

## **Family & Community Development**

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Family Resource Center Monthly Report  
(July 2017)

County East Family Resource Center Date:

# Total Volunteers	12
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	542
# Clients set up in Cap60	9
# Emergency Food donations	4
# New collaborations	
<u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	1
<b>Southside Family Resource Center</b>	

**Center Highlights:**

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center kicked off the summer we received two youth to participate with CNY Works Summer Program. The youth will work six weeks of summer, and will assist in the support of the center. The youth have also assisted as youth chaperones with Southside Family Resource Center summer programs, and have also assisted with the weekly picnics for families in East Syracuse area with the LINK Program of East Syracuse. They will also serve as youth chaperones for our Annual Youth Day at the Great New York State Fair.

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center sponsored three (3) East Syracuse Minoa Elementary students to go to camp with the Town of Dewitt Parks and Recreation program. The children participate in six (6) weeks summer day camp of recreation/socialization through the parks programs.

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center received a donation of non-perishable food from the First United Church of East Syracuse to assist in our mission to bridge the gap of hunger in the community.

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center received non-perishable food from Emmanuel Episcopal Church to assist in our mission to address hunger in the community.

**Upcoming Events:**

CNY Works Summer Program: July- August 2017

Youth Day at the Fair: August 2017

County East Moving 9/5/2017

**Success Story**☺

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center in collaboration with Eastwood Senior Center enrolled ten (10) seniors for Farmers Market coupons. One was transported to Eastwood Senior Center, two were referred to the Town of Salina Civic Center.

The seniors also participated in the end of summer celebration at the regional market where they were able to enjoy lunch and shop or obtain coupons from the event.

This report was respectfully submitted by  
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Coordinator

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center County South Family Resource Center    Date July 2017

# Total Volunteers	22
# New Volunteers	0
# Clients served	54
# Clients set up in Cap60	4
# Emergency Food donations	1
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	0

### Center Highlights:

The summer youth program facilitated by Family Advocate Eva Heaney, has been meeting regularly. Kids have been going to 4H Camp Owahta each week because of the generous campership program. They have been swimming on Thursdays at Tully's Green Lake when it is not raining. They have also gone miniature golfing in Cortland and hiking at Tinker's Falls.

### Upcoming Events:

Future trips for the youth include a trip to the Harriet Tubman House and a hike at Clark Reservation in Jamesville.

Another Clothing drive will be held in September.

Tully Community Days will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Success Story

One customer got a job in July at the local Agway. He has spent the last 10 years in jail and was just released. He is very eager to begin a new life and grateful for an employer willing to take a chance on him. HOORAY!!



## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

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

# Total Volunteers	16
# New Volunteers	3
# Clients served	653
# Clients set up in Cap60	2
# Emergency Food donations	131/individuals served/1179 meals
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	

**Center Highlights:** The kids had a great time at SeaBreeze on 7/21. It was a beautiful sunny day. Fidelis and United healthcare were here assisting clients with healthcare needs. Brandy from Healthy Families was here helping pregnant and parenting families. The donation area was very very busy and the volunteers continue to do an amazing job getting everything done. We sponsored two girls for pre-k Summer dance at River Rythmys Dance Center here in Baldwinsville. Barbara and I went over last week to watch them perform. They love it and are doing great!

**Upcoming Events:** Summer trip to Thunder Island on August 4. Our Health and Wellness Program is slowly beginning with weekly walks. We will be offering healthy samples of foods on August 16 when Fidelis is here. We are gathering our Back to School supplies and will be receiving donations from New Hope Church and St. Augustine's. We will be providing approximately 65 filled backpacks. Youth Day at the Fair is Thursday August 31. We are helping 50 kids go to the fair and have a fun day! We also will be sponsoring two brothers age 6 and 9 to go to karate camp at Iannuzzo's in Baldwinsville.

