

## **Family & Community Development**

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Family Resource Center Monthly Report  
(May) 2017

County East Family Resource Center Date: June 14, 2017

# Total Volunteers	13
# New Volunteers	0
# Clients served	552
# Clients set up in Cap60	5
# Emergency Food donations	2
# New collaborations	
<u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	0

**Center Highlights:**

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 East Syracuse and surrounding communities.

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center hosted our Annual Mother's Day Raffle on May 12, 2017. Proceeds from the raffle where \$ 254.00 that will be deposited into our special account. Congratulations to the winners.

PEACE Inc. County East Family Resource Center participated in Muscular Dystrophy Association Annual Lock-Up Program. The program goals are to raise money for research and programs to benefit families who have been affected by the disease. County East raised three hundred and fifty dollars to assist with research

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### **Upcoming Events:**

Local Veterans Recognition: TBA

Summer Programs: July-August 2017

CNY Works Summer Program: July- August 2017

Youth Day at the Fair: August 2017

### **Success Story**☺

County East Family Resource has a young man who participated in the Special Olympics in May 2017. He participated in Track and Field, and won the 800 meter. Winning this award, qualified him for the next tier in the race to which he won first place.

With this accomplishment in the relay he was nominated Student of the Month in Physical Education, with the East Syracuse Minoa Elementary School.

This report was respectfully submitted by  
Denise Vanderpool  
Coordinator

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center County South Family Resource Center    Date May 2017

# Total Volunteers	18
# New Volunteers	0
# Clients served	61
# Clients set up in Cap60	3
# Emergency Food donations	0
# New collaborations	0
<u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	

**Center Highlights:** The free clothing drive was a success serving 36 families with seasonal clothing. Special thanks to the Tully Masonic Lodge for the use of their beautiful, large building. CSFRC hosted a FISH dispatcher meeting in May. All six dispatchers met at the center to discuss the FISH collaboration; its strengths and areas in need of improvement. Lots of client activity this month and preparation for summer camperships and youth activities.

**Upcoming Events:** Summer camperships will be sponsored by PEACE, Inc. this summer and there will be a summer youth program 2 days a week at CSFRC including field trips. The NAC will sponsor the Ida Gleason Memorial Scholarship which will be awarded at 7 high school graduation ceremonies. This scholarship gives \$150 to a graduating senior who is going on to college or trade school who is low income and has helped in his /her community. The NAC will also be sending out their Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraising letter in July.

**Success Story** CSFRC has 2 customers who recently furthered their education on their road out of poverty. Once single mother of three, who attends the "Food for the Parent's Soul" parenting class just completed her first semester at OCC and passed all her finals. Another college freshman just completed her first year @Johnson and Wales Culinary Institute and did well. She provided childcare for the parenting classes while in high school and was very leery of leaving home and attending college six hours away. Kudos to both!

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center \_\_\_\_\_ County West Family Resource Center Date \_\_ May 2017

# Total Volunteers	25
# New Volunteers	3
# Clients served	810
# Clients set up in Cap60	3
# Emergency Food donations	169/individuals served/1521 meals
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	

**Center Highlights: The FoodBank was here for a nutrition workshop and cooking demonstration. Fidelis and United healthcare assisted clients with healthcare needs and Healthy Families assisted with parenting and family needs.**

**Upcoming Events: Summer programming to include Wellness Wednesday-variety of exercise,nutrition education and healthy cooking. We also will be having an exercise time for staff and volunteers incorporated in to our work day. So far, feedback has been positive and we are looking forward to getting started. We also have trips planned for the children to the MOST,SeaBreeze,Thunder Island and horseback riding. StaffWorks will be holding a jobfair here on June 7,2017.**

**Success Story:**

**We are in the process of renewing our FoodBank grant for July 1,2107 and have submitted our application again this year to St. Augustine's tithing committee. We received \$2000 last year.**

# Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: Eastside Family Resource Center/Project Connection\_ (ESFRC)

Date: May 2017

# Total Volunteers	
# New Volunteers	
# Clients served	
# Clients set up in Cap60	
# Emergency Food donations	
# New collaborations Department of Labor Syracuse City School United Health Care	

