



# LBK Community Newsletter

**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

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## Exciting Changes are Here!

New LBK Advisory Council members, Ayda Martinez (211/SPAG), Cole Watts (Stages of Recovery), and Karl Ihfe (Broadway Church of Christ) attended their first council meeting this month! They join forces with veteran members, Kyle Galyean (UMC), Monica Garcia (Combest), and Denise Rudd (South Plains Food Bank). *A changing of the guard* has taken place, with **more exciting changes on the way!** Stay tuned :-)!

Here is a little more about our new advisory council members. LBK is in GREAT hands! ~ Seydia Adkins



**Cole Watts,**  
LCSW, LCDC,  
Owner / Chief  
Clinical &  
Operations  
Officer, Stages  
of Recovery

Cole has been married to his beautiful bride, Veronica, for over 12 years, has an intelligent, loves-to-do-her-own-makeup, 10 year old daughter, and an adventurous, sweet 7 year old son.

Cole is a co-owner and the Chief Clinical & Operations Officer for Stages of Recovery, Inc. - a dynamic, affordable, long-term outpatient substance use and mental health treatment and transitional housing powerhouse in Texas and Oklahoma that grows leaders, shapes culture, and initiates change. Cole has 15 years of experience in leadership, business, and recovery services formation and transformation, training, coaching, consulting, facilitation, and team-leading. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC), Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP), and EMDR facilitator, Cole has the clinical experience to inform operations and leadership of the organization.

For more information about Cole Watts or Stages of Recovery, you are welcome to visit Cole's LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/iancolewatts/>



**Ayda Martinez**  
Director,  
211 TX South  
Plains  
South Plains/Pan  
Handle Aging/  
Disability Re-  
source Center

**Ayda Martinez** is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Marketing. She is currently employed at 2-1-1 Texas South Plains as the Director of the program and has been employed at South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) since August 2001. Her previous position within SPAG included being a Program Specialist (Case Manager) for the Area Agency on Aging. Ayda has served as Director of 2-1-1 Texas South Plains since December 2006. During that time, she has established its accredited status at the state and national level with the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS) and tries to keep the program visible within the community partners that have been established.

Her recent volunteer roles have included involvement with the Lubbock Housing Authority, South Plains Homeless Consortium, Lubbock Area United Way, AIRS Site Review team, and Texas AIRS Board.



**Karl Ihfe**  
Preaching Minister,  
Broadway Church of Christ

**Karl** serves as the Preaching Minister for the Broadway Church of Christ. He and his wife Kaley have been married for 24 years and have two teenage children, Gabe (18) and Hallie (16). They moved to Lubbock in 2012 from Austin, TX, after serving in local church ministry there since 2000. Karl's personal and professional mission is to pursue God, build community, and unleash compassion in Lubbock and the surrounding communities here on the South Plains. He loves the LBK Community Network and their efforts to connect our Lubbock friends and neighbors with the resources they need to help themselves and their families thrive.

## Network Performance Data

In the past **25** months, Network partners have utilized this fantastic tool!

- Total Contacts Created: **409**
- Total Needs Identified: **707**
- Total Program Referrals Made: **415**
- Number of Partner Agencies: **31**

## Current Top 5 Needs:

- Food Vouchers
- Case Management
- Food
- Utility Payment Assistance
- Medical Expense Assistance



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# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Partner Back to School events, enrollment information, and MORE!



School year applications opened the week of July 25th at ALL clubs. Kohl's Shopping Spree for 50 BGC members on August 16<sup>th</sup> ! If you would like to get your children enrolled for the school year, here is the link for the application: <https://lubbockbgc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Membership-Application2019.pdf> Or call **806-792-2880**



At Buckner's Family Hope Center, our programs seek to engage through family assistance and community events; equip families through education, financial empowerment, child and youth development and spiritual development; elevate families through family coaching, counseling and spiritual enrichment. To learn more about this ministry, please call **806-799-0990**



**Early Learning Centers of Lubbock:** Enrollment for pre-K and pre-school is open. You can apply for Childcare Relief Funding as well. For on-line registration: <https://elclubbock.org/news/> For more information please call **806-765-9981** or email [lena.scaff@elclubbock.org](mailto:lena.scaff@elclubbock.org)



**Family Guidance & Outreach Center of Lubbock:** Free ON-LINE parenting classes available. Here is the link with the remaining Summer schedule and instructions for registration: <https://www.lubbockfamily.org/online-parenting-classes>

FGOC also provides free outreach programs to each local elementary, middle, and high school, as well as surrounding area schools. These programs deal with topics like anger, bullying, self-esteem, goal setting, and much more. If you would like more information, please call: **806-747-5577**



The **Guadalupe-Parkway Sommerville Centers** provide multiple opportunities for children to grow and learn. Instruction in computers, literacy, competitive sports and fine arts are offered. Enrichment classes provide opportunities for children to develop self-presentation, character, confidence, leadership and discipline. For more information, please call **806-763-3963**



