

AFS-USA

# National NH22 Hosting Academy 2.0

## Session 3: Passing the Baton

July 19, 2022 (8:00 – 9:00pm Eastern)

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# Hosting Advisory Group Agenda

- Overview of Hosting Placement Stats (Steve)
- Hosting strategies developed in May Session (Rachael)
- Passing the Baton from Placement to Support (Linne, Rita, Leigh, Amanda)
- Matching Liaisons to Placements (Linda)
- Collaboration Between Hosting and Support Volunteers (Ian)
- Encouraging Conversation (Kate)
- Support can Help Convince Host Families (Traci)
- MyAFS H&L Resources (All)



# Hosting Placement Progress

- Available for Placement: **1458 participants**

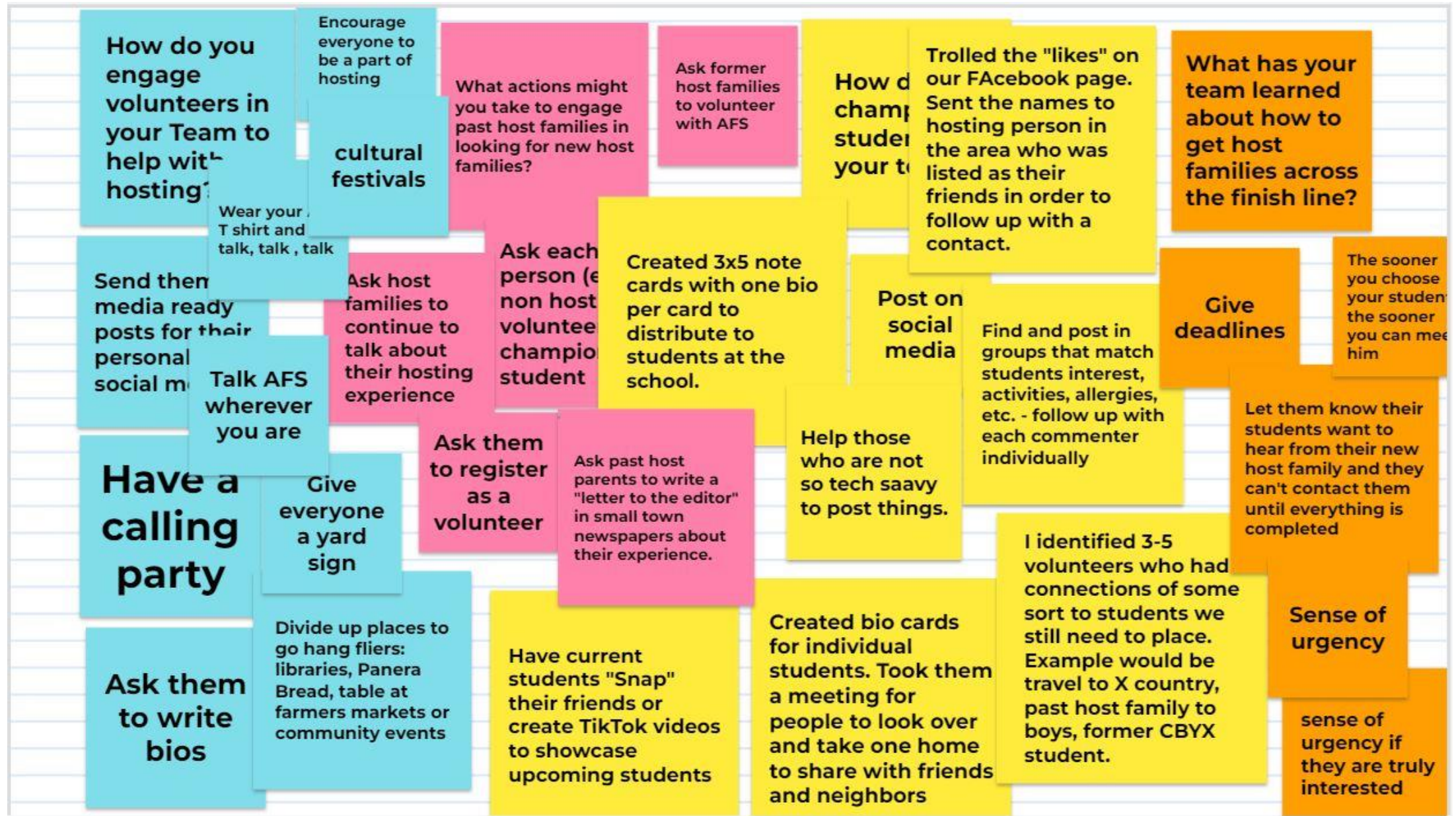
	<b>Pending Placements</b>	<b>PWPs</b>	<b>FPCs</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Nationally</b>	29	105	691	<b>825</b>
<b>Eastern Lakes Area Team Region</b>	6	21	117	<b>144</b>
<b>Mountains &amp; Plains Area Team Region</b>	3	5	93	<b>101</b>
<b>Northeast Area Team Region</b>	6	24	111	<b>141</b>
<b>Southeast Area Team Region</b>	9	10	115	<b>134</b>
<b>West Area Team Region</b>	0	23	128	<b>151</b>
<b>Western Lakes Area Team Region</b>	5	22	127	<b>154</b>

**Remaining to be Placed: 633**

# Hosting strategies developed in May Session (Rachael)

- Triads: working in groups of 3 to meet goals
- Community events
  - Farmers Markets
  - Fairs
  - Tabling events
- Volunteer engagement
  - Former host families
  - Social media posting: Vols, current/former students
  - Working with “non-hosting” volunteers to help in the hosting process
- Finding hosting leads
  - Libraries
  - Schools
  - Community champions

# Hosting strategies developed in May Session (Rachael)





## POLL (Kate)

POLL: Which of the following applies to your team in terms of support structure?

