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Family Resource Center Monthly Report
(January) 2017
County East Family Resource Center Date: **February 3, 2017**

# Total Volunteers	11
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	350
# Clients set up in Cap60	5
# Emergency Food donations	2
# New collaborations List names of collaborations below: **St. Matthews Church Keeping East Syracuse Warm Project**	1

Center Highlights:

County East Family Resource Center assisted a single female procure full time employment in January. This individual did job search and resume assistance on site. County East Family Resource Center provided her with a reference which landed her this position.

County East Family Resource Center assisted a single man to procure full time employment with Metro Mattress in January.

County East Family Resource Center received a donation on nonperishable food from the First United Church of East Syracuse to assist us with our mission to address hunger in East Syracuse and surrounding communities.

County East Family Resource Center received a donation of nonperishable food from Emmanuel Episcopal Church to assist us with our mission to address hunger in the community.

Upcoming Events:

Volunteer Recognition Program: TBA

Local Veterans Recognition: TBA

Black History Program February 24, 201

Success Story☺

Onondaga County Department of Social Services WIC Program has established a strong collaborative bond in the community. The program services women, Infants, and children to promote a healthy start from pregnancy, to birth and into the developmental stages of childhood up to five years of age. The program operates one clinic a month on site and serves many families in the East Syracuse community. Many of the low income families who participate with the WIC Program are eligible for the services offered by County East as well. The families are referred to the programs offered to obtain additional referral to services on are assisted directly on site. Kudos to the WIC Program

This report was respectfully submitted by
Denise Vanderpool
Coordinator

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center County South Family Resource Center **Date** January 2017

# Total Volunteers	21
# New Volunteers	0
# Clients served	75
# Clients set up in Cap60	3
# Emergency Food donations	2
# New collaborations List names of collaborations below:	0

Center Highlights:

County South staff provided lunch at the "Meadows" in January for a dozen seniors. Transportation was also provided to the community dinner that was held on Sunday the 28th at Tully United Community church.

Ralph Lyke from the EITC program of PEACE, Inc. came to CSFRC in January and met with customers providing them with free tax services. He will return for another free tax day on Monday, February 6th.Parenting classes have been meeting regularly. One class is finishing up a unit on discipline and the other class is learning about "raising boys". The afterschool youth program has been meeting weekly and is looking forward to another volunteer to help.

Upcoming Events:

The youth will be attending an afternoon forum sponsored by the Media Unit with youth from all the other family resource centers. This activity will be during the February break which will be fun for the kids.

Success Story

A family development participant at CSFRC has been doing very well meeting her goals. This young woman has dealt with mental health issues as well as addiction. She meets with the family advocate every other week, attends daily AA meetings and has been clean for six months. She is learning how to be more assertive in her personal life. She is taking the correction officer exam this weekend hoping to be able to secure steady employment with benefits. It takes an immense amount of support to be successful when dealing with addiction. This CSFRC customer has received that support from the Family Development process which has shown her what strengths she has and what her potential can be. She recently told the Family Advocate that she was "feeling great" and we all agreed as you could see it in her face and hear it in her voice.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center _____County West Family Resource Center **Date**__January 2017

# Total Volunteers	10
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	140
# Clients set up in Cap60	4
# Emergency Food donations	107 served/963 meals
# New collaborations List names of collaborations below:	

Center Highlights: January was a slower month following the Holidays, a nice chance for everyone to catch a breath and reorganize. The volunteers did a wonderful job cleaning out the donation room. It can be a challenge to keep up and they have de-cluttered and organized the seasonal items. They also worked very hard in the front room as we try to make an open space to accommodate programming. Fidelis healthcare was here on January 11 and continue to assist folks with healthcare needs. The FoodBank presented a nutrition class on January 24. Everyone enjoys the class and the healthy food they get to sample.

Upcoming Events: Cornell Cooperative will present a class "Eating Healthy on a Budget" onFebruary 1. We picked this topic to assist folks who utilize the food pantry and shop with limited Snap funds. We are hoping to continue with classes focusing on healthy eating,budgeting and creating menu's utilizing products from the Food Pantry. Fidelis Health will be here on 2/11 and will also be here for Tax Preparation days on 2/20 and 2/27 in case of client need for tax returns. United Health will have outreach on Thursdays during February from 10-1. The FoodBank will present a nutrition / cooking class on 2/28.

Success Story One of our clients has been living with a relative since the death of her husband last year. She has an 8 year old son and has been driving him back and forth to school and struggling. As of March 1, she and her son will move in to Greenway apartments in Radisson. They are so excited! Mom talked to us about the pool at Radisson, walking paths and activities for her son. Hopefully we can assist Mom to get back to school in the near future.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: Eastside Family Resource Center/Project Connection_ (ESFRC)

Date: January 2017

# Total Volunteers	9
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	1085
# Clients set up in Cap60	85
# Emergency Food donations	$1157.90
# New collaborations Department of Labor Syracuse City School United Health Care	

Center Highlights:

The New Year has approached and Eastside Family resource Center has been a part of many events during the month of January, ESFRC kicked off the New Year with welcoming Department of labor which provided the community with information regarding upcoming Job fairs to attend. Department of labor as well as ESFRC was able to help individuals create their resume and cover letter to get them job ready. Eastside Family Resource Center collaborated with Casey place for a birthday party for one of its consumers, it was his eighteenth birthday. We were able to help make the consumers birthday a fun filled event.

