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Toss some confetti in the air and let's celebrate!

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LBK Community Turns TWO!

Not until COVID, did we start to appreciate and understand the need for partnership between our medical and social sectors to address social determinants of health (SDoH). In fact, what studies continue to show post-COVID is that social factors play a critical role in health outcomes. Basically, studies report only 20% of an individual's health is connected to medical care; while 80% of an individual's health is largely dependent on SDoH – where we eat, sleep, work, have community, live, etc. I share this because I want to help you see and understand, if you do not already, the significance of

the work you do with your agency and the work we do together as a Network. Before COVID-19 was a hashtag, Katherine Wells and Madeline Geeslin, director and health promotion manager, respectively, with the Health Department, were having conversations with community members about coordinating services to enhance the referral process between community agencies so to improve overall healthcare for those we serve daily. You see, a road map that would help navigate people between agencies and for needed resources was under construction before a road map for addressing SDoH was taken seriously by the nation. Now, "Across the United States, people and organizations at the local, state, territorial, tribal, and national level are working hard to improve health and reduce health disparities by addressing SDoH," (health.gov).

Exciting and hopeful things are happening all around us! I share this with you because I want you to understand and appreciate the gravity of the situation: you are connected to a program, the LBK Community Network, which stands *ahead of the class*. While others are just beginning, we started 2 years ago, and continue to learn and grow together.

Katherine and Madeline did not know a pandemic was on the way when they first started dreaming about bringing us all together. They simply had a vision, went for it, and here we are today. What we know is this: the services your agency provide matters; how you connect people to resources matters; and that you are a part of a Network of organizations that have agreed to work together to navigate people to resources also matters. Post-COVID studies tell us what we have in each other, the LBK Community Network, is unique and critical for healthy communities. The CDC writes about addressing SDoH, "...working together can have a greater health impact than working alone." For this, we are grateful for your partnership and for all you do as a Team to help improve health outcomes one person/family at a time. Happy Birthday, LBK Community Network! Keep dancing! Keep learning! Keep growing! The sky's the limit!

~ Seydia Adkins Your Friendly Public Health Liaison :-)

Network Performance Data

In the past **23** months, Network partners have utilized this fantastic tool!

Total Contacts Created: **353**Total Needs Identified: **621**Total Program Referrals Made: **373**Number of Partner Agencies: **31**

Current Top 5 Needs:

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

LBK Community SWAG COMING SOON!!

JUNE Observances NEW

Juneteenth—June 19, 1865
National PTSD Awareness Month







NETWORK SPOTLIGHT

LBK Community Network

Visionaries



Katherine Wells Director, Health Department



Health Promotion Manager Health Department

Foundational Partners

2020

211/SPAG

City of Lubbock Health Department: SUSAN Early Learning Centers of Lubbock (ELC) **Hub City Outreach Center Parenting Cottage** SPCAA: Project Champs South Plains Food Bank (SPFB) Stages of Recovery University Medical Center (UMC) United Way of Lubbock YWCA



New Partners

2021

East Lubbock Resident-Owned Business Initiative (EL ROBI) **Grace Campus** Guadalupe-Parkway Sommerville Centers Lubbock Impact

2022

Broadway Church of Christ Buckner's Family Hope Center Catholic Charities: Kinship Program Citibus Covenant Health Grace Manor/Children's Hope Family Counseling Services Family Guidance and Outreach **Legacy Adoption Services** LIFE Inc. Literacy Lubbock

Lubbock Boys and Girls Club **Lubbock County Detention Center** Parkridge Pregnancy Medical Center Ranch at Dove Tree

St. Benedict's Chapel



I'm here for it! LBK Community Network, you are a blessing!

Seydia Adkins, Public Health Liaison Health Department

LBK Advisory Council













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Program Administrator Liaison









QUICK REMINDERS

LBK Super User Meeting – (meets bi-monthly) **June 14, 2022**We will meet at Catholic Charities, 11:30-1:00. Bring your lunch; snacks and water will be provided. **Address:** 102 Ave J

LBK Networking Session (open to all Users) – June 17, 2022 Guest: Legacy Adoption Services (LAS). We will meet at Buckner's Family Hope Center, 11:00-12:00. If you'd like to learn more about LAS, network, share your agency announcements and more, we hope you'll join us!

Address: 1510 S Loop 289

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:

- Be sure to log in to your account at least once a month so your account remains ACTIVE.
- Because more in-network referrals are being made, and the response time for those referrals very important, we encourage everyone to stay alert and at the ready! Way to go, LBK Community Network!

ANNOUNCEMENTS NEW

Buckner's Family Hope Center: Job Opportunity

Looking for someone to fill the following position: Community Youth & Development Please go to Buckner.org/careers to apply.

City of Lubbock Health Department: Job Opportunities

Case manager—Substance Use Disorder &

Epidemiology & Public Health Emergency Preparedness Manager Please go to https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lubbock to apply.

UMC's Diabetes Classes are starting back up again! There are classes in June and July. You can send a referral via the platform or call Antrionette Lewis to register: 806-761-0531 and/or email: Antrionette.lewis@umchealthsystem.com

LIFE Inc. is having their annual **ADA Celebration** on **July 29th** at the Overton, 11:00am-2:00pm. For all inquiries, please contact Nancy Penland: nancy.penland@liferun.org

RECRUITMENT UPDATES

We are so blessed to have amazing partners like you! A guiding goal for us is to bring our community organizations together on one platform in order to streamline the referral process and improve health outcomes.

Completed On-boarding training In **MAY** and NEW partners of the LBK Community Network!

- Covenant Health
- Lubbock County Detention Center Re-Entry Program
- Parkridge Pregnancy Medical Center
- St. Benedict's Chapel



CLOSE to being scheduled for Onboarding training:

Ranch at Dove Tree

LBK Community Network

2nd Year Anniversary
EST.
June 3, 2020



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