1. Organized by geographical area
2. Organized by Chapter
3. Organized by placement volunteer
4. Organized by airport
5. Organized by orientation site
6. Organized by Support Coordinator or other volunteer leader



# Passing the Baton from Placement to Support (Linne/Leigh)

- Host families may feel “abandoned” by hosting volunteers once they transition to Support
- What are ways your Team can ensure that we are bridging the gap between hosting and support for our host fams?



# Matching Liaisons/Placements (Linda)

- An important (and sometimes fun) activity for the hosting placement and support teams to collaborate around is matching placements with Liaisons
- Important to consider:
  - Potentially challenging participant characteristics
  - New vs. Experienced host families and liaisons
  - Center of core hosting area vs. outlying area





# Collaboration Between Hosting and Support Volunteers (Ian)

- Host Family Interviews (What to look out for)
- Host Family / Student pairing when the need for a move occurs
- Hosting vols able to plug benefits of support to host fams when recruiting/identifying host fams
- Communication between hosting vols and support vols integral to overall team health



# Encouraging Conversation (Traci)

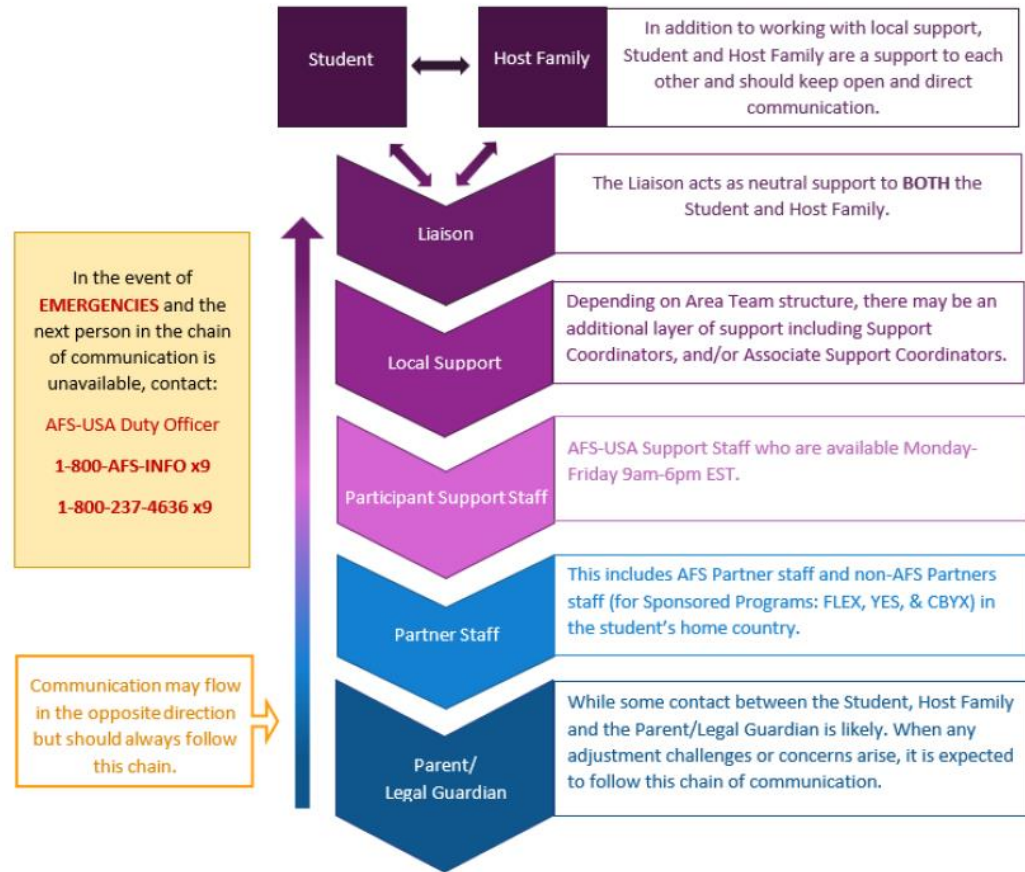
- Pre-Screen families – ask liaisons to sign up, making sure there are backups
- Host family orientations - making sure conversations are happening with support
- Plans for recruiting host families, including talking points, shared with support volunteers
  - Collaboration and conversation between hosting/support volunteers

How hosting interfaces with support

1. Making sure a placement is supportable
2. How to avoid unsupportable placements

# Our Support Team sets us apart! (Traci)

## AFS-USA Chain of Communication



# Available Resources (Terri or Leigh)

- MyAFS Help & Learning
  - [Liaison Training: Getting off to a good start](#)
  - [Possible Causes of Student/Hostfam Adjustment Challenges](#)
  - [AFS Support Chain of Communication](#)
  - [Proactive Support Resources](#)
  - [Area Team Crisis Plan](#)
  - [Hosting Academy Session I: Triads](#)
  - [Hosting Academy Session II: Family Finding](#)



## Next Steps: POLL (Traci)

- How do you plan to implement one of the things discussed tonight's call in the next week?
- Apply to join the Hosting or Support Advisory Group if you're interested!





**THANK YOU!**

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