

Family Resource Centers Reports - Summer 2018 & August 2018 Reports

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Family Resource Centers Board Report SUMMER 2018

Center Services Provided:

Education	168
Employment	47
Food Program	281
Healthcare and Social/Behavioral Development	108
Housing	69
Income and Asset Building	20
Referrals	18
Totals Services	711

Center Highlights:

- Summer youth programming began. This year we had a focus on educational activities for our youth. Among our outings were the following:
 - Corning Museum of Glass – hand on activities
 - Civic tour of downtown Syracuse – included meeting Mayor Ben Walsh
 - Cupcake classes – hands on activity
 - DEC Camp – Adirondacks overnight camping experience
 - Upstate Club Med – Explored non-traditional medical professions (music /art therapy)
 - WCNY Public TV – Odd Squad – Mr. Rogers production, hands on problem solving event, pre-school/elementary
 - Harriet Tubman National Historic Museum
 - Air Force Flight 174th Attack Wing
 - Strong Museum
 - EZ Acres Dairy Farm
 - Museum Day Everson, Erie Canal and Art Rage Gallery
 - Community Faulk Art Center (SU)



County East Family Resource Center Board Report August 2018

Health & Social/Behavioral Development	4
Total	4

Center Highlights:

- County East Family Resource Center was visited by Theresa Walsh from the Department of State in review of files and center activities. The information was provided and well received.
- County East Family Resource Center participated in Youth Day at the State Fair and transported three families with children. The families are issued access into the fair and bracelets to ride all day, with food vouchers to enjoy a complimentary meal. The event is free and offers the opportunity for families and their children to participate and enjoy a day of recreation and socialization.
- County East Family Resource Center has an ongoing collaborative relationship with the National Grid for referral to direct service with their advocate to assist families with avoiding termination of service to their account and assisting them to set up payment arrangements.

Upcoming Events:

- The SISTERHOOD Project: Six weeks of empowerment training to strengthen and enrich the lives of women.
- ACR Health: Voices: HIV/STD Prevention Program: ARC Health provides the training/educational videos

Success Story

County East Family Resource Center through support and advocacy assisted a Family Development customer to obtain sole custody of her daughter. This was a goal that the individual fought to achieve through struggle, growth and soul searching and coming to realize that it was the best decision to be made for the family.



County South Family Resource Center Board Report August 2018

Center Services:

Transportation	24
Housing	17
Emergency Food	5
Health & Social/Behavioral Development	42
Education	37
Employment	3
Income and Asset Building	11
Total	147

Center Highlights:

- Over 90 students were provided with school supplies thanks to donations from Tully United Community Church, Carol Gleason, Marjie and Kevin Ragosta, PEACE, Inc. admin and PEACE, Inc. CSFRC unspent summer money.
- August youth field trips included Miniature Golf and a trip to the Wild Animal Park in Chittenango. The kids were overjoyed to be able to touch and pet many animals, including a giraffe. The discussion also included the importance of staying in school and graduating to make those kinds of dreams happen.

Upcoming Events:

- Tully Community Days- Saturday - 9/15/2018 from 9-2 PM.
- Fall Free Clothing Drive – Friday – 9/21/2018
- Food for the Parent’s Soul Parenting Class – Tuesdays- 6-8 PM
- Afterschool Youth Group – Monday & Wednesday afternoons – 2:30 – 4:00 PM – 9/24/2018

Success Story:

- One single mother, a victim of Domestic Violence, got a part time job this month. She also, with the assistance of the Family Advocate, got an Order of Protection at the Onondaga County Family Court for protection.
- Another FD participant asked for and received a raise at her job.
- A third family is in a much safer place after working with the CSFRC Coordinator. This Domestic Violence victim moved out of her home and is living on her own now thanks to the Domestic Violence Account. She meets weekly at PEACE, Inc., in Family Development and will soon join the new parenting class beginning the long road ahead of starting over with her young children.