Success Stories

ESFRC has helped a client obtain employment and part of her going to work she received 11 credits towards school in a special program that will help support her graduation.

Peace Eastside received a grant from Rotary Club, to work with the youth. The program will provide educational experience as well as promoting attending college or trade school.

Projection Connection has increased enrollment and has two new children.

Community Events

Peace Eastside staff opened the building up for community events such as baby shower, birthday party and special events.

Upcoming Events:

Daily Programs

Food, giveaway daily.

Food Pantry every Monday from 9-12.

Fidelis every other Thursday in the building to help register people who need insurance

National Grid every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-12.

Department of Labor every Thursday from 10-12

Healthy Neighborhood every other Thursday (pass out cleaning supplies, mop buckets and smoke detectors).

Special Events

March 20, 2017 Asthma Day Event at the Peace Eastside Family Resource Center

April 11, 2017 Job Fair at the Peace Eastside Family Resource Center

Thank You

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: South side Family Resource Center **Date: 2/10/2017**

Month of: January

# Total Number of Volunteers	13
# New Volunteers	3
#Clients Served	417
#Clients set up in Cap60	267
#Emergency Food Donations	219
# New Collaborations	Syracuse Housing Authority, New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, and National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. Onondaga Community College

Center Highlights:

The Southside Side Family Resource Center is an excited about what this New Year will bring in terms of new collaborations and partnerships, making the center more vibrant and better equipped to meet the community needs. One of the center's most highlights this past month was the Re-entry program being conducted out of this center.

PEACE, Inc. was one of the three agencies within New York State to have been chosen to launch a re-entry pilot program. This program in collaboration/partnership with Syracuse Housing Authority and New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, while focus working with newly released individuals reintegrate with their families back into the community. Their families must be living in Syracuse Housing to qualify.

Community Participation:

The staff from this center attended the annual HIV Stops with Me event. This was an HIV/AIDS awareness event since the high numbers and growing population of recent infected community members are between the ages of 13-25 years old. As well as many African Americans women, so the goal of the event was education. and prevention. Afterwards staff was approached by National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc, to collaborate by hosting youth events at our center.

Upcoming Events:

1. **The center's food pantry will be open to the public every Thursday from 2pm-6pm. It's an exciting energy throughout the community.**
2. **The Young Eco Cuse Explores will be learning leather arts and crafts.**

Success Story:

The success of the months involves two of the center's volunteers obtaining employment. A young-adult (18 years old) who began volunteering at this center by way of CNY Works was interested in continuing his education and scheduled to take the GED test. He also wanted another job and was referred to Manpower and is now employed at Byrne Dairy while still being connected with CNY Works youth employment.

The next volunteer has been an on-call volunteer since the summer. After his seasonal job ended he approached the staff here in need of employment. Through connection with Manpower he is now employed at Byrne Dairy with the possibility of permanent employment there.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center **WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER** **Date** January '2017

# Total Volunteers	6
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	18
# Clients set up in Cap60	105
# Emergency Food donations	0
# New collaborations List names of collaborations below: Junior League Gifford Foundation Near Westside Initiative Lerner Center	

Center Highlights:

The month was slow, used the time to clean up and review files to be sure they are up to date. Advocate entering information into Cap 60. Getting all binders updated for the year. The Coordinator is looking for partners to assist with summer activities and putting together documents for mailing. Advocate and volunteer working on age appropriate activities for summer youth.

The center was used by The Onondaga County Human Rights Commission held it monthly meeting at the center on Thursday, January 25th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, also used by The Salvation Army and WIC collaboration, and The Near Westside *"Take Back the Streets"* for committee meetings.

We partnered with a former program youth who is now an OCC student and four other students on an Applied Learning Experience project entitled "Beyond the Bell". The students met with ten youth from the community who attend Westside Academy and Public Serve Leadership Academy at the center for six weeks. The coordinator supervised the OCC youth that participated in the Applied Learning Experience at the center while the students held Student Conversation Circles about Race, Gender, Religion, Economic Status, and Sexual Orientation. The program was very interesting and got the youth thinking and they opened up and had open honest conversation without being judged. One of the students mother along with a volunteer prepared a hot meal for the participants every week. At the completion of the program the coordinator evaluated the youth at the site. They were focused and patient with the youth, the topics were engaging and interesting. To hear about how they are struggling and not having role models leads me to get them more engaged. The openness to conversations was very good for the age group.

Coordinator worked with Syracuse City School District and Syracuse University at Nottingham High School for the Dr. King Celebration. Pamphlets about the program were distributed to community members at the event.

Working with Westside Academy at Blodgett staff to put on workshop on violence and budgeting for students to take place next month.

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