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What We Do

Family Development

Our Family Development programs connect White Center families to schools, resources and to each other. Below are some highlights of our Family Development programs in 2019.

Our Family Education Council (FEC) builds partnership with our schools to support families in navigating the school system to ensure every student in White Center succeeds. In 2019, our FEC partnered with the Governor’s Office of Education Ombuds to talk with families about their rights and responsibilities in the schools.

Our Early Learning Connectors (ELCs) help parents and children make playtime a time to learn and build community with other families in White Center. In 2019, ELCs facilitated 475 hours of Vietnamese, Spanish, English, Somali and Native Play & Learn (P&L); 273 parents/ caregivers and 335 children attended our P&L groups.

Our Native Play & Learn and Family Learning Circles bring native families together through the values, languages, and teachings of our indigenous communities. About 50 families attended our monthly Native dinners in 2019.

Our Family Success Partners (FSPs) at White Center Heights Elementary School, Mt. View Elementary School, and Cascade Middle School provide ongoing assistance and advocacy for our families. As liaisons to our schools, FSPs provided services to about 60 families in 2019.

Together with our families, students, and staff from Cascade Middle School and Evergreen High School, we are working on a project to bring trauma informed restorative practices to our schools. We hope through this transformative and community-led work, we can create a culture of support and anti-racism for students from diverse backgrounds within our schools.

Economic Development

As White Center residents and businesses are facing displacement, our Economic Development team works closely with our partners and communities to sustain POC businesses, cultivate innovation, and honor our spaces. In 2019, we connected with over 30 White Center businesses and created a framework for how we can better support our legacy businesses. We organized a Community Pop-up Market to celebrate and support local makers. We are also engaging our community in the subarea plan/rezoning process to bring community voices in shaping future developments that will benefit our residents and support local economic growth without displacement.

Community Inclusion

The CDA relies upon the voices of our residents to help us direct policies and programs to address the needs of White Center. Below are 2019 highlights.

Our White Center to White House program engages our youth in leadership development and community organizing. In 2019, our 31 interns participated in conversations around youth voice, ethnic studies, and environmental equity.

Our LGBTQIA Youth Leadership internship started in 2019. The program provided a safe and welcoming space for 16 LGBTQIA youth and allies to share stories, celebrate their identities, practice self-care, and build community.

In partnership with SWYFS and Capitol Hill Housing, the CDA is working with White Center residents to design a space where working families can find affordable housing and come together to learn, share, and nurture our community. Our prospective site is near to schools, community services, and the White Center commercial district.

Together with our community partners, the CDA hosted our annual White Center 5K Walk N’ Run, Spring Refresh, and Community Summit to engage community members in conversations around health, economic development, community engagement, and housing.

The best thing in White Center is our strong sense of community!