

NEWSLETTER

Le Sueur County Family Services Collaborative

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Strategic Planning Update

The Collaborative Coordinator has compiled input from focus groups into a Strategic Plan for review and presentation to the Joint Powers Board in July. Following approval by the Joint Powers Board, the strategic plan will be shared with all partners.

Focus Groups

Focus Groups held March 8 through May 4, 2023. 11 focus group meetings held, with 53 attendees. All groups had great energy and were active participants. Focus groups were asked to discuss and prioritize areas of need identified during brainstorming session with Joint Powers Board at the November Meeting.

Initiative Focus Areas
Focus groups identified priority areas of need:
1) Mental Health
2) School Attendance.

More Resilient Minnesota

Following the Self-Healing Communities approach, Collaboratives educate their communities about neurobiology, epigenetics, ACEs, and resilience research (NEAR Science) and train local presenters to share this information widely throughout their communities.

Collaboratives will then have the opportunity to pilot Community Resilience Initiatives outlined in their Community Resilience Plans and also use those plans to leverage funding and provide strategic direction for their activities.

Collaboratives then move from awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to action. They engage and gather input from a diverse representation of community members in their areas through Community Resilience Conversations with groups of people and/or 100 Cups of Coffee Interviews with individuals. This community wisdom and local data guide Collaboratives as they develop Community Resilience Plans.

More Resilient Minnesota seeks to improve the health and resilience of current and future generations. Resilience includes individuals' inherent strengths and nurtured capacities as well as the resources and supports of their families, communities, and cultures.

Unanimous interest from collaborative partners in this MN DHS grant. Submitted application on April 21, 2023.



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