



Children's Item Exchange

Proposal date: 3 /12/2025

Background:

Hosting a neighborhood children's item exchange offers numerous benefits, including promoting sustainability, saving money, and fostering community connections, while also providing children with opportunities to learn about sharing and responsible consumption.

Hosting a kids' clothing exchange is a fantastic way to declutter your closets, give your children new-to-them clothes, and reduce clothing waste. Start by inviting friends, family, and neighbors to participate. Set a date and time for the exchange and choose a central location, such as a community center or someone's home. Encourage participants to bring gently used clothing, shoes, toys, and books in good condition.



Why should WHNA promote item swap events in the neighborhood

- Give clothes a second life:** Swapping helps keep garments in use longer, reducing waste, conserving resources, and lowering greenhouse gas emissions.
- Start meaningful conversations:** A Clothes Swap provides the perfect opportunity to talk about ethical fashion and the importance of reducing our consumption.
- Refresh your wardrobe for free:** Instead of buying new clothes, you can swap items, saving money and making a difference for the planet.
- Community gathering

Site Selection:

Three sites were considered:

Neighbor's driveway at 715 Edgemoor: This spot is center of the neighborhood, the owner is okay hosting the event here. However, considering our neighborhood population density and economic distribution we recommend moving the event somewhere in the neighborhood east of Westnedge Blvd.

Crane Park: This spot is available, however there is a \$390 event booking fee if we need the park all to ourselves during this time. We can use the space as first come basis as long as there isn't a wedding.

Parkwood Upjohn Elementary : Got in contact with KPS coordinator, she is very welcoming the idea of hosting at the Parkwood Parking lot / outside ground area. No rental fee for outside space, but we need liability insurance and we need to register the event so it's on the calendar. If we want to use the inside gym area there will be a small rental fee. They charge extra \$46/hr for custodian for events outside of school days. Oct-April is best time to rent gym.

Resources:

Volunteers for cloth drop off site

Volunteers for cloth sorting and logistics

Site coordination:

Party DJ???

Snack and drink.