



LBK Community Newsletter



“Recognizing the need is the primary condition for design.” ~Charles Eames

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Partners & Friends Come Together to Celebrate LBK Anniversary

On July 24th, some amazing people came together to celebrate and learn more about LBK Community and Unite Us. City of Lubbock Public Health Director, Katherine Wells, shared her hopes and vision for the network moving forward, reminding us that the LBK Community network is more than navigation, it is building relationships, improving community health, creating opportunities, and quality improvement & evaluation. Madeline Geeslin, Health Promotion Manager at the health department, introduced an important notion that LBK Community is not any one person or

entity, but you, the partners. YOU are LBK Community. Her hope is that no matter what happens down the road, 50 years from now, LBK Community will still be standing and thriving because of YOU.

Nicole Sylvas, Customer Success Manager, and Nikki Kuhn, Community Engagement Manager, both from [Unite Us](#), brought their A-game and led the group through games and high-level information about their technology. They are passionate about building healthy communities and you could feel it! Thank you both for helping us celebrate :-)

And did you know? We had to close the RSVP window early for this event because of your responses! Your support is a great motivator and so encouraging. Thank you! In all, 58 individuals were in attendance, representing 23 wonderful agencies! It was good to see you there, and hope you left with enthusiasm and great information!

In summary, LBK Community is more than navigation and bigger than the health department. It is a network by the people for the people, if you please. It is and will be as strong and capable as YOU make it. Do you see it? Do you see its value? Do you see its benefit to you and our community? We hope you do. We hope you will. Let’s go, LBK Community! 🙌

Happy 3rd Anniversary to you! :-)

(IMPORTANT Announcement, p. 4)

~ Seydia Adkins



Backpack Blessing

August 5th, 9:00 am—11:00 am
Green Lawn Church of Christ, 5701 19th St.
Enter southeast doors by the playground.
Backpacks will be given until they run out

Brittany & Devins Angels Non-profit Back to School Bash

August 5th, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm
YWCA, 6501 University Avenue
Backpacks, supplies, resource fair to get prepared for school year

Main Event Back to School BASH

August 6th, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm
Main Event, 6010 MSF W
Celebrate the end of summer with games, music & good vibes!

City-Wide Back 2 School BASH

August 11th, 4:00 pm—6:00 pm
Mahon Public Library, 1306 9th Street
First come, First serve: school supplies, backpacks, hygiene items

Super Summer Health Fair

August 12th, 8:00 am—1:00 pm
Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center, 301 40th Street
Activities: FREE kid haircuts, face painting, food/drinks, health screenings, talk w/ providers, community resources

YWCA’s Back to School Bash

August 12th, 10:00 am—1:00 pm
YWCA, 6501 University
FREE backpacks for students living or attending school in 79403, 79404, 79412, or 79415 zip codes. STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT.
Food trucks & resources

Razor Woods Back to School Bash

August 13th, 2:00 pm
Razor Woods, 1522 136th Street
FREE event open to the public! Paid services available. Prizes & activities for kids

AND for the parents: 😊

Parents Night Out—Back to School Night

August 26th, 6:00 pm—9:00 pm
Code Ninja’s, 6305 66th Street, #400
Ages: 6-14, \$35 per child. Games, movies, food/snacks/drinks provided

(More back to school events on p. 3)

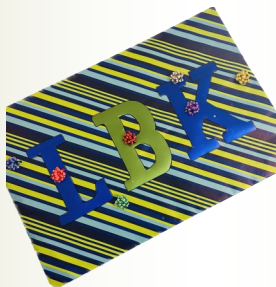


LBK Community at a Glance

PRF Completed/ON-BOARDED

- 211/SPAG
- Broadway Church of Christ
- Children’s Hope/Grace Manor
- Citibus
- East Lubbock Residents Owned Business Initiative
- Early Learning Centers of Lubbock (ELC)
- Health Department: SUSAN
- Hub City Outreach Center (HCOC)
- Literacy Lubbock
- Love the Hub
- Lubbock Area United Way
- Lubbock Boys and Girls Club
- Lubbock Impact
- Methodist Children’s Home (MCH)
- Parenting Cottage
- South Plains Food Bank
- Stages of Recovery
- University Medical Center (UMC)

(As of 8/1/23)



ENGAGED

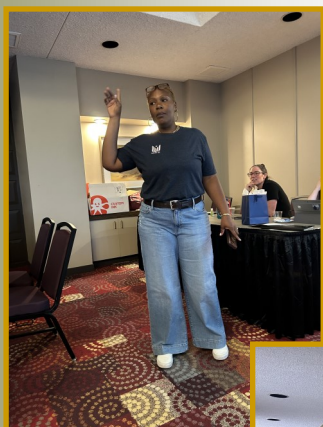
- Buckner Family Hope Center
- Catholic Charities
- First Lubbock
- Lubbock County Detention Center
- Parkridge Pregnancy Medical Clinic
- StarCare
- YWCA

HOPEFULS

- For Her
- Caprock Home Health Services (CHHS)



LBK Community 3rd Anniversary Celebration





QUICK REMINDERS

LBK Community Networking Session (for partners and friends)

Date/Time: 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! **GUESTS:** YWCA Leaders, Jennifer Riley, Kathryn Boren and Regina Culver

SAVE THE DATE:

LBK Community Networking Sessions (for partners and friends)

September 15th @ 11:00am via Zoom (a link will be sent shortly) -

Guest: Catholic Charities

November 8th @ 12:00pm—in person (more details to come) -

Guest: United Way

Unite Texas PLATFORM TIPS

"Tips to Maximizing the Unite Us Platform"

