

Family Resource Centers Monthly Reports

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Family Resource Center Monthly Report

County East FRC

March 2018

# Total Volunteers	7
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	62
# Emergency Food donations	3

Center Highlights:

- County East in collaboration with the Masons/Konosionoi Lodge of Fayetteville participated in their annual Easter Basket Program. The lodge donated Easter Baskets to the site that were donated to low income families in the East Syracuse community.

Upcoming Events:

- Mother Day Celebration is planned for May 10th. The event will entail celebrating both mothers and grandmothers in the community. The event will include a luncheon, photos and make-overs for those attending.
- The center will be partnering with the East Syracuse Minoa School District to assist with needs of families in the school district.

Success Story:

County East Family Resource Center assisted three individuals to seek and procure full time employment. One was hired with St. Joseph's Hospital, another with Syracuse City School District as a substitute teacher's assistant and the last with The Onondaga Free Library as a Librarian. All three individuals were engaged in Family Development at the center and have worked hard and have set and reached goals.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

County South FRC

March 2018

# Total Volunteers	18
# New Volunteers	0
# Clients served	50
# Emergency Food donations	4

Center Highlights:

- CSFRC nominated two people for the People’s Action Award and they both won. They were recognized with two other recipients at a reception at the Eastside family Resource Center on the 50th anniversary of PEACE, Inc.; March 26th.
- CSFRC received a large [\$2000] donation for domestic violence from a community member. This was deposited at the main office and will be used for security deposits and other needs of customers dealing with this issue. Typically, there are about 5 women a year that CSFRC assists with this.

Upcoming Events:

- NAC (Neighborhood Advisory Council) Baked Potato Fundraiser – April 14th, 2018 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, at the Tully United Community Church
- Girls Summit at ESF, focus on STEM(Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) – April 7 – 8:30 -4:30 PM

Success Story:

A family that has worked with the center for years received good news that their son’s social security case and application has been approved this month. This effort took over 3 years and 2 judicial hearings, a long process for a young man with mental health issues. Now he will be able to support himself and continue part time college courses. CSFRC provided referrals, transportation and supportive counseling through this whole process.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

County West FRC

March 2018

# Total Volunteers	24
# New Volunteers	4
# Clients served	627
# Emergency Food donations (clients)	158

Center Highlights:

- Easter was a great success! We provided 76 children with Easter baskets, eggs and dye for coloring. We also provided gift cards for those in need to enjoy a nice Easter dinner with their loved ones. Thank you to all who helped!
- North Side Baptist Church Upward Bound Basketball Program food/can drive was held on Saturday March 3 and Sunday March 4. County West staff went to the church on Saturday to meet all the kids and coaches and their families to thank them and to communicate PEACE's numerous services.

Upcoming Events:

- Planning for our first annual NAC craft/vendor fair on Saturday May 5 2018, 10-4pm. The craft fair will also include baked goods and hot dogs/water.
- Also in May is a 'Health/Wellness Ready for Summer', day with United HealthCare. We will be having blood pressure screenings, raffles, lunch, fresh fruits and vegetables and wellness information.
- A new program, 'Safety for Kids in the Summer', will be launched May 17. An outreach day will be held at Head Start in Baldwinsville on May 16. We will meet with the parents and discuss their needs, summer ideas and offer fresh fruits and vegetables to take home.

Success Story:

One of our clients was recently hired for a full time job with PEACE Head Start, as a family worker. This is the client's first full time position in over ten years. She will continue to work with be engaged in family development with PEACE. We are very happy for her and are continuing to support her in any way to ensure success!

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Eastside FRC

March 2018

# Total Volunteers	7
# New Volunteers	0
# Clients served	420
# Emergency Food donations	51

Center Highlights:

- Coopers Crouse-Hinds provided a team of volunteers who painted and cleaned the center. They offered continued support to the center.
- The monthly PEACE, Inc. Board meeting was held at the center.
- The PEACE's Inc. People's Action Award ceremony was held at the center. The ceremony was well attended and hosted by Brandon Roth of CNY Central Reporter.

Upcoming Events:

- The Syracuse City Police Chief Search community input session will be held April 11th, 5:30-7:00pm at the center. The event has been announced on local media outlets.
- National Grid will be sponsoring a light bulb exchange in honor of Earth Day.

Success Story:

Eastside Family Resource Center applied for and was awarded \$19k, from Spectrum NYS Broadband – Access and Learning Grant. Educational classes are being developed, for the target population of the grant - seniors and youth. All participants in the program will receive an Apple tablet.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

South Side FRC

March 2018

# Total Volunteers	10
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	829
# Emergency Food donations	158

Center Highlights:

- Wegmans visited the center during pantry and did a blood pressure screening on 62 clients during pantry hours. Of those tested, 77% tested high-extreme high. Discussion is underway to addressing community need for awareness, prevention and linkage to medical services.
- Despite the funding source for the pilot Family Reunification Program has ended and partnership with the agency, Syracuse Housing and New York State Department of Corrections and Supervision still is in place. Referrals are continuing and followed by services to assist families of newly release. The Syracuse Housing Authority is still moving forward to maintain a working relationship with PEACE, Inc., Southside Family Resource Center.

Upcoming Events:

- SSFRC in collaboration with Phi Chapter of Latino America Unida, Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc will host a free community haircut day, on April 15th.
- The center will participate in the community Earth Day celebration. The SSFRC, Wilson Park and Boys and Girls Club youth engage in the community garden planting and block clean up. This event will end with a food celebration.
- In collaboration with OnCare all staff and volunteers will attend mental health first aid training.

Success Story:

A client of the center who had spent his after-school time doing odd jobs such as lawn mowing, painting and minor repairs to earn money for his senior dues and graduation. After completing school, he related to CNY Works youth program and was assisted to SSFRC. During this time, he had a child and is now the sole custodian parent. Recently he received the PEACE Partnership Award in which his mother and family attended. He now moved on to become employed by Onondaga Earth Corps as a Youth Environmental Conservation Crewmember. This exhibits how important it is to support our youth and assist with family development.

Family Resource Center Monthly Report

West Side FRC

March 2018

# Total Volunteers	16
# New Volunteers	4
# Clients served	54
# Emergency Food donations	5

Center Highlights:

- The center continues to strengthen relationships with the Spanish speaking community. Client enrollment has been increasing monthly.
- The food pantry activity (donations and give-aways) continue to expand. The center has been approved by the Food Bank of CNY to be a designated food pantry.

Upcoming Events:

- The annual community Mother's Day luncheon is being planned – a day of pampering will be the theme.
- A meeting is scheduled with Jobs Plus – to assure volunteers with the right skill set are sent to the center as volunteers. Preferred candidates will be bi-lingual.

Success Story:

An Easter party was held for the 28 youth and 20 parents in the community. The center provided a safe and festive venue for a wonderful celebration!