

# NEWSLETTER

Le Sueur County Family Services Collaborative

April 2023

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### Strategic Planning Update

Focus group meetings are underway with each partner of the collaborative, to review ideas from the strategic planning meeting held in November 2022.

Each group will discuss the ideas, priorities and support they would like from the collaborative to inform decision making in the development of the collaborative strategic plan.

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Le Sueur County Human Services invites you to raise awareness about child abuse.

- Elementary coloring contest
- MS/HS magnet design contest
- Blue ribbon decorations
- Wear blue on Fridays

### More Resilient MN

Polling partners for interest in applying for this MN DHS grant, which provides collaboratives with contracted services through FamilyWise. This program focuses on trauma education for professionals and community members, aids collaboratives in strategic planning processes, and offers micro grants for collaborative initiatives.

# NEW COLLABORATIVE STAFF

Caitlin Meyer

**Collaborative Coordinator**

6 years with Le Sueur County Human Services (prior positions as Case Aide, Human Services Administrative Aide, Child Protection Social Worker, Parent Support Outreach Social Worker). Previous 6 years work experience in human resources.

Providing:

- Community outreach & education
- Student/family advocacy @ schools
- Consultation with school staff
- Referrals to resources
- Parenting skills programs
- Coordination of shared goals
- Identification of service gaps
- Innovation of new resources

Yessica Macias, Interpreter  
**Community Service Aide**

3 years with Le Sueur County Human Services as Office Support Specialist for the front lobby. Supported English and Spanish speaking clients with accessing services.

**Bilingual English & Spanish**

Interpretation & Translation for:  
Public Health & WIC appointments  
Financial Assistance applications  
Social Services case support  
School enrollment and attendance



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