sessions.** If you were unable to register for an Information Session in June, and would like to register for one please do! Sessions will follow the same format as the initial Engagement Sessions in May: introductions, technology information and brief demo. It can be a refresher for you or an introduction! A link for the following sessions has been sent. You can click on the link that best fits your schedule to register. (Please let me know if I need to send the link to you)

1st Session: July 18th @1:30pm (virtual, link has been sent), hosted by Nikki Kuhn, Unite Us

2nd Session: July 27th @10:30am (virtual, link has been sent), hosted by Nikki Kuhn, Unite Us

## LBK Community Networking Session (for partners and friends)

**Date/Time:** JULY Networking Session has been **CANCELED**. **RESCHEDULED:** August 2nd @11:00 am. A Zoom link has been sent. Please let me know if you would like a link to be sent to you. I will be standing by!

## Unite Texas PLATFORM TIPS

"Tips to Maximizing the Unite Us Platform"

Here are two more (2) key steps to making a successful transition from 'implementation' to 'utilizing' the platform tools:

### 1. Know your workflow early in this process!

How does your team leverage the platform? Make a plan and tweak it after using the platform with clients for 2-4 weeks. Share your feed back with your leaders, Unite Us CSM or Unite Us CEM.

### 2. Collaborate!

Work with a few community partner orgs on a regular basis; schedule a session to talk through how you both plan to use it together.

Identify your Unite Us CSM! (Nicole Sylvas > [nicole.sylvas@uniteus.com](mailto:nicole.sylvas@uniteus.com))

Identify your Unite Us CEM! (Nikki Kuhn > [nikki.kuhn@uniteus.com](mailto:nikki.kuhn@uniteus.com))

# PARTNER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Lubbock Public Health Department: Immunization Clinic

### Back-to-School Clinic!

- Saturday, July 8th from 10:00am to 2:00pm @ Monterey HS
- Thursday, July 27th from 10:00am to 2:00pm @ Monterey HS

**NOTE:** They will be able to offer vaccines for uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid/CHIP and also the insured however, insured family members will need a doctor's prescription for ages 14 and lower. This change just took place in Austin's June legislation.

## Methodist Children's Home (MCH) Family Outreach

Offering **Parenting Classes for Mom** and for families **Parenting Children with Special Needs**. Both meetings **meet 2 times a month @5424 19th Street, Suite 500, Lubbock**. Please click [HERE](#) for the July schedule. To sign up and register, [NSalinas@mch.org](mailto:NSalinas@mch.org)

## Lubbock Public Health Department: Behavioral Health—Prevention Resource Center (PRC)

**HEARD.** HEARD is manning a float/truck in the 4<sup>th</sup> on Broadway parade this year. They would love for people to come check it out! They will take any kind of non-melting candy donations as well.

**Teen Awareness Group (TAG).** Just as a fun side note, they are taking 4 teens from TAG with them to the CADCA Mid-Year Conference in July. It is the first time that the PRC / HEARD have been able to take youth and the first time for the youth to be part of something on this scale. They will spend the week learning about substance use prevention coalition work and ways to promote leadership skills for the four teens who are joining them. <https://www.cadca.org/en/myti2023/>. If you would like to learn more about TAG, please click on this [brochure link](#)

## Lubbock Boys and Girls Club (LBGC)

**83rd Birthday of LBGC Celebration.** July 15th, Saturday, 11:00 am—2:00 pm @ Dr. Armando Duran Park, 26th Street. All alumni and current members and their families are invited! Food, games, fun, music & fellowship!

## Lubbock Police Department

**Lubbock Police Explorer Academy.** July 17-21, 9am to 4pm @ the Police Academy, 508 Davis DR. For ages 14 to 20. Deadline for registration is 5pm this Friday, June 30th. Contact Corporal Angelo Blanco for information and/or registration at [ablanco@mylubbock.us](mailto:ablanco@mylubbock.us) or call 806-500-6158. A career exploration opportunity for youth

## Buckner Family Hope Center (TWO events!)

**Buckner Teen Summer Camp.** July 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm, ages 13-17. Registration is now open with this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/RfrzW1zS8t>

**Buckner Back to School Event.** July 26th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. **FREE** hair cuts, sports physicals, vaccines, and backpacks for **all students in the community**. Registration is now open with this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/8Zvsa9KsPf>

## City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation: Hodges Community Center @4011 University Avenue

**Adulting 101.** July 10th—Reading Your Water Bill & Saving Water Outside of the Home. 2nd Monday of the month @6:00pm

**Family Game Night.** July 19th @4:00pm-7:30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please call for information: 806-767-3706

**Pre-School Playtime.** Every Tuesday! Ages 2-5. Registration required. Guardians must attend and families are welcome! You can register via the QR code [HERE](#) or call 806-767-3706

## Pre-Natal Health & Resource Fair

Saturday, July 22nd from 9:30am-11:30am @ Hodges Community Center, 4011 University Avenue. Resources available: childbirth, doula, adoption, & emergency services; breastfeeding, lactation, WIC; Pregnancy & newborn care, CHIP; Housing & transportation, TANF; Food nutrition resources, SNAP; Giveaways and more! Event is organized by LCU MSN students in partnership with The Wells and The Nest

## LIFE, Inc.

**ADA Annual Celebration.** July 28th from 11:30 am—3:00pm @ CenterPointe Event Center, 4925 Marsha Sharpe Freeway. There will be Exhibitors, Lunch, Entertainment, Bingo, and Giveaways! For more details, contact: (806) 795-5433. [BUY YOUR TICKETS & ADA GEAR HERE!](#)

## Unpack Ministries

Exists to help single moms/women Unpack the pain of their pasts and Unpack their things to make a home... for women who want to have a community and learn how to live instead of existing. If you work with someone who might benefit by a connection with this ministry, please call 806.239.6160 or email [poppy@unpackministries.com](mailto:poppy@unpackministries.com) For more information, visit: <https://www.unpackministries.com/>

## Workforce Solutions South Plains

### Employee Training Funds

Do you own a small business? Are you looking for ways to train your employees for retention, advancement, or pay increase? Workforce Solutions South Plains Can Help with our Employee Training Funds! Visit [Employee Training Grants - WorkForce Solutions South Plains \(workforcesouthplains.org\)](#) to learn more or call our Business Services at (806) 765-5038 today!