1. There is a **NEW chat function** in the platform. You can use it when you have a hard time getting on or maybe have another question regarding the platform.
2. **Friendly Reminder:** update your agency's info regarding your programs and staff on the platform so there is no incorrect info and no misdirecting of referrals. :)

Identify your Unite Us CSM! (**Nicole Sylvas** > nicole.sylvas@uniteus.com)

Identify your Unite Us CEM! (**Nikki Kuhn** > nikki.kuhn@uniteus.com)

PARTNER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

StarCare

Resource Connection Q&A. August 3, 2023 @ 6pm on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88162509267?pwd=VndnbXpqaanM1MEhHTFpCdTJobGIBUT09>

Meeting ID: 881 6250 9267

Passcode: 302198

It will be the first Thursday of each month, moving forward. The hope is that community members will join if they have questions about how to get connected to resources. Will you please share on social media and/or with any families you think will benefit? <https://www.facebook.com/starcarechildrenlubbock>

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*

Covenant Medical Group

Back to School BASH. August 5th, Saturday, 10:00 am—2:00 pm @ Covenant Northwest Clinic, 611 N. Frankford Avenue. Join them for a fun and adventure-filled day, including a One-Stop Shop for children's health, safety and back-to-school needs!

Cavazos Middle School

Back to School Event. August 10th, Thursday, 5:30 pm—7:30 pm @ 210 N University Avenue. Some indoor activities in the gym and jump houses outside. *Led by Lala Chavez.*

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

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.*

City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation

Hodges Community Center @4011 University Avenue. **Adulting 101: August 14th—Why Get By When You Can Get Ahead? Life Hacks!** 2nd Monday of the month @6:00pm

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. To sign up and register, NSalinas@mch.org

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](tel:806.239.6160) or email poppy@unpackministries.com For more information, visit: <https://www.unpackministries.com/>

Lubbock Dream Center

Pocket Pal. Do you need resources at your finger tips? [HERE](https://lubbockdreamcenter.org/pocket-pal/) you go! You can also visit their website: <https://lubbockdreamcenter.org/pocket-pal/> Please feel free and share with members of the community



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Hub City Outreach Center

Hiring for a couple of positions: <https://hubcityoutreachcenter.org/careers/>

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

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
Bilingual applicants encouraged to apply

YWCA

Hiring for various positions! <https://www.ywcalubbock.org/jointheteam/>

Texas Workforce Commission

If you want to help someone look for work in Texas: <https://www.workintexas.com/vosnet/default.aspx>

City of Lubbock Health Department

Hiring for the following position: **Public Health Program Coordinator** You can click [HERE](#) for more information!

SAVE THE DATE!



NAMI Lubbock

Walk with Us to Prevent Suicide. Saturday, September 23rd @ National Ranching Heritage Center. Check In: 6:00pm, Walk Start Time: 7:00pm. REGISTER TODAY! @ www.afsp.org/lubbock They are still looking for vendors. Please click [HERE](#) if you would like to be a vendor.

Children's Home of Lubbock

Children's Home Fall Festival. September 23rd, 10:00 am—2:00 pm @ 4404 Idalou Road. Parade, fun activities for the youth, silent auction, and more!

Lubbock Public Health Department: Behavioral Health

Source to Solution Conference. Registration is now open! October 25th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Please visit the website <https://www.prcone.org/source-to-solution> for more information.

NOTE TO OUR COMMUNITY FRIENDS

Thank you for coming out and celebrating LBK Community's 3rd Anniversary with us on July 24th! You guys are awesome :-)! We have officially started to engage new agencies who would like to learn more about or join the LBK Community and [Unite Texas](#) networks! Please click [HERE](#) to schedule a visit. We are standing by!

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 :-)

(IMPORTANT ANNOUCEMENT)

To My Esteemed Colleagues and Friends,

After 3 1/2 precious years with the City of Lubbock Public Health Department, and after some time of prayer and reflection, I want to let you know that my last day with the health department is September 1, 2023. This was NOT an easy decision to make. Always, you were with me wanting to be considerate and thoughtful about our transition into Unite Us; and about our relationship. I have met some extraordinary people over the last several years and have learned so much about our community through your eyes. I have enjoyed working with you and will miss you. Thank you for your email, your questions and thoughts along the way. Your support has been so encouraging and motivating. I really do not know where I will land next, but I pray it will be a work that stirs passion and creativity; and one that affords me the daily opportunity to meet inspirational individuals like yourselves. I believe my work with you, LBK Community & Friends, has been a step towards the future I am still trying to understand and seeking the Lord for His understanding everyday! I have yet to arrive where I am being called, but I think I am much closer than I ever have been. And so, I move forward in faith & hope. Please know, I have been working hard to ensure a warm hand off is made with your new coordinator so that momentum does not take a hit. You are in great hands with Katherine, Madeline, the LBK Community Advisory Council, and Unite Us Team: *"I could not have parted with you, my LBK, with any thing less worthy."* Remember, YOU are LBK Community. I believe in you, the network, and what you can be for the region. Surely, you are something pretty special! It has been a pleasure working with you! You will be missed.

~ Seydia Adkins

PS— Here is my personal email: seydiaadkins21@gmail.com and my LinkedIn account: www.linkedin.com/in/seydia-adkins-757671245 I'd love to keep in touch!



If you or someone you know has a heart for collaboration and building relationships the Public Health Program Coordinator for LBK Community is a wonderful job opportunity for you! If you would like to apply or learn more about the position, please click [HERE](#).

The position will be posted on the city website through 8/11/23.