**Success Story:** One of our clients is starting a new job at Wal-Mart this month. He has not worked or received a paycheck in over 15 years. We are very proud of him and he stated he can't wait to be working again. We will continue to support him as needed to ensure he is successful.





## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

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

Date: June 2017

# Total Volunteers	6
# New Volunteers	3
# Clients served	11
# Clients set up in Cap60	10
# Emergency Food donations	50
# New collaborations Department of Labor Syracuse City School	0

### Center Highlights:

With the closing of the month of July, Peace Eastside family Resource Center had a steady month as staff balanced maintaining everyday programming (National Grid, Senior Nutrition Lunch, food pantry, Etc.) while helping clients and also being a great family oriented team, putting all of our ideas together to better maintain the ESFRC.

ESFRC staff helped a CNY youth worker, prepare for his Driver's license as well as his GED test. While he prepare to start GED courses in September. ESFRC staff has been making sure the CNY youth worker come into the building and sit with him one on one with Math, Reading, and English literature. Once the CNY worker successfully pass his GED Test, ESFRC Staff with dedicate their time preparing him for Trucking School (NTTS).

ESFRC also collaborated with Healthy Families this month with ASTHMA Day which was a successful event. Where there were prize giveaways along with great information on how to maintain your health with asthma. Healthy families were able to stop by and speak with families during ASTHMA day whoever needed supplies for their homes.

ESFRC continues to be a great team and providing help with clients as well as the community. Helping individuals become self-sufficient while being able to run a summer program withheld 24 kids and still balancing our day to day duties.

### Daily Programs

Food, giveaway daily.

Food Pantry every Monday from 9-12.

Fidelis every other Thursday from 10-12

United Health Care on Tuesdays from 10-12

National Grid every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-12.

Department of Labor every Thursday from 10-12

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

Thank You

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: Emma L. Johnston SFRC

Date: 08/14/2017

Month of: July

# Total Number of Volunteers	10
# New Volunteers	2
#Clients Served	413
#Clients set up in Cap60	162
# Food Giveaway	86
#Individuals Received Emergency Food Pantry	165
# New Collaborations	1

### Center Highlights:

The Emma L. Johnston Southside Family Resource Center had a wonderful month with community members specifically with our youth and community base youth programs. Our collaborations with other agencies have been this month's driving force with uniting and bringing community youth together.

### Community Participation:

The SSFRC participation was

- Youth from SSFRC spent a week at the MOST on YECE learning from a specially designed curriculum about environment conservation. The youth program included learning about recycling and saving energy. They were excited to debrief each day about the information that they had learnt.
- Through collaborations with CCE and Boys/Girls Club youth were taught began a five weeks environment course which will cover gardening and healthy eating. The youth will learn the different types of plants and the parts of them.
- In collaboration with Moline low income women was transported to and from St. Joseph medical Center to have mammogram testing done to promote health living.
- SSFRC assisted CNY Food bank during a food give away at Kirk Park. SSFRC had set up an information table for the event.

### Upcoming Events:

The upcoming events are:

- On August 2, youth will be going to the EZ Acres Dairy Farm. This event will be done in collaboration with Syracuse Inner City Rotary.
- On August 9, a group of youth and adults will be taken to the Greek Peak Cascade Indoor Water Park.
- On August 13, 10 youth will be going to Camp Forest which is a Department of Environmental Conservation camp in the Adirondacks. The youth will spend a week living in the woods learning team building skills, fishing, trapping and much more.
- On August 26, is the Health and Wellness Outreach Extravaganza. At this event, it is expected that 20 other local agencies will be there to present to community residents. Food and live entertainment will be present as well. Children will have excitement as well such as bounce houses and face painting.

### Success Story:

The success of story of SSFRC comes with by way of two young folks who would visit the center to use the computers for job searches. Then they asked to volunteer because they really needed something to do with their time. After watching them interact with the youth it was decided that they may be a great fit to mentor and work with youth who may visit SSFRC. So with some convincing staff had the youth to apply to CNY Works. After going through two weeks of training now both youth are paid to be at SSFRC while seeking permanent employment that is a success.

