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MISSION

The mission of the Liberal Area Coalition for Families (LACF) is to serve as a forum for the advancement of community health and services through a networking of government, non-profits, civic services and business organizations to identify gaps in community resources and services and to seek out grant possibilities to establish programs where there is a need.

VISION

The LACF vision is to make Liberal the best place to live and raise a family.

HISTORY

LACF was started in 2001 and registered as a non-profit with the state in 2005 when it received its first grant. It has grown from the original 8 members to average 25 to 30 members at each monthly meeting representing 20 entities of the community. It was formed to address gaps in services and programs that the community needed to be a strong, healthy community. The idea was to identify and pro-actively address community problems.

Although it struggled to survive in its early years, LACF was able to contract with Wichita State University to conduct a community assessment to establish some base line on needs in the community and to conduct a training for volunteers and volunteer coordinators with K-State Extension.

Through its grant history, a number of non-profits have served as its fiscal agent, primarily the Seward County United Way but also the local K-State Extension office, the High Plains Heritage Foundation and the Southwest Guidance Center. One of the benefits of the long relationship with the Seward County United Way is that the Coalition did not have to pay for a separate audit. In 2016, the LACF acquired its own 501C3 and also moved into its own office space at 150 Plaza Drive.

LACF has had two executive directors, Liz Stamper from 2005 to 2011, and Sarah Foreman, from 2011 to present day. Susan Lukwago has been the coordinator for the Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Grant since 2006. Kay Burtzloff has been with the coalition since it was founded in 2001 and has served as president since 2006.

LACF has had a wide array of grants and projects in its 16 year history.

HISTORY

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Since 2006 LACF has been the recipient of a Chronic Disease Risk Reduction grant (CDRR) from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The purpose of the CDRR grant program is to provide funding and technical assistance to communities to address chronic disease risk reduction through evidence-based strategies that impact tobacco use, physical activity and nutrition. The Coalition works in all three areas. Over the ten years we have had this grant, we have worked in the areas of preventing initiation of tobacco use, promoting the Quitline through policies at dental and healthcare practices, evaluating comprehensive tobacco-free campus policies and policies that create environments that are supportive of breastfeeding in the workplace and at Southwest Medical Center.

LACF was awarded the state SPF/SIG grant in the area of the prevention of underage drinking in 2008 through 2012. LACF and their community partners successfully completed the four-year strategic planning process and executed all of the grant goals. At that time LACF collaborated with USD 480, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Liberal Police Department, the Seward County Sheriff's Department and several other community organizations in a variety of strategies to address underage drinking.

In 2012, the LACF identified a problem: Liberal had no certified breastfeeding instructors, the LaLeche League wasn't functioning and Southwest Medical Center did not actively promote breastfeeding. Knowing that breastfeeding is a critical health factor in a community, the LACF leadership decided to try to tackle the issue. LACF received a small grant from a local foundation, did some fundraising, and brought Debi Leslie Bocar, RN, PhD, IBCLC, who is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC), to Liberal to provide at a greatly reduced rate and 25 individuals took the course and were certified as a Breastfeeding Educator. LACF has partnered with the medical center to use its grant funds to buy high quality breast pumps which are offered as a free "rental" available for check-out to new mothers. As a result of the program, policies and practices we orchestrated in the community, Liberal was one of the top six communities in Kansas picked by the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition as part of its Communities Supporting Breastfeeding program. In just three short years, the breastfeeding culture and support in Liberal has completely shifted.

HISTORY

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In 2013, LACF awarded the Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) by the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF). In this initiative the KHF promotes policy, practice and environmental changes that support physical activity, increase access to and demand for healthy, safe, local (where possible), fresh and affordable foods and decrease use of and exposure to tobacco products and tobacco marketing in Kansas communities.

From 2013 to 2016, LACF received a grant from the United Methodist Ministry Health Fund and the focus this funding is for support and services to promote social and emotional health in young children.

