

## **Family Resource Centers Monthly Reports**

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## County East Family Resource Center August 2021 Board Report

### Center Services:

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Care & Share                   | 11        |
| Crisis Response/Counseling     | 2         |
| Eviction Counseling            | 2         |
| Family Planning Education      | 1         |
| HEAP                           | 3         |
| Housewares/Furniture           | 2         |
| Information and Referral Calls | 8         |
| In-Home Care Session           | 1         |
| Landlord/Tenant Mediation      | 3         |
| National Grid                  | 3         |
| Permanent Housing              | 2         |
| Rental Assistance              | 1         |
| Volunteering                   | 1         |
| Wellness Education             | 2         |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | <b>42</b> |

### Center Highlights:

- Vera House Elder Abuse team meeting with Vera House staff
- Launched the Elder Abuse Support Group
- Upstate Mobile Mammography visited CEFRFC
- Back to School Supplies Giveaway – collaborated with ESM to assure students were equipped to start school

### Upcoming Events:

R.A.P.P. Luncheon to celebrate Grandparent's day and Kinship Awareness Month

### Success Story:

Were able to assist to senior sister who currently residing at Loretto. The family is in the process of looking for suitable housing, and were overwhelmed with the task. CEFRFC was able to assist the family in locating a storage rental space for the sister's furnishings. CEFRFC will continue to stay connected to the family through our Sick and Shut-in Program.



## County West Family Resource Center August 2021 Board Report

### Center Services:

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Clothing Closet            | 21        |
| Crisis Response/Counseling | 3         |
| Fax/Copies/Computer        | 1         |
| Field Trip                 | 3         |
| Food Pantry/Table Giveaway | 11        |
| Home Visit                 | 1         |
| Housewares/Furniture       | 1         |
| Hygiene/Toiletries         | 3         |
| National Grid              | 1         |
| Parenting Support          | 5         |
| Volunteering               | 1         |
| <b>Total:</b>              | <b>51</b> |

### Center Highlights:

- We received back to school donations from New Hope Church, St. Augustine's and several community members.
- North Side Baptist donated new backpacks filled with supplies.
- Humana presented a Lunch and Learn for our R.A.P.P group. The topic was "technology safety."
- Cam's Pizza in Camillus provided our R.A.P.P group with a "make your own pizza day."
- Fairhaven Beach Day. Fun swimming and playing in the sand and beautiful weather.
- Bowling/pizza party at Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool.
- Staff volunteered at Long Branch Park with the Knights of Columbus Annual Picnic for CNY Group homes. (All people with disabilities they had so much fun)!
- We continued to assist with HEAP applications through the 8/31 deadline for the 2021 extension.

### Upcoming Events:

- Final Back to School Give-Away
- Conifer Village Senior Produce Give-Away
- Fidelis Outreach
- Humana Outreach



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- R.A.P.P. Luncheon to celebrate Grandparent's day and Kinship Awareness Month
- Healthy Families Outreach

### **Success Story:**

Throughout the month of August, generous community members brought produce from their garden weekly. We had an abundance of fresh tomatoes, squash and cucumbers. Everyone enjoyed the fresh vegetables. We have such a generous community.



## Eastside Family Resource Center August 2021 Board Report

### Center Services:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Care & Share                             | 5          |
| Clothing Closet                          | 5          |
| Tutoring/Mentoring                       | 10         |
| Food Pantry/Table Giveaway/Prepared Meal | 325        |
| Information/Referral                     | 10         |
| Job Referral                             | 2          |
| Summer Youth Recreational Activities     | 75         |
| Rides Provided                           | 53         |
| <b>Total:</b>                            | <b>485</b> |

### Center Highlights:

We completed "Dunk Your Junk" July Summer Programming successfully with 62 students participating in the program. Student participation included visiting and harvesting fruits and vegetables at Brady Farms, learning about trees and the environment from Onondaga Earth Corp. and hearing great speakers, such as Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter, Rasheada Caldwell, The Syracuse Police Dept., The Onondaga Sheriff's Dept. and Tim Graham from National Grid. The speakers spoke to our students about their careers and what they do in the community. Students also learned about financial literacy from Thom Dellwo - Cooperative Federal Credit Union. The students enjoyed learning how to make healthy snacks from Cornell Cooperative Extension as they learned about nutrition. The campers had the opportunity to learn about Syracuse University, Onondaga Community College and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and the various programs offered. The summer events also included a visit to the ZOO and the MOST and a virtual visit to the Everson Museum. The campers went on field trips to The Strong Museum and the Corning Museum of Glass. The culminating event to mark the end of the three-week program was a fulfilled Carnival (we had an in-house clown) for the campers before receiving their \$300 stipend.

### Upcoming Events:

- Andrea will be starting ELI training in September
- Housing Fair
- Fall Girls Circle Group
- Three New Staff starting in September



## Eastside Family Resource Center August 2021 Board Report

### Success Story:

Most CNY Worker will be able to work until the end of September. Allowing the youth to continue their work experience training, as well as earning a wage from the CNY Works Program.



