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Columbus Family Connection

Muscogee County

FY24 Annual Plan

July 01, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Governance Type: Meet and confer

Collaborative Functional Type: Partner Engagement

Collaborative Description and Activities to Strengthen Effectiveness: Columbus Family Connection is continuing to finalize rebuilding and strengthening the board and collaborative in FY24. With strengthening the board and fulfilling positions, the organization is able to move forward with holding collaborative meetings, planning and hosting events, reengaging partners, and discovering new partners. The first focus of the collaborative will be early childhood literacy development, where trends will be studied to show and address the barriers for young children and families. We will work with existing organizations to support their existing efforts, as well as working to implement our own collaborative initiatives. The other focus area is overall community health. We are being awarded the federal Literacy Matters grant of \$34,000 over two years. These funds will provide much needed resources to enhance our programs and services for this strategy. We will also implement collaborative training on race, equity, and inclusion, conduct a comprehensive annual data review to indicate the direction the organization should move in the future, train board and collaborative members in the effective use of our GaFCP data tools, and provide training to the collaborative in the mission and work of Family Connection. These Collaborative strengthening activities will prepare our new board and collaborative for success long term in improving school readiness, third grade reading, and community health.

Strategy Name: School readiness, third grade reading, and community health

Desired Outcome: Improved school readiness, third grade reading, and community health

Strategy Statement: Columbus Family Connection will work with partners to engage organizations, the faith community, and families to increase parent engagement in support of improving school readiness, leading to improved outcomes for third-grade reading, while also improving the overall health and stability of the community

Child and Family Indicators:

Indicator	Result Area	Data Source	Notes
3rd grade students achieving Proficient Learner or above on Milestones ELA assessment [CS8b]	Children Succeeding in School	KIDS COUNT Website	
Other [LD10] Child and family needs	Thriving Communities	Community Assessment	

Activities:

Type	Name	Description	Target Group	Code
Systems Change	Neighborhood Navigators	Create 4 positions, with ARP funds, to aid Columbus Family Connection in better understanding and addressing the needs and challenges that families are facing in our communities	Citizens of Columbus	[SA20]
Collaborative Development	REI Training	Train board and collaborative members on race, equity, and inclusion, including the use of disaggregated data to identify, locate and serve the children and families that are most in need of the programs and services we provide.	Board and Collaborative members	[CA7]
Collaborative Development	Family Connection 101 Training	Train collaborative members in the mission and work of Family Connection and in collaborative roles and responsibilities	Collaborative members	[CA7]
Collaborative Development	Data Tools Training	Train board and collaborative on the array of GaFCP data tools including KIDS COUNT, Collaborative Vitality Survey, Partner Engagement Matrix, and others	Board and Collaborative members	[CA7]
Collaborative Development	Parent Cafe Training and Certification	Train staff and interested collaborative members on how to hold Parent Cafes and engage families	Staff and collaborative	[CA14]

Collaborative Development	Work Plan	Develop a work plan to guide collaborative actions and monitor progress on the annual plan	Board, collaborative members and staff	[CA7]
Collaborative Development	Community Needs Assessment	Conduct a community needs assessment of targeted communities to determine child and family needs around childhood literacy, school success, parent support, access to services and family health.	Board, collaborative members and staff	[CA10]
Communications	Collaborative Communications	Promote community events, collaborative activities and share information through social media, the CFC website, and email communications	Collaborative members and community	[CS1]

Programs & Services:

Type	Name	Description	Target Group	Lead Implementing Partner	Collaborative Responsibility	Code
Youth Development	Library Activities	Provide literacy activities for children and their parents at the library and through the mobile library to help improve both child and adult literacy.	Children and their parents	Chattahoochee Valley Libraries	Provide communications support	[YD20]
Youth Development	Summer Camp	Sponsor a limited amount of spots for kids in need to attend summer camp	School aged children	Columbus Parks & Recreation	Provide Communications Support	[YD9]
Family/Adult Development	Parent Cafes'	In partnership with the United Way Community Schools initiative, provide physically and emotionally safe spaces where parents enjoy a meal and discuss the challenges and victories of raising and educating their children.	Parents of kids 0-8 years old	Columbus Family Connection	Implement, promote, and evaluate Parent Cafes	[FD3]
Family/Adult Development	Family Resource Center	Community centers located in schools throughout the county providing basic needs and support to families with children in the school system	Children and their families	MCSD	Communications and promotional support	[FD20]
Academic Development	Teacher Training	Teacher training activities for school system employees to build	School system employees	MCSD	Provide communications support	[AD5]

		understanding of child behavior and trauma responsive support				
Academic Development	The Basics	An evidence-based educational initiative centered on 5 ways to give every child a great start in life. It is a powerful approach to educate children, parents, and the community on early language and literacy development for young children.	Parents of kids 0-3 years old	The Basics of the Chattahoochee Valley	Provide communications and promotional support	[AD20]
Academic Development	Get Georgia Reading (GGR) / Columbus	Promote and share information community-wide about GGR	Community and organizations involved in literacy	Columbus Family Connection and Chattahoochee Valley Early Language and Literacy Coalition	Engage partners to plan, implement, and promote GGR	[AD20]
Physical Health Development	Health Fairs	In partnership with the school system, West Central Health District, and Gateway Regional Council, host Health and Resource Fairs providing families with information about local health resources and offering health screenings, including attention to mental health services	Young children and their families	Columbus Family Connection	Plan, implement, and promote	[PH7]
Community-Wide	School supply drive	Distribute bookbags and supplies to children in need	School-aged children in need	Columbus Family Connection	Distribute supplies in conjunction with community organizations. Plan, implement, promote, and evaluate.	[CM20]

To Document and Monitor Progress:

What is being measured?	What is the data source?	Who will be responsible?	How often will the data be collected?	How will you communicate these results?
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Collaborative functioning	Collaborative vitality survey	Coordinator distributes to board and collaborative	Annually	Present findings to collaborative and board in winter 2023
Partner engagement (diversity of partners, meeting attendance)	Meeting records	Program Director	At meetings	Present data from Partner Engagement tool with board monthly; use in annual report to board and collaborative at end of fiscal year.
Participation in events: Library activities, Summer Camp, Parent Cafes, Teacher Trainings, and Health Fairs	Event records	Program Director	At events	Share data monthly with board and collaborative; use in annual report to board and collaborative at end of fiscal year.
Parent satisfaction and knowledge gain in Parent Cafes	Satisfaction and knowledge survey	Program Director	At events	Present findings to collaborative and board; use in annual report to board and collaborative at end of fiscal year.
Satisfaction with health and resource fair	Satisfaction survey	Program Director	At events	Present findings to collaborative and board; use in annual report to board and collaborative at end of fiscal year.
3rd grade students achieving Proficient Learner or above on Milestones ELA assessment	KIDS COUNT	Program Director	Annually	Present findings during collaborative annual data review
Child and family needs	Community Assessment	Board and Program Director	Upon completion of community assessment	Present findings to board, collaborative partners, and the community through collaborative meetings, and through public communications