

## **Family & Community Development**

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Family Resource Center Monthly Report  
(August 2017)

County East Family Resource Center Date: 9/13/17

# Total Volunteers	12
# New Volunteers	0
# Clients served	319
# Clients set up in Cap60	6
# Emergency Food donations	2
# New collaborations	0
<u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	

**Center Highlights:**

PEACE Inc. County East Family Resource Center received ten (10) State Fair tickets from Mr. O'Hara, allowing family access into the fair at no cost to them. The families were happy to take part in the event, that they would have not been able to afford.

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center received one State Fair Family package for a family of four to enjoy a day at the fair. The family received the gift allowing them access, and a day full of adventure that the low-income family would not have been able to afford. The family expressed their sincere gratitude for the opportunity.

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center wrapped up the summer programs with the youth of CNY Works. County East Family Resource celebrated the youth with lunch at the buffet,

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 Completed

NAC Meeting: TBA

**Success Story**☺

PEACE, Inc. County East Family Resource Center assisted a single women with disabilities who lost everything due to Domestic Violence, get a bed, furniture, and household items from County West Family Resource Center to improve her quality of life.

The individual expressed her heartfelt thank you as she had been sleeping on the floor which only intensified her medical circumstance.

Kudos County West.

This report was respectfully submitted by  
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Coordinator

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center County South Family Resource Center    Date August 2017

# Total Volunteers	23
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	61
# Clients set up in Cap60	3
# Emergency Food donations	3
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	0

### Center Highlights:

The month of August had many family housing and utility crisis situations to be dealt with. At the end of the month there were 5 families that were homeless. Issues to be addressed are financial literacy and domestic violence resources. Many of the family situations involve addiction and CPS and technically are too involved for the FRC. They need PPS services which are for families who have children that are at risk of being taken from the home. These services are also available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The youth summer program ended in August and will hopefully resume mid fall. All participants had a pizza party at the park on the last day. Special thanks to Family Advocate Eva Heaney, who did a great job organizing and implementing a fine summer program that provided socialization and lots of fun for all her students.

### Upcoming Events:

**Tully Community Days- September 9 – 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM**

**Annual Free Clothing Drive – September 22. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.**

### Success Story

The CSFRC Neighborhood Advisory Council or NAC sent out a letter over the summer to raise money and raised over \$1200 with money still coming in. The “Bakeless Bake Sale” letter idea was used by the Spafford Food Pantry and brought to us by NAC member, Debbie Brown. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this effort was used and both brought in over \$1200. Thank you Neighborhood Advisory Council!



## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

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

# Total Volunteers	22
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	738
# Clients set up in Cap60	2
# Emergency Food donations	148/individuals served/1332 meals
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	

**Center Highlights:** The kids had a great time horseback riding, Thunder Island and a trip to The Most Museum. We also provided 50 children all day ride bracelets to the State Fair. They also received food vouchers for many different food choices. Fidelis and United healthcare were here assisting clients with healthcare needs. Brandy from Healthy Families was here helping pregnant and parenting families. The Back to School Backpack program was a great success! We had generous donations from St. Augustine's and New Hope Church, as well as NorthSide Baptist and community members. We were able to provide 125 filled backpacks including lunch bags/boxes and snacks. In addition we sponsored a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade young girl to be able to play the violin this year. Pictures to come ...Mom said:) We can't wait. Many Many thanks go out to the volunteers at the Center who worked so hard to make this happen.

**Upcoming Events:** Flu shot clinic early October and we plan to have a healthy cooking demonstration as well as other healthcare related information. Fidelis and United healthcare will be here for outreach. Healthy families will also be here and we will have a healthy food give-away with recipes.

**Success Story:** One of our young Mom's is going back to OCC to complete a degree she previously started. We are very proud of her and will continue to offer our support to ensure her success.





# Family Resource Center Monthly Report

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

**Date:** August 2017

# Total Volunteers	8
# New Volunteers	2
# Clients served	10
# 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 August, 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 client with obtaining his NY driving License making it another success story crossed off his list. As The ESFRC Staff continues to work with the client to help study for his GED exam, and also assigned him to a tutor that will be coming to ESFRC daily to help him study and be prepared.

ESFRC dedicate their work to make sure that all individuals who come into the resource center are being well taken care off. ESFRC staff transported seniors to and from the community center in their time of need, delivering meals to their house from the ESFRC food pantry.

ESFRC gained 2 new volunteers as well as 2 new OPWDD Kids making the total of kids in the afterschool program 5 children. ESFRC dedicate most of their time this month visiting Syracuse City school district for recruitments, and also visiting kids in their classrooms. ESFRC continues to be a great team and providing help with clients as well as the community. Helping individuals become self-sufficient as we prepare for a summer youth program 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 SSFRC

Date: 09/13/2017

Month of: August

# Total Number of Volunteers	11
# New Volunteers	0
#Clients Served	1540
#Clients set up in Cap60	109
# Food Giveaway	1,144
#Individuals Received Emergency Food Pantry	273
# New Collaborations	2

### Center Highlights:

The Emma L. Johnston Southside Family Resource Center highlight of the month was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health and Wellness Outreach Extravaganza Event that was hosted in partnership with Molina Healthcare, Rotary International, Black Nurses Rock and CNY FoodBank. There were 470 people in attendance including local musicians.