## County South Family Resource Center August 2021 Board Report

### Center Services:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Transportation  | 21        |
| Education and school supplies                                       | 7         |
| Nutrition- SNAP and food delivery                                   | 15        |
| Diaper bank   | 5         |
| Parenting Ed  | 4         |
| Misc. supports – DV, Legal, Fam Development, Crisis, Daily services | 18        |
| Housing- Furniture etc.   | 7         |
| Other   | 4         |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>81</b> |

### Center Highlights:

Families have been coming in for school supplies. Spafford Food Pantry and Navarino Food pantry also took supplies for their families. Donations for this came from the Tully United Community Church and PEACE, Inc. Client activity has been up this month and will hopefully gradually return to pre- Covid numbers. The parenting class attended the musical, "Footloose" at the Rev Theater in Auburn, formerly known as the Merry- Go- Round Theater. They had never been to an event like that and were amazed! A great time was had by all and they were very appreciative to PEACE, Inc. for the opportunity. The Coordinator was able to take a week of vacation in August.

### Upcoming Events:

- The fall free clothing drive will be held on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- A parenting class and a women's support group will begin in October.

### Success Story:

Community donations have been plentiful this month! The NAC has been having a Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser and the last check that came in was for \$1000. Donations of school supplies helped many families. Donations of diapers also keep that program running. Furniture is donated regularly. These efforts are all evidence that the communities have faith in what PEACE, Inc.'s mission is and trust what County South Family Resource Center does. Their donations and faith in us is greatly appreciated!



## Southside Family Resource Center August 2021 Board Report

### Center Services:

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Fax/Copies/Computer     | 1          |
| Food Pantry             | 85         |
| Hygiene/Toiletries      | 2          |
| Job Shadowing           | 10         |
| Summer Youth Employment | 7          |
| <b>Total:</b>           | <b>105</b> |

### Center Highlights:

Met with the following organizations to determine future collaborations and programming for the Southside of Syracuse:

- 100 Black Men
- F.A.C.E.S – Syracuse Model Neighborhood
- Healthy Start

Continued to work with CNY works to develop job skills and readiness

### Upcoming Events:

- Housing Fair
- Family Fall Event

### Success Story:

Hosted a group of LeMoyne college students, provided them a tour of the center, as well an over view of what the community needs are. In addition, shared with the students what is like to live and grow up on the Southside of Syracuse. Encouraged them to participate in future volunteer endeavors.





## Westside Family Resource Center August 2021 Board Report

### Center Services:

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Care & Share              | 6          |
| Clothing Closet           | 2          |
| Diaper Bank               | 84         |
| Eviction Counseling       | 10         |
| Fax/Copies/Computer       | 6          |
| Food Pantry               | 115        |
| Housewares/Furniture      | 2          |
| Hygiene/Toiletries        | 98         |
| Landlord/Tenant Mediation | 1          |
| Language Translation      | 2          |
| National Grid             | 3          |
| Permanent Housing         | 3          |
| <b>Total:</b>             | <b>332</b> |

### Center Highlights:

- Community Housing Fair
- Friday afternoon youth programming. All girls' group, ages 6-9
- Wednesday evening youth programming. All girls' group, ages 13-15
- Spectrum Backpack Giveaway

### Upcoming Events:

- Financial Empowerment Center to resume holding office hours
- School supplies giveaway

### Success Story:

- The WSFRC hosted our first ever Housing Fair where organizations and companies shared information regarding apartment living and home buying. With the hold on rent coming to an end on August 31, 2021, we organized this in an effort to spread awareness on tenant rights, benefits, and possible apartment openings around the City of Syracuse.



## Early Childhood Career Pathways Program August 2021 Board Report

### Center Services:

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| CDA Intake/Information     | 2         |
| CDA Coordination           | 1         |
| CDA Scholarship Assistance | 5         |
| CDA Follow Up              | 4         |
| FDC Intake                 | 2         |
| FDC Follow Up              | 10        |
| FDC ECA/OCPL Tech Pack     | 3         |
| AAS Follow Up              | 1         |
| <b>Total:</b>              | <b>28</b> |

### Center Highlights:

Meeting with Megan Weaver – Director of Early Learning Strategies (ECA)

Merrick Head Start CDA Information Day (8/31)

### Upcoming Events:

- Snow/Gifford Meet and Greet September 14
- Jobs Plus Job Fair
- BOCES Job Fair

### Success Story:

Charlee Crosby (Merrick HS) was promoted to Lead Teacher from Teacher Aide with a raise to \$15.06 per hour. Charlee entered the ECCPP with a referral from the Women’s Opportunity Center in 2019. She had been unemployed for more than 6 months. We started with resume development and interview preparation with her. She was hired on to Merrick HS as a substitute where she worked close to full-time hours. She then started her CDA journey and earned her credential in the spring of 2021.

She was promoted to Lead Teacher at Merrick in August 2021. A great example of how someone can move through the program and achieve their ECE employment/career goals.

Sigmund Jefferson (Genesee HS) was promoted to Teacher Assistant from Teacher Aide.