**FAQ for Residents Council**

**Q: What is the Residents Council?**

A: The Residents Council consists of over 100 diverse residents throughout Fresno County. The Residents Council will work alongside institutional leaders and mid-level practitioners to align on policy recommendations through a process of reconciliation. The long-term goal is that the 3 segments: the residents, the institutional leaders, and the mid-level practitioners will come together to ratify a policy platform and a policy agenda. This agenda will set the stage for advocacy efforts for 2022.

**Q: What is the Cradle to Career (C2C) Partnership Table?**

A: The Fresno C2C Partnership Table consists of institutional leaders tasked with addressing policy change for the betterment of Fresno County families. As we approach the Community Congress, the leaders and the residents will collaborate on developing a policy agenda.

**Q: Who are the Anchor CBOs (community-based organizations)?**

A: There are 13 Anchor Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Anchor CBOs have been tasked with recruiting and supporting the development of their chosen resident leaders. Anchor CBOs include: AMOR, Barrios Unidos, Centro La Familia, Children’s Services Network, Comprehensive Youth Services, Every Neighborhood Partnership, EPU, Equipo de Lideres, FIRM, Reading and Beyond, PIQE, West Fresno Family Resource Center, and Youth Leadership Institute.

**Q: What is the Core Leadership Team?**

A: The Core Leadership Team is a group of Residents Council members who have been selected due to their prior leadership experiences. They are the resident leaders for the various caucuses we will form. The Core Leadership Team will assist in facilitating meetings within their caucus.

**Q: Are the residents paid for their participation?**

A: Yes, residents will receive a stipend total of $1000 for their participation. The stipend will be divided into three installments throughout August 2021 to January 2022.

**Q: How are the residents paid?**

A: Residents will be paid through Bill.com which allows payments to be directly deposited into their bank account. Each resident will need to create an online account on Bill.com as soon as possible. A tutorial on how to make a Bill.com account is linked below. If a resident does not have a bank account or would like to opt out of the Bill.com payment method, the resident can request checks instead.

UWFMC’s Bill.com Account Tutorial Video: <https://youtu.be/X5yPq-oeU6k>

**Q: Are trainings required?**

A: Trainings are required for Residents Council members and are encouraged but not required for Anchor CBOs. The trainings are meant to build leadership and advocacy skills as the Residents Council members in prepare for the Community Congress.

**Q: How many trainings will there be?**

A: There will be six monthly trainings from August through December. The first three trainings will have two options: Tuesdays at 5:30pm-7pm and Saturdays at 10am-11:30am. The last three trainings have a set date and time and are highly important for residents to attend.

**Q: What if a resident cannot attend a training?**

A: All trainings will be recorded. If a Residents Council member cannot make the zoom or in person meeting on the specified days, their CBO anchor will have the recording and the member can meet with the CBO anchor to review the meeting.

**Q: What will the trainings be about?**

A: The trainings will focus on preparing the Residents Council members to understand how to advocate for policy change and how to form a policy agenda with the collaboration of the Fresno C2C Partnership Table. Besides the preparation for the Community Congress, the main goal for the trainings is to help residents develop leadership skills needed to continue advocating for their community after completing year one of this project.

**Q: Will there be in-person trainings?**

A: As of now, trainings will be held virtually on zoom as a precautionary effort due to the rising COVID cases in Fresno County. Developing updates will be announced.

**Q: What is the Community Congress?**

A: The Community Congress is a day where institutional leaders, mid-level practitioners, and residents come together ratify- formally agree upon- a set of policy priorities called our Fresno Policy Agenda. It will be an open space where residents will have the opportunity to share their lived experiences in-person, alongside leaders representing many different institutions- including state & local governments, school districts, universities and health care organizations, like hospitals- from across Fresno County.

**Q: When is the Community Congress?**

A: The Community Congress will take place on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 10am. The location is to be announced later this year.

**Q: Is it just a select few invited to the congress at the institutional level or will it be people included beyond just Fresno (i.e. Central Unified, Clovis Unified)?**

A: We will be including the C2C Partnership Table which includes institutions from across the county.

**Q: Will there be other community members in the community congress like police, medical, etc.?**

A: There are the elected officials, and then there are other community leaders like school board members, principals, etc. to be included in this work as well.

**Q: Are we as a collective going to have one topic we bring up at the congress or multiple?**

A: The goal of the congress is to walk away with a policy agenda- a set of priorities agreed upon by the institutional level and residents.

**Q: Will we be focusing on only the three topics: digital literacy, child care, and access to mental health?**

A: The three issues are the tip of the iceberg. As a collective, we must agree on which areas are the most strategic for us to tackle now and what issues to focus on in the coming months and years. We will also establish caucuses around specified issues.

**If you have a question that has not been stated above, please share your question(s) using the google form:** <https://forms.gle/S2jAWiD2nyquUACy6>