In 2014, LACF receive a \$50,000 CDRR supplemental grant which enabled us to restart the Farmer's Market to provide greater access to fresh produce, establish a community garden at the Stepping Stone (homeless) Shelter and provide equipment and staffing support to the Liberal Parks and Recreation Department to expand the healthy options at its concession stands.

LACF has had a grant since 2014 from the Russell Child Development Center to offer the Learn and Play Program in Liberal at the First Baptist Church on Friday mornings from 10:1130 a.m. The program is geared for parents to work with children age 0 to 5 in a play environment that facilities learning. Marilyn Svaty is the current coordinator.

In 2016, LACF received another SPF/SIG grant to address underage drinking and it is partnering with Seward County Community College to target programs towards community college students and area high schools.

PAST GRANTS

2006	CDRR
2007	CDRR
2008	CDRR, SPF/SIG
2009	CDRR, SPF/SIG
2010	CDRR, SPF/SIG
2011	CDRR
2012	CDRR– Breastfeeding Education Support, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund (UMHMF), Children’s Cabinet Trust Fund (CBCAP), Kansas Health Foundation - Healthy Community Initiative (KHF/HCI)
2013	CDRR, CDRR Supplemental, UMHMF, KHF/HCI, CBCAP
2014	CDRR, CDRR Supplemental, UMHMF, KHF/HCI, CBCAP, Russell Childhood Development Center - Learn and Play (L&P)
2015	CDRR, UMHMF, KHF/HCI, SPF/SIG, L&P
2016	CDRR, UMHMF, KHF/HCI, SPF/SIG, L&P

CURRENT GRANTS

Currently, LACF is facilitating these grants:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield Pathways Grant
- Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Grant
- Kansas Health Foundation Healthy Communities Initiative
- Kansas Health Foundation Impact and Capacity Grant
- Kansas Health Foundation Integrated Voter Engagement Grant
- Russell Child Development Learn and Play Grant
- Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant

And these non-grant funded projects:

- Liberal Farmer’s Market
- Stepping Stone Shelter Community Garden
- Kansas Leadership Center Leadership Training

VOLUNTEER

EXPECTATIONS:

Community Board of Directors

COMMUNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS LIST

COMMUNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Liberal Area Coalition for Families Board of Directors shall be composed of any number of citizens that have an interest in, concern for, and personal commitment to participating effectively in fulfilling their responsibilities as a member of the Coalition. Regular attenders of Coalition monthly meetings are considered Members. No member of the Board of Directors shall receive compensation for services as member of the Board of Directors.

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VOLUNTEER

EXPECTATIONS:

Executive Board of Directors

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Liberal Area Coalition for Families Executive Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and be elected from and by the Board of Directors. Members of the Executive Board shall:

- ensure that the purpose, mission, and goals of the Coalition are accomplished;
- study, establish, review, and evaluate periodically all policies set by the Executive Board;
- select, appoint, evaluate, and support an Executive Director consistent with a realistic position description;
- create a long-range plan for all services, programs, and fiscal stability, (including an annual budget) and security of the Coalition; and
- personally support and serve as a constant advocate of the mission and services of the Coalition.

President

The President of the Executive Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors when possible. The Chairman shall be responsible for active leadership of and among Board members in discharging its powers, responsibilities, and obligations as a public trust. He/she may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the Center hereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall have all powers and duties of the President during the absence, disability, or disqualification of the President.

Secretary

The Secretary shall execute all legal matters of the Coalition, cause the notices and minutes of all Board of Directors to be prepared, recorded, and distributed, and shall certify the accuracy of such documents and records; shall attest to the signatures of officers of the Center and Board of Directors; and shall cause the policies adopted by the Board of Directors to be maintained in a Board of Directors Policy Manual available at all Board meetings.

**VOLUNTEER
EXPECTATIONS:
Executive
Board of
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**EXECUTIVE
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Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds, securities, and other fiduciary resources belonging to the Coalition, except those committed to the custody of others by action of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall have access to records of all receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities of the Coalition and shall report to the Board of Directors on the condition of such records and financial condition of the Center at the regular Board meetings.

