

Austin/Travis County 2-Gen Coalition meeting
Quarter 1 Meeting
March 31, 2021

MEETING GOALS

- Share updates on our work to achieve economic stability for all families
- Discuss social capital and explore the idea of peer-to-peer groups
- Learn about exciting new initiatives and organizations
- Connect with peers to generate energy and hope

Welcome & Overview

9:00 a.m.

Put prompt on screen to activate audience: Welcome! In chat, please put 1. Name 2. Organization 3. One thing you are looking forward to over the upcoming holidays

- Connecting activity- Birthing Map

- Mtg goals, vision of family pathways, lets rebuild better

Ultimate goal for this group: Support providers to provide better services; how can we build back better- build off of good things happening, build well-being of families
Importance of 2-Gen models to really support families _ In COVID, Snowpocalypse- living paycheck to paycheck

Reminder of purpose and setting the stage for RFP coming, connecting to COVID

recovery/building back better: Expand 2 Gen Model across social service ecosystem to move families to economic stability

We continue to have universal to workforce and education that doesn't really realize the uniqueness of parents and doesn't work for them. We need to bring awareness – If we want to fight poverty, we have to provide supports parents need. IF we want to build back better, we have to recognize unique needs of parents.

Our strategic plan =guide to expanding 2-Gen model to serve parents and their children

RFP will be issued in the fall. Remember- we can provide TA to help you get ready to apply

The end is in sight. Don't want to wait until everything is open; start planning now
Move to action

2-Gen Coalition Members Role

- Stay up to date on strategic plan implementation;

- Support implementation of Plan strategies relevant to your work;
- Monitor our progress toward community goals;
- Build and sustain relationships across sectors to forward common goals;
- Learn from each other (best practices, common struggles, etc.);

Social Capital and peer-to-peer groups

9:15 a.m

What is Social Capital

Connections, networks, or relationships among people AND the value that arises from them that can be accessed or mobilized to help individuals to succeed. Produces information, emotional and financial support and other resources.

Concept of peer-to-peer groups

A peer group is a social group that consists of individuals who share similar interests and are close in age.

- We piloted virtual groups led by parent leaders from our Link-Up groups.
- We had 5 groups from May 2020 to December 2020. 4 groups with moms and one with fathers
- Parent leaders from the Link-Up groups
 - recruited the participants from their peers (usually via social media)
 - developed a set of goals, the structure and activities for the meetings, and led the virtual sessions.
- Parents and participants were compensated for their involvement
- We collected data through pre/post surveys

our proposal

- New peer-to-peer groups formed from parents in your organizations
- Parents from the link-up group and family leadership council lead the groups
- Family Pathways:

- trains parent leaders and pays them a stipend
 - trains organization liaison
 - convenes monthly meetings
 - Collects & analyzes data and shares findings with participant organizations
- Intentional effort to share health resources & serve as mental health support for parents
 - Addresses 2 areas of plan we have not focused much on social capital and health and well-being

Peer to peer group- Discussion questions (20 minutes)

9:25 a.m

- What possibilities might a group like this open up for the families you serve?
- What might a group like this achieve that is not currently happening?
- Would your organization participate? If no- why not or what would make it worth doing?

Members broke into small groups to discuss the possibility of Peer-to-Peer groups for the families they serve. On the whole, members viewed the groups as offering something new and beneficial to their families. Key benefits included:

- Broadening and strengthening parents social and professional networks
- Sharing resources
- Offering leadership opportunities for parents
- Increasing buy in, retention, and completion in educational or supportive programs the parents are already enrolled in
- Offering a way for parents to give feedback about our services in a candid format

Members shared many questions about how the groups would work and how an organization would participate.

Partner presentations

9:50 a.m.

- Presentation from Dream Foundation program
- Fatherhood grant
- Spotlight on Pre-K

Quick fire: Resources to know about & Announcements

10:20 a.m.

Poll:

What trainings are a priority for your organizations in 2021? (Single Choice)

1. Financial Empowerment Trainings (credit, budget, debt management)

2. Trauma-Informed Care

3. Mental Health First Aid

4. Equity and Inclusion (Highest vote)

5. Better Serving Families with Undocumented Status

6. How to navigate the child care system

Upcoming 2-Gen Stakeholder Network Meeting Dates

- Q2 2-Gen Coalition Stakeholder meeting July 14, 2021
- Q3 2-Gen Coalition Stakeholder meeting September 29, 2021
- Q4 2-Gen Coalition Stakeholder meeting December 15, 2021

Meeting Adjourned!

10:30 a.m.