

KCIA FACE Team

February 2023
Monthly Report



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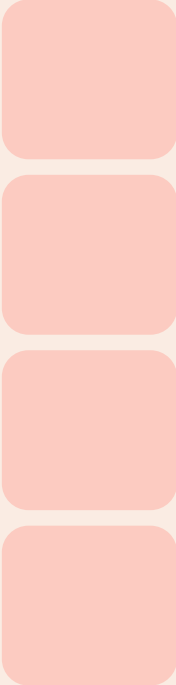
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FACE TEAM Strategic Goal

Develop a family liaison team with systems to support the physical, emotional and academic needs of KCIA families, with the goal of increasing family and student access to education.

FACE Team Strategic Plan Objectives

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- 1 • Administer an annual needs/interest family survey to refine direction for parent education events and wrap around service offerings
 - 2 • Implement a minimum of 3 learning-focused family engagement activities per year
 - 3 • Maintain a Parent Advisory Committee that meets at least 2 times per year with at least 5 parent representatives in attendance
 - 4 • Implement academic focused family orientation sessions and/or home visits 3 times per year to strengthen family-school partnerships focused on academic learning.

FACE Team Resources and Services



Van Pickups

AM pickups for missed buses



Food Pantry & Back-Snacks

Resources for food scarcity and economic need



Caring Closet

Clothing, shoes, coats



Giving the Basics

Resources for toiletries and household items



Housing Assistance

For families in transition, seeking shelter



Health Supports

Connections to dental, vision, medical and mental health resources

January 2023 Key Numbers

100+

Van Pickups to supplement
bus transportation

5

Families assisted with
emergency shelter

25

Families assisted with clothing,
toiletries and emergency food
supplements

Coordinator & Liaison Reports



Alison Bennett

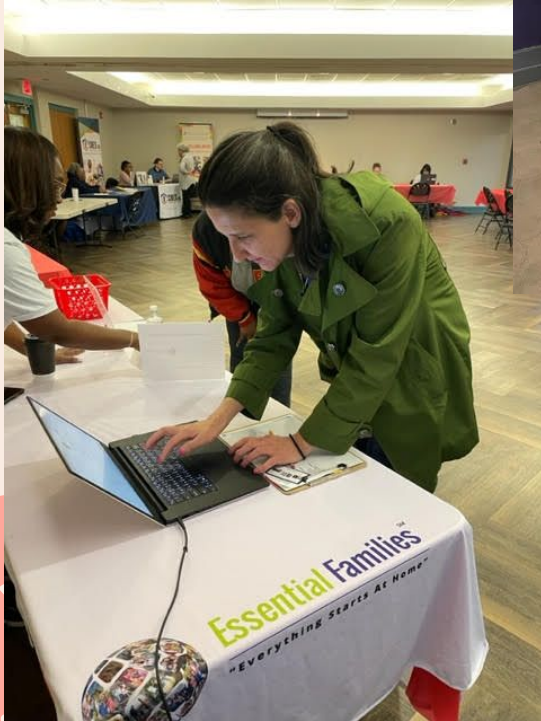
February may be the shortest month of the year, but it was jam packed with activities, appointments and meetings. I attended Impact Missouri with a mom who lost her husband one year ago. Times have been difficult for her and the children but attending Impact proved to be well worth her time as staff were able to work with her directly and send some emails to get her approved for EBT benefits immediately. She cried tears of joy.

Becky and I attended a 4EveryKid Impact (Soles4Souls) meeting. KCIA is one of 70 partners across the US to participate in this program and receive shoes and socks. KCIA will receive 500 pair of shoes and 1000 pair of socks. This donation will make a huge difference in the lives of our students and their families.

Our food pantry has been busy with appointments. The FACE Team has designated hours on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month for families to shop. Families call to reserve their spot and then are able to come shop for 15-30 minutes in the Caring Closet and Food Pantry. I assisted 5 families during February with their clothing and food needs during appointment times.