PRESIDENT

Kay Burtzloff

Kay Burtzloff was one of the founding members of the Liberal Area Coalition for Families in 2001. She retired after serving more than 14 years as the Executive Director of the Seward County United Way in May 2015. Prior to moving to Liberal in 2000, she spent 16 years in higher education public relations at Cottey College, Northern State University and the University of Kansas. She also was a newspaper reporter and editor for five years prior to that. She has served as an adjunct instructor in communications at Cottey College, Northern State University, Butler County Community College, Newman University, and Seward County Community College, teaching journalism, speech, theater and interpersonal communication. In addition to being president of the Coalition, she is also the president of the High Plains Heritage Foundation and the Southwest Symphony Society and is active in several civic organizations. She served as a public relations consultant on political campaigns, capital campaigns, public relations campaigns, crisis communication and strategic planning. She has a master's degree in Communications from the University of Arkansas and is a trained large and small group facilitator.



VICE-PRESIDENT

Dr. Leslie Bissell

Dr. Leslie Bissell earned both her Masters of Arts degree and Doctor of Psychology degree in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton College, Wheaton IL in 2003. As a clinical psychologist, she has served in a variety of settings including the state psychiatric hospital, college counseling center, private practice sector, and community mental health center system. In 2008 she moved to Liberal, Kansas to join the staff of Southwest Guidance Center as the Clinical Director then in 2012 she assumed her current role as Executive Director. As an advocate for mental



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illness recovery, Dr. Bissell also has a desire to use her clinical skills to empower faith based organizations and other community partners to meet the needs of the underserved. Her current passion also involves the education of others to the importance of good mental health, decreasing the barrier of mental health stigma, and ensuring adequate professional behavioral health resources are available to the rural/frontier residents of Seward, Stevens, Meade, and Haskell Counties. Dr. Bissell has been a member of the LACF since 2008 and has served as its vice president since 2015.

SECRETARY

Kathy Bloom

Kathy Bloom has been a member of the Coalition since 2007. She recently retired as Family Consumer Science Agent with K-State Research and Extension. She has a bachelors degree in Family Relations and Human Development from Kansas State University. She is co-owner of Bloom Family Farms.

As a member of the community since 1983, Kathy has served on various boards and committees including: USD 480 school board, Seward County and Kansas Farm Bureau, Citizens for a Healthy Environment, Leadership Liberal, 4-H Club Leader, First Presbyterian Church, and Community Concerts.



TREASURER

Diane Hensley

Diane has been a member of the Liberal Area Coalition of Families since 2007. She retired from USD #480 in 2016 after 39 years in the positions of Speech/Language Pathologist, Evenstart Director, and District Parent and Family Liasion.

Diane earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education and a Masters in Communication Disorders and Sciences from Wichita State University. Early childhood education, family engagement, and community involvement opportunities have been an important focus for her.

Diane has served on various community boards including; Kids Inc, Lincoln Parent/Teacher Association, Parents and Children Together Inc., Liberal Latchkey, Kansas Children's Service League Community Development Council, and USD #480 Early Childhood Advisory Board. Diane and her husband, Bryan, are the parents of 5 sons and proud grandparents of 10.



PAID STAFF

EXPECTATIONS:

Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Job purpose

The purpose of this position is to recognize community needs; research, write, and manage grants to address those needs; and oversee day to day operations of the LACF.

Duties and responsibilities

- Identify community needs
- Research and write available grants
- Execute awarded grant objectives
- Oversee all LACF awarded grants
- Attend all grant trainings, webinars and conferences as necessary, including some out of town travel
- Attend one monthly meeting with the board of directors on the 3rd Thursday of every month for 1 to 1.5 hours each month.
- Maintain an office space

Hire staff as needed

Qualifications

Qualifications include:

- High School Graduate
- Preference given to individuals with Bachelor's Degree or prior non-profit experience.
- Willingness to learn new skills as needed to perform duties and responsibilities of the job.
- She/He will be an independent worker who sets timely goals and objectives to complete work in a timely manner.