County West Family Resource Center Board Report August 2018

Center Services:

Education	41
Healthcare & Social/Behavioral Development	39
Food Program	14
Housing	2
Referrals	24
Total	120

Center Highlights:

- We were able to assist 100 students with backpacks, lunch boxes, snacks and supplies. We received generous donations from community members, New Hope Church, St. Augustine's, St. Mary's and North Side Baptist.
- We had our volunteer appreciation picnic at Van Buren Park on Thursday August 9.
- 50 children and their families were provided with food vouchers, admission tickets and all day ride passes.

Upcoming Events:

- On September 15th we are taking kids to Herkimer Diamond Mines. The kids are excited.
- Fidelis healthcare and Healthy Families will return for outreach and we will begin fall programming.
- Our cooking class will continue and more health and nutrition education. We are in the process of getting after school tutoring for students.
- We also will be beginning our health and hygiene pantry. One of our volunteers has expressed an interest in helping to shop, plan and fund raise. Clients who receive SNAP benefits are unable to purchase any hygiene or household products (ex.laundry detergent, soap, feminine products, and toilet paper).

Success Story: One of our clients was hired full time at Loretto. She is an LPN and is also caring for her 14 month old grandson. We have assisted with resources and will continue to support her to be successful.



Eastside Family Resource Center Board Report August 2018

Center Services:

Housing	8
Employment	42
Health & Social/Behavioral Development	18
Food Program	60
Education	65
Total	193

Center Highlights:

- The center hosted 35 girls for a summit - 'Girls How To Be a Young Ladies'
- DSS collaborated with the center to transport youth to summer employment and teach soft skills
- Youth attended the NYS Fair and school back packs were distributed

Upcoming Events:

- Eastside Block Party 9/9/18 – celebrating PEACE, Inc. 50th anniversary, Beech Street renaming to Viola G Chisholm, and the 'Let Be Great Foundation'
- The 2nd year of the Syracuse City School District classroom will begin with the new school year
- Building renovations continue

Success Story:

- Phase I of the centers renovations have begun. Phase I will involve \$50k in renovations including new flooring, new kitchen, new reception area, security system, painting, wiring etc.

Southside Family Resource Center Board Report August 2018

Center Services:

Food Program	466(1)
Total	466

(1) Services to be reclassified to correct categories in Sept.

Center Highlights:

- The center’s 3rd annual Health and Wellness Extravaganza was a success. The following numbers were recorded, intake was completed on 280 adults and 230 children,
- The center collaborated with the Syracuse Inner City Rotary implemented a youth peer to peer lead awareness group. There were 13 youth that were given age appropriate information regarding lead in the homes, the dangers, and how where to get help if necessary. These youth will engage with other youth community groups and schools to bring youth awareness.
- In addition to this four adults trained and received their EPA Lead Certification through LeadSafe. As a result two have received full time employment with Syracuse Model Neighborhood. There will be six more trained in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events:

- PEACE, Inc. has once again received the CSBG re-entry grant. The program will be based out of the Southside center. Recruitment will begin for a casemanager.

Success Story:

A recent reentry case involved a daughter whose mother was released but prior to her release the daughter was diligent and made sure to contact Syracuse Housing Authority and in return the family was referred to SSFRC. Once release there were challenges with the mother fulfilling her conditions of parole for mental health and substance treatment because of Medicaid applications. Advocating for the client, calls were placed to parole explain that we were advocating and working with the client to ensure that the proper steps were being done. Eventually the things worked out without the client being returned back to state prison. The daughter called and thanked staff, while reporting that the mother has since married and the family will be moving into a one family affordable private home October 1st.

Westside Family Resource Center Board Report August 2018

Center Services:

Housing	3
Emergency Food	33
Health & Social/Behavioral Development	1
Education	4
Total	41

Center Highlights:

- The youth of the center visited the New York State Fair and Corning Glass Museum.
- The center participated in the Talking is Teaching event at Skiddy Park.
- 40 Backpacks were distributed to youth in the community

Upcoming Events:

- Backpack distribution will continue into the first weeks of school
- The center Advocate will begin Family Development Credential Training
- The center will acquire an OCC intern

Success Story:

- The center has become the primary source for diapers on the Westside of Syracuse. Over 40 families received diapers in the month of August. In addition, the food pantry served over 20 families.