COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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North Carolina Families United
What are Community Resources?

- **Community Resources** are assists in a community that help meet certain needs for those around them. These assets can be people, places, goods, and community services.
What is a Community Resource?

- A Community Resource can be someone, something or a place that can satisfy a need for community stakeholders, (families, youth, schools, providers, and others)
HOW TO FIND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Networking - I’ve found getting to know others around the table at meetings is the perfect way to collect valuable resources.

- Websites - Going onto local businesses/organizations sites will provide you with the resources they have to offer.

- Communicating - While out in the community and you’re going into different businesses to purchase, you casually ask about their involvement to the community and if they donate. (Will explain more)
RESOURCES

- **Churches** - usually provide help with food, paying of utilities, rent/mortgages. Some will serve as lunch buddies for students needing food while out of school. Some will provide free space for meetings and trainings.

- **Drug Stores** - locally owned (pops & granny) stores will usually donate needed medication with a valid prescription

- **Grocery Stores** - most will donate gift cards if you write a letter of request and supply your Tax ID number.
RESOURCES CONTINUED:

- **WALMART & TARGET** - will donate gift cards, a detailed letter stating what the cards will be used for is needed along with your Tax ID number. (** if you get funding from United Way you are not eligible to receive donations from Walmart)

- **Restaurants** - Are known for providing cards for use of providing to needy families, they can be used for stipends to give to youth for their valuable voice.

- **Mechanics** - most locally owed shops will provide free to reduce priced services to needy families.
RESOURCES CONTINUED:

- **Housing Resources:**
  Some churches have temporary housing for displaced families, some have temporary housing for those seeking substance abuse issues, and some have housing for domestic violence victims.

- **Targeted Housing - a program under DHHS and the Division of Aging and Adult Services, Housing Program,** that provides affordable housing to a person that has an identified disability. The disability can be developmental, learning, mental, or physical. The individual does not have to have disability income. However, the Head of Household has to be the one with the disability. (To become a Targeted Housing Provider contact Kay Johnson @ kay.r.johnson@dhhs.nc.gov)
WHAT IF YOUR AGENCY IS NOT A NON-PROFIT:

- WHY THIS STATEMENT?
  
  - Most requirements for these local donations is being a 501(c)(3) organization
  
  - This is where collaboration and partnerships come into play.
  
  - Partner with a local nonprofit to help assist with this barrier.
RESOURCE CONNECTORS:

- Family Partners/ Family Partner Coordinators
- Peer Support Specialists
- Member Engagement Specialists (LME/MCO)
- Care Coordinators/Case Managers (LME/MCO, PRTF, YDC)
- Families
RESOURCES FOR COVID-19

NC 2-1-1 is now a resource for people to call for assistance related to the COVID-19 coronavirus. NC 2-1-1 [click.icptrack.com] is an information and referral service that families and individuals can call to obtain free and confidential information on health and human services resources within their community. NC 2-1-1 operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year and resources are available in most languages.
RESOURCES AND COVID-19 CONTINUED:

- For up-to-date RESOURCES about COVID-19, please go to North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services coronavirus webpage: [www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus)

- Reach out to your local United Way Organization (some are helping with food, rent, utilities, etc.)

- NC Care 360 - [www.ncares360.org](http://www.ncares360.org) an agency/organization can sign up to use this platform to assist a family with resources and follow the connection. Some counties have multiple resources on their platform.
CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Do you/your company donate the community?

- How active is your company in the community?

- Hello, (I’m******* and I work with ****), I have a family that’s in need of _______________ and I was wondering if your company could possible donate _______________?
QUESTIONS???
THANK YOU!!!!

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