**IN NEED OF LITTLEFIELD BUSINESSES** to take on students in our [Summer Earn and Learn](#) program! These students with disabilities are looking for work experience to give them the building blocks they need in order to succeed in the workplace. The employer benefits by receiving extra hands on deck, no additional costs (we pay the students), and helping the youth in their community. This is an excellent summer program that gives these students the confidence to explore new opportunities. If interested, please contact Chiemsee Hagy at [Chiemsee.hagy@spworkforce.org](mailto:Chiemsee.hagy@spworkforce.org)



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

## Hub City Outreach Center

Prevention Works: Program Coordinator. For more information: <https://hubcityoutreachcenter.org/ypcoordinator/>

## StarCare

TAKE THE LEAP AND APPLY TO BE A DIFFERENCE-MAKER TODAY!

StarCare Specialty Health System offers great benefits, flexible work schedules, and an environment where hope and health work hand in hand. Here are just a few of our career opportunities. To learn [MORE](#)

- Staff Development Trainer
- Community Based Therapist
- Community Based Therapy Supervisor
- Covenant MCOT (Mobile Crisis Outreach Team) Specialists
- RN's and LVN's
- Direct Service Professionals
- Forensic Screening Specialist

TO SEE JOB LISTINGS VISIT [STARCARECAREERS.ORG](http://STARCARECAREERS.ORG)

## Lubbock Area United Way

They have outstanding career opportunities, looking to hire for the following positions: **CEO and President**, and **Donor Data Manager**. Please look here to learn more and to apply: <https://www.liveunitedlubbock.org/careers>

## Children's Home of Lubbock

**Foster Care Parents** needed! They are currently hiring for part time and full time positions. If you're interested in applying for these positions, click the link below or contact Leslie Hernandez: [www.childshome.org/careers](http://www.childshome.org/careers)

*Bilingual applicants encouraged to apply*

## City of Lubbock Public Health Department

Want to be a member of an innovative and growing team? The Health Department needs to fill the following positions: **Administrative Assistant** and **CHW**. You can find more details [HERE](#)

## SAVE THE DATE!



### Lubbock Public Library

**National Night Out.** August 1st, 5:00p-7:00p @T.J. Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Dr. FREE family, friendly event of food, music, and games! Bring your blankets & Chairs. Get to know your neighbors & community. For more information, please call 806-767-3300

### Los Hermanos Familia

**Vamos a Pescar, Let's Go Fishing!** August 5th from 6:00am-2:00pm. Pre-registration is open! Please click on this link to find the pre-registration form & more: <https://www.loshermanosfamilia.org/vamos-a-pescar-let-s-go-fishing> A FREE event with fishing, food, and fun for the family! **NOTE: There is NO registration fee**

### Hub City Outreach Center & Partners

**City-Wide Back 2 School Bash.** Friday, August 11th, 4:00pm-6:00pm @Mahon Public Library, 1306 9th Street. Donations needed: [LIST](#). **DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:** [Hub City Outreach Center](#) and [Catholic Charities](#)—please let them know donations are for the City-Wide Back 2 School Bash. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Margie Carrasco [mcarrasco@spcaa.org](mailto:mcarrasco@spcaa.org) or Gracie Perez [gracie@cclubbock.org](mailto:gracie@cclubbock.org) **The Bash is brought to you by:** MCH Family Outreach, South Plains Community Action, Hub City Outreach Center, Saint Francis, Amerigroup, and Catholic Charities

### Lubbock Public Health Department

#### Back-to-School Clinic!

- \* Tuesday, August 1st from 5:00pm to 7:00pm @ T.J. Patterson Library, National Night Out event
- Saturday, August 12th from 10:00am to 2:00pm @ Estacado HS

### Larry Combest Community Health and Wellness Center

**Super Summer Health Fair.** August 12th from 8:00am to 1:00pm @301 40th Street. Health screenings, face painting, food & drinks, talks with providers, community resources, FREE kid haircuts & MORE!

### City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation

**Hodges Community Center.** **Adulting 101:** August 14th—Why Get By When You Can Get Ahead? Life Hacks! 2nd Monday of the month @6:00pm

### NAMI Lubbock

**Walk with Us to Prevent Suicide.** Saturday, September 23, 2023 @ National Ranching Heritage Center. Check In: 6:00pm, Walk Start Time: 7:00pm. REGISTER TODAY! @ [www.afsp.org/lubbock](http://www.afsp.org/lubbock)

## NOTE TO OUR COMMUNITY FRIENDS

Thank you so much for your grace as we have worked to move partners onto the Unite Us platform! We are CLOSE to engaging community friends more intentionally, and cannot wait to make that contact!

*We thank you so much for your interest in and support of **LBK Community!** We know not everyone will join the LBK network; yet, we would still like to remain connected. We hope the LBK newsletter, networking sessions, and occasional email blasts are helpful, informative and honors our desire to build lasting, meaningful relationship and connection with you :-)*