## Center Highlights:

### ESFRC MONTHLY EVENTS

Eastside Family resource Center has been a part of many events during the month of May as well as helping certain individuals reach their goals in the Community and being more self-sufficient. During the month of May ESFRC events consisted of a 2 day Free Giveaway at ESFRC various items which contained clothes, new toys, house hold items Etc. was set up in the basement as well as outside ESFRC. Individual was able to complete a demographic form and pick 3 items to choose from the many tables. ESFRC Staff was able to assist a Foster grandparent with finding an apartment. The foster grandparent has been living in his current apartment for many years, and was able to find a bigger apartment in which still convenient for him to travel to and from work. The foster grandparent will move into his apartment July 1rst. ESFRC Staff has also recruited another OPWDD Student to our after school program for project connections. And will continuously recruit as we prepare for our summer youth program beginning in July 10th.

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: Emma L. Johnston SFRC

Date: 06/13/2017

Month of: May

# Total Number of Volunteers	11
# New Volunteers	1
#Clients Served	706
#Clients set up in Cap60	109
# Food Giveaway	288
#Individuals Received Emergency Food Pantry	188
# New Collaborations	2

### Center Highlights:

The Emma L. Johnston Southside Family Resource Center highlight of the month was the Shop and Eat Healthy Event that was hosted in partnership with SSFRC, Wegman's, Onondaga County Healthy Neighbors, CNY FoodBank, ARISE and United Healthcare. There was fresh produce give away, blood pressure screening and household cleaning supplies that helped to address asthma and insect issues in community homes.

Wegmans cooked and served community residents with grilled chicken and vegetables. The goal was to provide the community with alternative ways to shop and prepare meals. With a new supermarket and SSFRC daily fresh produce give away it was our way of addressing healthy eating which in the long run can help to build a healthier community. There was close to 100 community members in attendance.

As a result, from the blood pressure screenings it was discovered that a considerable number of participants had high blood pressure. To addressing the concern Wegmans and staff will coordinate a time once a month for community members to come in and get tested follow by a referral to medical services.

### Community Participation:

The Emma L. Johnston Southside Family Resource Center was asked to collaborate has been in partnership with Molina Healthcare which has proven to be wonderful. As Molina is an affordable healthcare insurance company that serves primarily low to moderate income families. SSFRC have partner with them in their efforts to promote women getting mammograms. This effort will continue throughout the summer into the fall.

### Upcoming Events:

The upcoming event is preparing for the summer activities. There will be a financial literacy workshop being offered for youth between the age of 11-16. Once the youth completed the 2 hour workshop they will be awarded with a \$20 Walmart gift card and taken to Walmart to practice their budgeting skills. This is with hopes to achieve the goal of empowering youth with the

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necessary tools to money management as well as how to use credit and debit cards while shopping within their budgets.

**Success Story:**

The success of story of SSFRC comes with two individuals. One a client who began volunteering at SSFRC during the time of staff transitioning. The client came to the center each day despite being without stable residence and no solid financial support. This client was assisted with finding a temporary job which became a permanent position. He now has permanent affordable housing and working on having his daughter from New York City for a week end visit. This definitely was a true success story.



## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Date May '2017

# Total Volunteers	6
# New Volunteers	3
# Clients served	43
# Clients set up in Cap60	105
# Emergency Food donations	(N/A)
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> Junior League Gifford Foundation Near Westside Initiative Lerner Center	

### Center Highlights:

The center continues to operate Monday through Thursday with walk-ins and Friday by appointments.

Coordinator has been meeting with staff of Mission Church, WCNY, Literacy Coalition and Near Westside Initiative on summer programming for camperships. Syracuse Employee Credit Union on the university was closing and kindly donated us cabinets, desk, table, bulletin board and a host of other items we used at the centers and assisted clients with plants and refrigerator all thanks to board member Bob Tackman. We also received donation of furniture from the Post Standard that helped a family in need.

Coordinator was invited to speak to the Camillus-Solvay Geddes Rotary Club about center happenings and what PEACE, Inc. programs. We will be participating with them on their book drive and attended Community meeting on future of Westside Academy at Blodgett.

Met with fiscal and purchasing to lay out summer items and schedule events. The building was used by WIC for their monthly meetings and also by TNT Sector 2 for their monthly facilitators meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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