She/He must be a team player. Willing to work with a diverse group of people.

Working conditions

This position has very flexible and accommodating hours. The hired Executive Director can choose to work in the evening, on weekends, or during regular business hours. This position will have contact with other agencies in town and work closely with the grant funding organizations. This is a part-time position with hours and salary varying, depending on grant expectations.

Physical requirements

Physical requirements include the ability to lift/move 40lbs. Light lifting may be required.

PAID STAFF

EXPECTATIONS:

Bookkeeper

BOOKKEEPER

Job purpose

The purpose of this position is to accurately track and report on all financial aspects of the funding and fiscal resources for Liberal Area Coalition for Families.

Duties and responsibilities

- Complete all necessary monthly, quarterly, bi-annually, and yearly reports as required by each grantor.
- Report the financial standing of all grants at the coalition monthly meeting.
- Assist as needed with special community events. Including, but not limited to: Children's Healthy Fun Fair, Trick or Treat for United Way, Holiday outreach and capacity planning for LACF.
- Enter all the monthly receipts in a timely manner.
- Complete all paychecks, to be distributed by the 15th of every month.
- Attend one monthly meeting with the board of directors and executive director on the 3rd Thursday of every month for 1 to 1.5 hours each month.
- Reconcile the account each month.
- File all receipts monthly and keep records organized for the yearly audit. Collect and deliver all needed documents to the accounting firm for tax return and audit.

Qualifications

Qualifications include:

- High School Graduate
- Preference given to individuals with prior bookkeeping and QuickBooks experience.
- Willingness to complete QuickBooks training if experience includes other computer-based bookkeeping systems.
- She/He will be an independent worker who sets timely goals and objectives to complete to work in a timely manner.
- She/He will exercise integrity when reporting and recording finances. She/He must be a team player. Willing to work with a diverse group of people.

Working conditions

This position has very flexible and accommodating hours. The hired bookkeeper can choose to work in the evening, on weekends, or during regular business hours. This position will have contact with other agencies in town and work closely with the grant funding organizations. This is a part-time position with the expectation of 20 to 25 hours per month.

Physical requirements

Physical requirements include the ability to lift/move 40lbs. Light lifting may be required.

PAID STAFF

EXPECTATIONS:

Communications Coordinator

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Job purpose

The purpose of this position is to manage promotional activities of the LACF and its grants, and coordinate with partnering organizations to promote their activities within the LACF. Additionally, the Communications Coordinator records and distributes minutes and agendas of the regular board meetings.

Duties and responsibilities

- Implement current grant media campaigns
 - Manage and promote LACF and partnering organizations using the LACF webpage, Facebook page, email, and other social media outlets
 - Record monthly LACF meeting minutes and provide with agendas to all board members prior to the next meeting
 - Communicate with board members about upcoming meetings and LACF endeavors
 - Design and distribute fliers, brochures, postcards and other informational pieces as needed, both physically and digitally
- Attend one monthly meeting with the board of directors and executive director on the 3rd Thursday of every month for 1 to 1.5 hours each month.

Qualifications

Qualifications include:

- High School Graduate
- Preference given to individuals with prior marketing and graphic design experience.
- Willingness to learn new skills as needed to perform duties and responsibilities of the job.
- She/He will be an independent worker who sets timely goals and objectives to complete work in a timely manner.

She/He must be a team player. Willing to work with a diverse group of people.

Working conditions

This position has very flexible and accommodating hours. The hired Communications Coordinator can choose to work in the evening, on weekends, or during regular business hours. This position will have contact with other agencies in town and work closely with the grant funding organizations. This is a part-time position with hours varying depending on grant expectations.

Physical requirements

Physical requirements include the ability to lift/move 40lbs. Light lifting may be required.