A kindergartner, Sana, fractured her arm and the family needed assistance with transportation to CMH. Mr. Didar and I were able to assist with transportation of Sana and her mother to help ensure that Sana received the medical attention that she needed. The CMH Orthopedic Clinic repeatedly stated that they were amazed that a Social Worker and Translator assisted a family with attending an appointment. They stated that they do not see school involvement to this extent and commended us for going above and beyond and being a strong support to the family.

We KNOW that KCIA has the BEST staff. But on one freezing, windy morning, Hector proved why he is Staff of the Year. While driving the van for morning pickups, I got a flat tire. Hector responded immediately and did his best to get the van up and running so that pickups could resume. We certainly are blessed to have him because he is always ready and willing to help!





LaTeasha Randle


February was a short month but that did not stop the amount of support that was provided to several of our KCIA families. During this month I was able to partner with Sleepyhead Beds to help provide beds to a family that had been displaced in January. I was able to pick up products from Giving the Basics to replenish our hygiene and household that we provide to help supplement families needs.

I attended the School Food Pantry Cohort Spring Meeting this month. This is a special program of select school in the area that received a grant of \$2000 to purchase additional food from Harvesters. The funding comes from a partnership between School Smart KC and Harvesters. We were able to use some of the funds to purchase needed material such as a freezer blanket which a requirement when picking up frozen items. This food program allows for participants to shop for free food items from a shopping list as well as on the shopping floor during pickups. KCIA's School Pantry has assisted several families this school year and we look forward to providing more cold/frozen items once we receive our refrigerator.

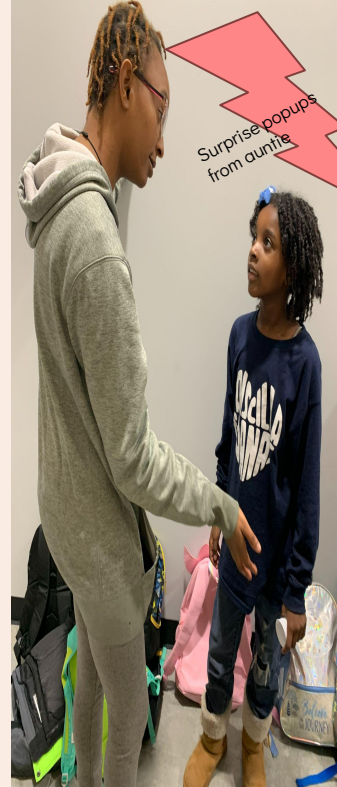
Medical and dental services are sometimes difficult services for our families to navigate. I was able to help one of my students with scheduling and providing transportation to a dental appointment. During this appointment we found that the student had issues with 12 of his teeth, 5 of which will need to be extracted. By coming up with a dental treatment plan for this student will hopefully allow for this student to be more successful by decreasing his pain and him being in his class more.

Over February was a very successful month. Many families needs were met and they felt love from the FACE Team!

LOVE DOES WORK



The many faces of KCIA





Nohemi Sanchez

In the month of February I continued reaching out to families on daily basis and helping parents with language support and resources, our office is very close to the front door and that gives me easy access to families that come to building seeking help and language support, I am always available to support them and also my coworkers. I coordinate several parent meeting with teachers, counselors and give language support to parents with the purpose of setting up academic plans to better support students in their academic needs.

I also coordinate with the school counselor to take one of our 8th hispanic students to see and tour the high school that she will be attending next school year, She needed language support to ask any questions that came to her mind I translate for her, She was really excited and really like the high school.

Another student recently had a surgery in her leg, I've been in constant communication with her mom to give support and I was able to do a couple of home visits to deliver school work and food. She is planning to return to school next month.

We have a couple of students that are currently doing virtual learning, this month I did a home visit to one of them to review her grades and to help her with assignments that she has being struggling with.

Lastly 5 families benefit from the caring closet and the food pantry this month.
Overall I make 70 contacts to families in my caseload.