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Date July '2017

# Total Volunteers	47
# New Volunteers	17
# Clients served	75
# Clients set up in Cap60	105
# Emergency Food donations	(N/A)
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> Missio Church WCNY Near Westside Initiative Summer Servants	

### Center Highlights:

The Summer Program is operating Monday through Thursday with 36 youth, 4 CNY Works youth, 10 Summer Servants and a host of parent and community volunteers and open Fridays by appointments. We had two youth from Havre de Grace, Maryland join us for two weeks and then extended for a week while in Syracuse visiting their grandmother. They had a great time and didn't want to leave but had to return home.

Breakfast and Lunch was provided daily by the CNY Food Bank. We had inspections by the Food Bank and Onondaga County Health Department and passed both. The inspectors were impressed with the way they were greeted by the youth and the manners they showed.

The program started with Monday Mile Walks every week, while walking a mile in the neighborhood after breakfast. The five to eight year olds attended "*Splash and Bubbles*" at Destiny in the Canyon, sponsored by The Literacy Coalition.

WCNY and Literacy Coalition included us in a grant they wrote to participate in "*Odd Squad Camp*". The youth five to nine were invited to attend a one week camp at WCNY Education Studios. Each youth dressed the part as young government agents using math to investigate strange occurrences, the program targets preschool and early elementary schoolchildren and their families. They not only learned how to solve problems but also about working together, communication and perseverance.

The younger youth attended "*Chuck-E-Cheese*" for a fun time of games and Pizza, it was just in time for one of the young ladies birthday and we celebrated her.

Ashley Palin, Community Recruitment Manager at Girl Scouts did a week of classes with the girls of all ages. Ashley taught them how to make hanging flower and herb gardens. She taught them the dirt and about vegetables and herbs. Parents signed some up for scouts during the year.

The older youth went on Downtown Scavenger hunt looking for various landmarks and buildings of importance. It was great to hear the many conversations about how they be downtown walk by the buildings and never knew the buildings existed, what they were, what type of businesses operated out of them and many other things they didn't know exist.

Week two we again had 5 *Summer Servants from Skaneateles* who helped with Arts and Crafts and accompanied youth to the movies and activities at the mall. The thirteen and fourteen year olds attended "5 Wits" at Destiny where they worked together as action heroes to unlock 5 Tombs of mystery. We walked to the downtown Farmers Market to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables and made fruit salad and fresh corn for lunch.

The older youth participated in Silkscreen and Kite-making workshops at Salt Quarters with Justin Mastrangelo an artist, art educator, designer, and printmaker who grew up in the Finger Lakes region of New York State. Justin is currently an Adjunct Professor of Art at the State University of New York at Oswego and Cayuga Community College working with the older youth on designing kites and silk-screening. Under Justin leadership they learned printmaking where they designed and printed awesome shirts of various colors. They also created and designed kites, this was a creative experience and the creative process was educational for them.

We had our second group of 5 Summer Servants from Skaneateles join us they were a great help to us. They accompanied youth to the "Summer at Skiddy Camps" in the park, help the little ones make slime, board games, math and reading games, boondoggles, basketball and arts and crafts.

The nine to eleven year olds attended "Dave & Busters" for ½ price Wednesdays for a fun time in the arcade after having lunch.

The five to ten year olds attended "Billy Beez", they had fun running through the mazes and trying all the obstacle areas. They worked up an appetite and all had lunch in the food court before returning to the center to end the day.

The month was spent gearing up for the six week summer program which starts on July 10, 2017. Coordinator has met and set up summer camps with WCNY Education Center, Mission Church and Near Westside Initiative for "Summer at Skiddy" program in the park as well as programming with The Lerner Center and the Artist in

Respectfully submitted,

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