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**Creating Creators
For a 21st Century World**

Ice Breaker

- Name
- Agency
- How long have you been connected with Big Thought

Powerful Network of 600+ Partners

Content Partners, local

Ex) Junior Players, Cara Mia, Perot, Teatro Dallas, The Writer's Garret

Content Partners, global

Ex) Smithsonian, American Museum of Natural History, Games for Change

Neighborhood Partners

Ex) Jubilee Center, Juanita Craft Recreation Center, Multipurpose Center, Trinity River Audubon

City Agencies

Ex) Office of Cultural Affairs, Library, Parks & Recreations, Police, Aviation, Municipal Court

Social Services

Ex) CitySquare, Frazier Revitalization

Higher Education

Ex) Dallas College, SMU Center on Research and Evaluation

K-12 Education

Ex) Dallas ISD, Catholic Parochial, Uplift Education

Business Sector

Ex) Boeing, Fossil, PNC Bank, Pizza Hut

Investors & Influencers

Ex) Philanthropists, Civic Leaders

Backbone Supports

Ex) United Way, Dallas Afterschool, The School Zone



What is a Learning System?

Big Thought defines Learning Systems in 3 ways:

- creating, managing and leading in an area that connects large and small institutions to nonprofit networks to solve a problem or work to create solutions over time

- ensuring that engagement fostered through this work threads diversity in thought and backgrounds, equitable practices that are inclusive enough to serve locally, nationally and virtually

- Convening and managing large scale collective impact initiatives that lead to local and national systems change

- Primary Education systems
- Criminal Justice systems
- Business & Corporate systems
- Higher Education systems
- Civic systems