**2022 3rd Annual Back-To-School Bash:** Saturday, August 13 2022 from 10am-1pm at 4 Briercroft Office Park. For more information: [Team@hubcityoutreachcenter.org](mailto:Team@hubcityoutreachcenter.org) or call **806-701-1687**



The **Parenting Cottage** helps parents learn to be their child's first & most important "teacher" through play and interactions. Parenting education in many different areas also helps parents appreciate many of the joys of parenting while also learning how to handle even the most challenging areas of parenting. All services are provided at NO COST to families choosing to participate. For more information on the individual programs available at the Parenting Cottage, click on the Programs tab or call: **806-795-7552**



YWCA's YWCare After School Care registration is open. Elementary age only. Financial aid is available. Please use this link to get started:

<https://www.ywcalubbock.org/ywcare/>

# PARTNERS IN ACTION



Jordan Medley  
UMC  
2nd Quarter Platform Utilization recognition (From July Edition)



Team Photo: Catholic Charities Kinship Navigation (L to R) Pauletta Chambers, Terri Rodriguez, Candace Torrez, and Ricky Sherfield (not pictured)

**Catholic Charities:** Kinship Navigation Program Team

**Back-to-School Bash**  
August 12th, 5:30-7:30  
@ Catholic Charities Resale Center, 1505 34th Street

Additionally, if you'd like to participate in the **R.A.I.N. Tour** hosted by the Kinship Team, please contact Terri: [terri@cclubbock.org](mailto:terri@cclubbock.org) or **806-765-8475 ext. 118**. RAIN provides opportunities for agencies to table and share their resources with Lubbock and surrounding communities. (RAIN is an acronym: Resources All Individuals Need.)

## The Parenting Cottage

The Parenting Cottage is celebrating  
**40 years** of service  
**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**Team Photo:** (L to R) Deanne Milford, Stefanie Allison, Taylor Chesley, Rebecca Wilson, Bianca Olivias, Sherry McDuff, and Carla Olson, ED (not pictured)





## QUICK REMINDERS

**LBK Super User Meeting** – (meets bi-monthly) **August 10, 2022 @2:00pm**  
A Zoom link has been sent.

### RECRUITMENT UPDATE

*We have postponed recruiting agencies at this time. We will continue recruiting soon! More to come!*

## PARTNER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Literacy Lubbock:** do you know of anyone who might benefit from an ESL, GED and/or basic reading program? You can help them get enrolled here:

<https://literacylubbock.org/programs/>

**Grace Campus:** Plenty of volunteer opportunities and help with meal assistance. If you, your office or a group is interested, please go to their website:

<https://www.gracecampus.org/book-online>

### Lubbock Impact: Optometry Clinic

The optometry clinic offers a free eye exam and a new pair of glasses. This clinic is run by volunteer Optometrists and technicians who donate their time. The optometry clinic is open one Saturday of each month. **To make an appointment:** [eyeclinic@lubbockimpact.com](mailto:eyeclinic@lubbockimpact.com) OR call 806-799-4329. *Only adults ages 19-64 without insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare will be seen.*

### South Plains Food Back: Children’s Feeding Program

The Summer Feeding program will go through August 12th. After School Feeding programs begin on August 17th. Please refer to the SPFB website for more information near or after the 17th. **NOTE:** *if families can get to the SPFB on Friday’s before closing, there is usually enough food to give to last the weekend.*

### Lubbock Dream Center

**2022 Back to School Bash:** August 13th

For students K-8th grade. Children who register will receive a backpack full of school supplies! Children must be present the day of the event. To register, please click on this link:

<https://cotrlubbock.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/258652c9-7861-44e8-9478-82822edfe680>

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Public Health Liaison** - (Health Department) This person will coordinate the H.E.A.R.D. coalition that brings community partners, parents and youth together to reduce substance use and abuse among youth. This job is great for a community organizer with at least 2-3 years’ experience or a recent graduate with an interest in public health, social work, or community health. [Public Health Program Liaison | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

**Case Manager** – (Health Department) This person will provide case management services to people who have a substance use disorder or who are at risk of developing a disorder. This group helps people enter recovery and supports them when they discharge from treatment. This is a great opportunity to work with people at any stage and support their recovery process. A college degree or 5 years of case management experience is required. Persons in recovery are encouraged to apply. [Case Manager \(Health Services\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

**FAYS (Family and Youth Services) Counselor** – (Catholic Charities) This person will provide crisis intervention counseling and skill-based training to youth and families: Family counseling – Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy will be utilized specifically for children and adolescents impacted by trauma or abuse and their parents or guardians. Must be able to work evenings & some weekends, as arranged, and be willing to participate in on-call rotation, as assigned. Bi-lingual applicants are encouraged to apply. <https://cclubbock.org/joblisting/>

**To find a current list of partner agencies, please scan:**

