

**Fairmount Providers' Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2019**

**\*\*Many thanks to the St. Leo for hosting and to President Drive Church of Christ for providing lunch and to both for their ongoing commitment to our youth, families, and communities**

**...New Faces...**

- Jamica Gilliam, Ohio Equity Institute, [Jamaica.gilliam@hamilton-co.org](mailto:Jamaica.gilliam@hamilton-co.org)
- Cindi Crew, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, [ccrew@gcbhs.org](mailto:ccrew@gcbhs.org)
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- Laura Kay Clifton, JFS, [cliftl@jfs.hamilton-co.org](mailto:cliftl@jfs.hamilton-co.org)
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**...It's Always Better When We Work Together...**  
**...To Support Our Children and Families...**

- Programs for youth at the Villages at Roll Hill community center continue to go well. St. Xavier's Big Brothers took their little brothers to UC for rock climbing and free play in the gym and will go to St. Xavier's High School Feb. 23 for a swim party and pizza. Girls Life Skills programs for February included a talk by a Dietitian from Cradle Cincinnati and dinner and a mid-term review of previous speakers with dinner served. Six boys and six girls attended a program at P&G Feb. 12 in observance of For Black History month.
- Adopt-A-Family program sponsored by St. Ursula High School will have a meet and fellowship date at the Villages at Roll Hill Friday, March 1, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 45 families will receive items that they requested to help their families
- Vineyard Community Church will be at Villages at Roll Hill Community Center Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon, for a cup of coffee, hot cocoa and donuts and fellowshiping with the community. Every summer the church sponsors its Kick off of summer cook-out.
- Everett Brewer, pastor of President Drive Church of Christ spoke of planning for the prayer caravan throughout the neighborhood for the National Day of Prayer, May 2. The evening of that day there will be a prayer walk from 3<sup>rd</sup> Presbyterian Church on McHenry to President Drive Church. On the way there is prayer, song, trash pickup, ending with ice cream sundaes at President Drive Church. He also spoke planning for the annual Day of Hope on August 17. Focus will be on issues facing teens including bullying and mental health issues.
- Two members of President Drive Church of Christ are sponsoring ballet lessons for girls at Roll Hill Academy through a City Gospel Mission program. There will be an event at Cincinnati Christian University April 6 showcasing the girls' dancing
- Uneida Uehlin of LEAP Academy on Baltimore Avenue says the school currently has 256 students and hopes to add 3 kindergarten classes and fifth grade next year.
- Melissa Niekamp of Cradle Cincinnati says the organization now is focusing on working with fathers as well as mothers of infants and toddlers.

**...To Get Healthier...**

- The Villages at Roll Hill is preparing its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Spring Into Being Healthy" Health fair, scheduled for March 20 (first day of spring). We have 23 agencies coming out! Please stop in to pick up flyers to share with your families.
- Cindi Crew of Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services is director of counseling at the office at Glenway and Quebec. That site provides individual, group, family, substance abuse counseling as well as case management, Every Child Succeeds and health services. Call 345-8555 for more information. Medicaid, Medicare, and some insurance are accepted. Undocumented persons can also be served.

- Cooking for the Family is a cooking series to build knowledge and confidence in the kitchen. Participants will learn 8 basic cooking skills and techniques using healthy ingredients. Classes will begin Tuesday, April 16 at 5 pm and Saturday April 20 at 10:30 am. Each session will run 2 ½ hours. Cost will be \$5 per participant for the 5 session program and those who attend 4 of the 5 sessions will receive a cooking kit that includes a chef's knife, cast iron skillet, cutting board, and a knife sharpener. Classes will be held at the First Baptist Church of Cumminsville. Class size is limited. To register contact Shamariah Brown 541-4109 ext. 116
- Sydney Battle of Ohio Equity Institute introduced Jamaica Gilliam who will be working in the community to help reduce pre-term and low-birth weight babies and infant mortality by connecting pregnant moms to needed resources. Focus is moms who often fall through the cracks and community workers will be looking for them in non-traditional places like laundromats, food pantries and neighborhood stores. If women are pregnant, live in Hamilton County and need help with resources they can call 946-4634 to be assisted with housing, baby supplies, utility assistance, prenatal care, home visiting services and many more. Undocumented mothers may also be aided.
- Crystal Brown of Cradle Cincinnati said there will be a mindfulness class to reduce stress for ages 18 to 45 at Amicus Child Learning Center 2569 St. Leo Place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 pm beginning March 5 and ending April 9. Childcare will be provided.
- Lauren Brinkman of the Cincinnati Health Department Lauren Brinkman of the Cincinnati Health Department is working on the healthy eating initiative and is writing grants for the creating healthy communities program. North Fairmount and English Woods are among the focus areas of the program. She is hoping to connect with local community gardens and pre-schools that are doing gardening. A new coordinator has been hired for the tobacco program.