On August 2, 21 youth to the EZ Acres Dairy Farm. This event was done in collaboration with Syracuse Inner City Rotary. The youth had a chance to learn about the process of milk and the care of cows from birth to maturity. The youth was from SSFRC and Boys and Girls Club which was a wonderful collaboration.

August 9, a group of 50 youth and 10 adults were taken to the Greek Peak Cascade Indoor Water Park. We had an exciting time watching the youth play and interact with one another. Most of the youth had met for the first time. Finally, on August 13, 10 youth were taken to Camp Pack Forest which is a Department of Environmental Conservation for week long camping in the Adirondacks. The youth learnt team building skills, fishing, trapping and social skills.

### Community Participation:

The Emma L. Johnston Southside Family Resource Center continued its collaboration with Molina Healthcare in efforts to promote women getting mammograms. This effort will continue throughout the summer into the fall.

### Upcoming Events:

The SSFRC will be working on building an after-school program with Boys and Girls Club as well as continue planning for the launching of Healing Hearts which is grieving program for youth who have experience trauma and grief.

**Success Story:**

The success of story of SSFRC comes with a young man who had come to the center seeking employment last year. He was introduced to Onondaga Earth Corps which is a youth conservation organization for seasonal work. Immediately after the season ended the client began going to BOCES for his HVAC certification. He reached out to staff at the SSFRC for possible leads on internship. Staff connected him with weatherization and after completing his internship he applied for employment and was hired. This is an example of working with clients by supporting them and giving them guidance to becoming self-sufficient.

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Date August '2017

# Total Volunteers	47
# New Volunteers	17
# Clients served	36
# 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 very well continuing Monday through Thursday with a nutritious breakfast and lunch provided daily by the CNY Food Bank.

We start the weekly program with a Monday Mile Walk walking a mile in the neighborhood after breakfast. The five to eight year olds attended the movie *"Ratchet and Clank"* at Destiny USA about a lynx and a robot that join forces with a team of do-gooders known as the Galactic Rangers. Together, they stop the evil alien Chairman Drek from utilizing dangerous technology. Along the way, *Ratchet and Clank* learn valuable lessons about heroism, friendship and discovering one's own identity. Destiny USA

The nine to eleven year olds walked to the ***Downtown Farmers Market*** for fresh fruits and flowers. The twelve to fourteen year olds attended ***"Dave & Busters"*** for lunch and fun game time. Each child received a game card with their meal which gave them time to compete and play games with each other while winning prizes.

On August 3, 2017 we loaded bus to Niagara Falls accompanied by eleven parents. They all got to ride the ***"Maid of the Mist"*** and visited the shops. We left the falls and spent the remainder of the day at ***"Fantasy Island Niagara's Amusement and Water Park"*** in Grand Island, NY where they got to enjoy over forty different attractions take a relaxing Canoe ride, Water and Dry rides, ride the Carousel, Bumper Cars, Iron Horse Train, Tilt a Whirl, played Miniature Golf, Wave Pool and rode the Giant Slides. Our driver was very helpful and accommodating, a good trip with him.

The youth went to the ***"Erie Canal Museum"*** and was greeted by one of our partners from the Junior League who gave them a guided tour of engaging educational experiences. They heard the story of this being the only remaining weigh lock building in the United States, got to see items and materials the museum collect and heard how they preserve them learning there are nearly 60,000 artifacts from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in upstate New York. They got to put on costumes, use tools, sit on furnishings and use household item from the century. They heard the story of this being the only remaining weigh lock building in the United States.

We traveled by coach bus to ***"Zoom Flume Water Park"*** in East Durham, NY for a day of fun in the sun, parents accompanied their children for a fun family outing. We enjoyed the driver he was very nice and helpful.

We went to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, visited the aquarium, walked through the venue and the youth got to see the elephant show and to touch him after. We had lunch in the picnic area and heard about zoo life of special animals.

The youth participated in a gardening event at St. Lucy's Stone Soup Garden along with Brady Faith Center and Summer Servants assisting groups on the Westside.

We had an end of summer cook out with items provided by parents to show their appreciation for the fun time the youth had daily.

With all the problems youth are facing with Law Enforcement the Summer Program ended on a great note with a presentation from Barrie Gewanter, *Executive Director for the Onondaga County Human Rights Commission, Administrator for Onondaga County Jail Oversight Committee, Title VI, ADA & LEP Plan Coordinator for Onondaga County* and Clifford Ryan of "OG's" Against Gun Violence together did a workshop and presentation to the youth. Followed by a march from the center to Skiddy Park for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Block Party Celebration sporting "Young G's Against Violence shirts, sponsored by the Lerner Center along with members of the commission and committee, where all Westside Agencies, Westside Academy at Blodgett, Molina Health Care, Hillside Childrens Center, Syracuse City School District and a host of other community groups displayed information about their services. PEACE, Inc. had volunteers on hand to operate two popcorn and two cotton candy machines to make the event have the aromas fill the air.

**"WESTSIDE FRC PARTICIPATING IN NON VIOLENCE MARCH"**



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