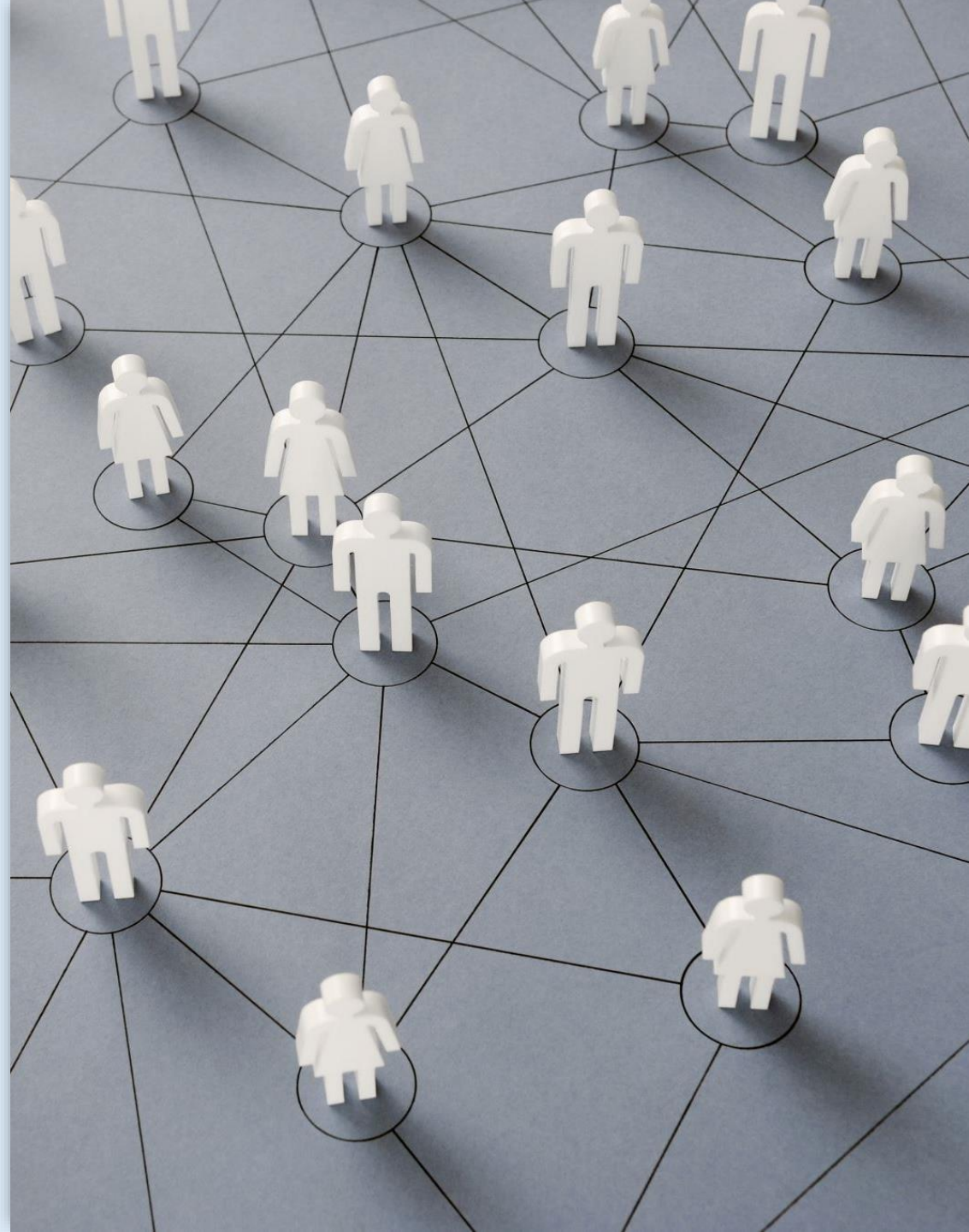
Community Meetup Purpose

- Big Thought would like to create a space for organizations and individuals to connect with each other to serve the DFW community
- There are many organizations that do great work however, our focus sometimes stops us from connecting with each other
- One organization shouldn't have to be "Superman". Serving the community is a collaborative effort.



What this Community Network Meetup is not

- A way for Big Thought to harbor all these great organizations and resources for ourselves
- A one-time thing. Community Network Meetups will be consistent
- An unsafe environment. Express yourselves honestly and openly. Full transparency about your organization can help you fill in the gaps through connections



Community Engagement

Big Thought aims to bring opportunities to multi-generational households across Dallas and beyond by

- Identifying gaps in services that affect each youth and their family
- Connect partners to opportunities to close those gaps
- Create opportunities for each family to engage with organizations that provide support
- Listen to the community
- Listen to our youth, and give them opportunities to lead and create change in their school land neighborhood



COMMUNITY NETWORKING MEETUP



OCTOBER 8, 2024 | 11AM-1PM

Singing Hills Recreation Center, 6806 Patrol Way, Dallas TX 75241

Discover new collaborative opportunities every first Tuesday where like-minded organizations will meet, collaborate, and learn about each other to fill gaps in supportive services for multigenerational households across the Dallas Forth Worth Metroplex.

What to Expect

- News on Big Thought Programs and Events
- Networking opportunities with Program Providers, Vendors, Community Resources, Venues
- Guest Speakers
- Opportunities to share your resources
- Lunch

What to Bring

- Business Cards
- Organizational One Pagers
- Willingness to Meet and Make Connections

REGISTER HERE



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Collaborate and Discuss

1. Does your organization incorporate youth voice within its practices? If so, how does your organization do this?
2. What is something that is unique about your organization that others may not know about?
3. What are the goals of your organization? What are current barriers to these goals
4. What resources Is your organization lacking? How can these resources improve capabilities
5. What type of organizations are you the most eager to connect and collaborate with?

Collaborative Event

At your table create an event that addresses the following:

1. Create an event that addresses a need for youth
2. Create a timeline (marketing launch, registration if needed, date of event)
3. Prepare to share out why this event is needed, and how your bringing in youth to lead in the process.

Optimistic Closing

- What did You learn Today?
- What organization did you connect with that you hope to learn more about?
- Any news, events, available jobs, etc. that you would like to share?