PAID STAFF LIST



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sarah M. Foreman

Sarah Foreman has been Executive Director of LACF since 2011. Sarah graduated from Friends University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Christian Studies. She then obtained her Masters of Social Work from Washburn University. She has been approved by the BSRB to sit for the clinical LCSW exam. Sarah has been in the Liberal community since 2006. Prior to leading LACF, she served at Southwest Guidance Center as a therapist. She loves to see other families thrive and connect community resources. Sarah has locally served on the Early Childhood Advisory Board for USD 480, Baker Arts Center, and Community Council for KCSL and is active in her church.



BOOKKEEPER/LEARN & PLAY FACILITATOR

Marilyn Svaty

Originally from Managua, Nicaragua, Marilyn moved to the United States with her family when she was two years old. Raised and educated in Liberal, Kansas, she graduated from Liberal High School in 2006 before attending Seward County Community College. Both during and after her years in school, Marilyn worked as an insurance salesman. Although she still works in the insurance industry part-time, children and early education have always been her passion, which is why she was excited to accept the role of Learn and Play Coordinator in the spring of 2016. Within the year, Marilyn expanded her involvement with the coalition taking the responsibility of bookkeeper as well. Aside from her work with the coalition, Marilyn's days are filled with her husband and three wonderful children: Caleb, Cairo, and Zoe. She also volunteers at her church, First Baptist, leading the Cubbies group at AWANA and singing in the worship band.



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Adriane Hatcher

Adriane has been part-time with the Coalition as Communications Coordinator since 2016. She also serves as Media Coordinator for the SPF SIG and IVEG grants. Her most frequent full-time work experience was as Executive Director of Liberal's Baker Arts Center. Adriane has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Fort Hays State University and a Certificate of Portrait Photography from the Art Institute of Pittsburg and also maintains a part-time photography business. Adriane volunteers for the Satanta Area Arts Council in Satanta as Vice-President and grant writer, Seward County 4-H as Photography project leader and former extension board member, and the First Southern Baptist Church of Liberal where her family attends. Adriane is primarily a stay-at-home mom. She also assists her husband in his career as salesman for Pioneer Seed, and drag racing across the nation as a hobby.



CDRR GRANT COORDINATOR

Susan Lukwago

Susan Lukwago, PhD, RD has been a member of the Liberal Area Coalition for Families (LACF) for 10 years. During that time she has served as Coordinator of the Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Grant (funded by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment), Co-Coordinator of the Healthy Communities Initiative (funded by Kansas Health Foundation) and Coordinator of an Impact Grant to promote breastfeeding support among early childcare and education providers (funded by the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund). She has also assisted with grant writing for the LACF and served as Secretary for the LACF.

Susan is also a contracted employee of Seward County Health Department as well as 11 other health departments in Southwest Kansas. She was a founding co-owner of Spencer Browne's Coffee House here in Liberal until February 2017. Along with serving on the Board of United Way, Susan served on the Board of Stepping Stone Shelter and is a member of First United Methodist Church of Liberal. Susan is a vegetarian who loves to exercise, to do jigsaw puzzles and to support public radio.

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SPF PROJECT COORDINATOR

Charity Horinek

Charity Horinek is the Project Coordinator for the SPF alcohol prevention grant. She is the Executive Director of Alumni Engagement and Grant Development at Seward County Community College, and has a Master's degree in Liberal Studies as well as a Bachelor's degree in Communications/Journalism with a minor in Political Science from Fort Hays State University. She also holds a Bachelor's in Theology/Pastoral Ministry from Newman University and certifications in grant writing and program evaluation. Prior to coming to SCCC, she was a grant writer for Southwest Plains Regional Service Center for nearly 14 years, designing programs and procuring funding for school districts in Western Kansas and beyond. Charity lives in Sublette, where she serves as Haskell Township Trustee overseeing the public library and fire departments, is a club leader for Cloverleaf 4-H in Satanta, is a countywide leader for the rabbit, cat, horticulture, and leadership 4-H projects, and serves on the Haskell County Extension PDC, the Sublette Elementary PTO Executive Board, the Sublette Afterschool Program Advisory Board, and the High Plains Heritage Foundation Board. She and her husband Mark have six children ranging in age from 21-7, and are passionate about their church and family activities.