#### ...To Improve Our Employment Skills...

- Cincinnati Works is sponsoring a FREE job fair for all job-seekers Tuesday, March 5, from 1 - 4 pm at the Cintas Center Xavier University .There will be free headshot photos from JobCase and more than 50 local employers, including Amazon, Children's Hospital, Coca Cola, Jack's Casino, Fifth Third Bank, and Krogers, as well as second chance employers. Cincinnati Works members will be able to have a rehearsal prior to the job fair where they can practice speaking to employers, as well as VIP entrance to the job fair, providing extra time to engage with employers in a less crowded setting. For more information on becoming a Cincinnati Works Member, call [513.744.WORK](tel:513.744.WORK) or visit our office at 708 Walnut Street. Cincinnati Works provides one-on-one coaching to develop your skills and address issues such as transportation, legal advocacy, child care, behavioral health needs
- "Job Readiness Training" with Clarence Taylor from Talbert House is scheduled every first Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the month, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 P.M at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. He is available to help people with resumes and job resources
- Rachel Culley, a VISTA worker at WIN is working on developing better relationships with neighborhood businesses so they might consider neighborhood residents when hiring.
- Laura Kay Clifton and Linda Hudson of JFS are the new neighborhood case managers in the workforce development program to help persons receiving assistance to break down barriers to becoming self-sufficient. They are in the process of training and getting familiar with local resources. The program is still searching for an office site.

#### ---To Save Money...

- CAA sub-site at the Villages at Roll Hill helped 16 families with their heating bills in February. The final winter date is Tuesday. March 12 at 9:00 a.m. CAA will not be at the center in April and May.
- BB&T Bank: "Pathway to Healthy Financial Health program at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center will complete its six-week program March 14. The program is offered on Thursdays from 11 am to 12:30 pm
- Millvale Rec Center will again be offering **free tax preparation** at the center from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays, March 2, 16, and 30, and April 12. Come early. About 20 people will be seen each session

- WIN continues to offer financial literacy classes and will be offering some classes in the evening. Dates to be set.
- There will be a workshop on paying for education and student loans Thursday, Feb. 28 at the WIN offices on Dreman

**...To Further Enhance the Quality of Life in Our Communities...**

- Working in Neighborhoods will kick off the Neighborhood Enhancement program for the area and the “Net Zero Homes” groundbreaking Friday, March 1, at 10 am at 1789 Agnes Street in South Cumminsville. The Net Zero Urban Village will stabilize families and the neighborhood by promoting healthy living, economic vitality, sustainable housing, and community infrastructure. The groundbreaking is the beginning of a project that will result in 25 affordable, high-efficiency owner-occupied single family homes in South Cumminsville that incorporate alternative energy technologies.
- Sergeant Jacob Hicks of district 3 reports that overall crime in the area is down nearly 100% over the previous 28 days except for robbery which would be down nearly the same percentage if thefts from businesses were excluded. He says this decrease results from greater involvement from the community. He said the police depart is using more technology to deal with crime including cameras that can track license plates and identify stolen cars and cars involved in crime. Shot spotter technology that can identify when shots are fired in a community are set to be placed in Price Hill in April. Sgt. Hicks replaces Sgt. Chapman in working with neighborhood officers. Sgt. Chapman is now with the police academy.
- Greer Aeschbury of Working in Neighborhoods reported that the Beekman Corridor group is still in the research phase of ways to address housing, investment, and dumping concerns and should have a specific action plan by April or May.
- Villages at Roll Hill community center will be closed March 22 – March 31.

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St. Leo Food Pantry Community Space**

**\*\*If your group would like to provide lunch contact Angela, [alannoleo@aol.com](mailto:alannoleo@aol.com)**