LEARN AND PLAY ASSISTANT

Lindsay Durler

Lindsay Durler was born and raised near Topeka Ks. She attended Santa Fe Trail high school and graduated from Washburn University with B.S. in Business Administration in 2006. Lindsay and her husband Matt have been residents of Liberal since 2007. Lindsay began working at Wheatridge Park Care center in 2008 and worked there until 2015. She began in the role of office manager and rose to lead the facility as the Facility Administrator for her last 3 years with the company. In 2015, upon the birth of her 4th child, Lindsay left Wheatridge Park to become a full time Mom. Lindsay, Matt and their four children, Hannah (10), Rebecca (9), Matilyn (6), Joseph (2) have been active members in St. Anthony's Catholic Church since moving to Liberal. Lindsay is an active member of the parish school of religion for the past several years teaching an elementary class on Wednesday evenings. She has a real passion for child development and community involvement and is excited her personal and professional experience to support the work of the Liberal Area Coalition for Families.



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IVEG OUTREACH COORDINATOR DEBRA HUDDLESTON

Debra Huddleston is an Outreach Coordinator with the Kansas Health Foundation Integrated Voter Engagement Grant, funded by the Kansas Health Foundation for the purpose of building a concentrated, multi-generational effort to increase voter registration and turnout in Seward County.

Debra has been a proud resident of Liberal since 1970. While working as Job/Business Developer for the Southeast Asian Refugee program, and later as Assistant to the Dean of Continuing Education and Community Services, she attended Seward County Community College and the Friends University outreach program. She recently retired from Cimarron Pathology/District 6 Coroner's Office after 13 ½ years as office manager, purchasing agent, HIPPA Officer, and Safety Officer. Debra has always been active in her community, serving on the Boards of Liberal Area Network for Adolescent Psychology and Parental Involvement, Mother-to-Mother Ministry, the Southwest Kansas Humane Society, and Great Plains Angels for Animals. She volunteered as an AARP Tax Aide volunteer for the IRS for six years (preparing and e-filing income taxes for low-income and elderly taxpayers), as a counselor for the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansans program (counseling seniors about Medicare, medigap policies, long-term care insurance, and prescription drug programs), and as an advocate for the Liberal Area Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Services.



IVEG OUTREACH COORDINATOR MAY VILLALOBOS

May Villalobos grew up near Liberal in the Oklahoma Panhandle and graduated from Turpin High school in 1999. May has worked in the legal system for over 13 years first working as a bailiff at the Oklahoma County Courthouse in Oklahoma City and then as a Seward County Kansas District Court Clerk. Currently she is a legal assistant for Yoxall, Antrim, Foreman, and Frymire, LLP. This year May joined the Liberal Area Coalition for Families. She is an Outreach Coordinator for the Kansas Health Foundation Voter Engagement Grant. In her spare time, May enjoys traveling, spending time with family and watching her son Isaiah, a Junior in high school, play basketball and football.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where and when does the Coalition meet?

LACF meets on the first Thursday of every month at 9 am, excluding the month of July. We meet at Liberal Memorial Library.

Who is involved?

There is representation from approximately 24 community agencies and organizations.

What if I miss a meeting?

We encourage monthly attendance, however, other commitments arise. If there are items or events that need shared, please send information to lacfcommunications@gmail.com.

Can individuals join, or just organizations and/or agencies?

Individuals in the community are welcome to join. As well as employees of organizations and agencies.

What is a coalition?

Community coalitions are comprised of parents, teachers, law enforcement, businesses, religious leaders, health providers and other community activists who are mobilizing at the local level to make their communities safer and healthier.

Who do you serve?

We serve the community, families and organizations by partnering on common goals.

Who do I contact with questions?

Please contact the director for LACF at coalitionforfamilies@yahoo.com.

What are some topics that are discussed at meetings?

Our monthly agenda includes financials and minutes from the previous meeting, current grant goals, and upcoming grant opportunities. Each agency and organization is given the opportunity to share upcoming events and opportunities