

## **Family Resource Centers Monthly Reports**

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## County East Family Resource Center Board Report September 2018

### Center Services:

Healthcare & Social/Behavioral Development	42
Referrals	19
Total	61

### Center Highlights:

- County East Family Resource Center participated in the 2018 Meeting of the Minds a two day agency-wide training. Agencies from all over the state meet to share ideas and their best practices that empower their communities and enable agencies to incorporate some fresh new ideas and strategies into their workplace to enhance and share our message across the nation.
- County East Family Resource Center hosted an ACR Health presentation to the PEACEKEEPERS/County East senior group regarding information and awareness of safe sex. This is an on-going collaborative relationship with ACR Health to inform and educated seniors who have a very high risk rate of STD's due to lack of education and knowledge. Participants receive a Wal-Mart gift card for their participation.
- County East Family Resource set up an information table at Senator De Francisco's Senior Fair on September 25, 2018, sharing information, regarding programs and services available at on site. County East's' PEACEKEEPERS senior group attended the fair and where able to gather information and participate in drawings and raffles and pick up tokens along the way.

### Upcoming Events:

- The SISTERHOOD Project Brunch: County East Family Resource Center will host a collaborative Brunch on October 23, 2018.
- ACR Health Voices Program: ACR Health: Voices: HIV/STD Prevention Program: ARC Health provide the training/educational videos November 2018 (SISTERHOOD PROJECT)
- Onondaga Community College: Community Care Fair November 6, 2018

### Success Story:

PEACE Inc. received a grant allowing County East Family Resource Center to implement a personal need space, to address and assist the community with personal hygiene items and address the need for assistance on a small scale when the church is closed and the need must be addressed.



## County South Family Resource Center Board Report September 2018

### Center Services:

Transportation	24
Housing	12
Emergency Food	2
Health & Social / Behavioral Development	15
Employment	6
Education	9
Income and Asset Building	8
Case Management & Referrals	40
Total	116

### Center Highlights:

- PEACE, Inc. staff and NAC members had a booth at the Tully Community Day celebration on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Thirty four homemade pies were sold by the NAC and information was shared with the public about County South's programs.
- The Annual Fall Free Clothing Drive was held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Tully Masonic Lodge. Over 50 families received good, used clothing donated by the community. The community loves this event because they love to donate locally and because they love to clean out knowing they are helping families in need.
- The Annual FISH business meeting was held at Tully United Community Church this month. Going into its 16<sup>th</sup> year is quite an accomplishment. Statistics were shared and volunteers were recognized for volunteering for the FISH program for 15 years!
- Services around the issue of Domestic Violence have been consistent at CSFRC with 3 active cases being addressed. As a result of this and NAC discussion of fundraising for this cause, Mary Beth Welch and Coordinator Barb Kohberger met with Vera House's Rural Advocate, Sara Miller to talk about how to work more closely together in the rural area. Sara is part of a 6 person advocate team and will be a great connection for CSFRC.
- The afterschool group and parenting classes have started again. The afterschool group is meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays and is for 4- 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The parenting class is meeting on Tuesday evenings from 6- 8 PM and includes dinner and childcare.

Upcoming Events: None at this time.



## County West Family Resource Center Board Report September 2018

### Center Services:

Education	9
Employment	9
Healthcare & Social/Behavioral Development	23
Food Program	27
Income and Asset Building	2
Housing	4
Referrals	10
Total	84

### Center Highlights:

- We took a trip to Herkimer Diamond Mine on Saturday September 8. The kids had a great time and all dug for their own treasures and found some nice gems.
- Back to School went very well and we were able to continue to provide items needed as teachers sent out lists the first week.

### Upcoming Events:

- We will be having our first County West Children's Halloween Parade on Saturday October 27 @ 4:30 PM. We are beginning in the Baptist Church parking lot and proceeding along the bridge to the Island Amphitheater.
- Preparations are being finalized for our toiletries pantry. One of our volunteers, is taking the lead to assure that we create the a welcoming area for our clients.

### Success Story:

One of our clients who came to us a few years ago for SNAP and health insurance is going to be receiving his Worker's Comp Settlement. He has been in recovery and has worked really hard to remain sober and positive. Each time he comes to the Center he brings a positive message for us to share. He has his own place now and hopes to continue helping people with his contagious smile and positive messages.

## Eastside Family Resource Center Board Report September 2018

**Center Services:**

Housing	
Employment	
Health & Social/Behavioral Development	
Food Program	
Education	
Total	

***Note – Services will be entered in the month of October. Data entry was delayed to site renovations and staff training issues.***

**Center Highlights:**

- On September 9, 2018 the Eastside Family Resource Center held the first Annual Block Party. The event was amazing with over 250 people that showed up. We had several agencies that participated with the event;
  - Let Me Be Great#44, Molina, Fidelis, United Health Care, Foster Grandparents, OnCare, Focus Syracuse Fire Department, Syracuse City Police Department, K and M Family Homes, Baby Back, McDonald Securities and Apostolic.

**Upcoming Events:**

- In October and November Eastside Family Resource Center will be taking 80 to 100 people to attend the play Possessing Harriett at Syracuse Stage. This is a great opportunity for our community to see an amazing play. The tickets were given to us from the Allyn Foundation.
- Planning will begin for phase II of the center renovations.

**Success Story:**

One of our volunteers was being evicted out of her home due to the house being unlivable through code enforcement. She was given a 48hrs to vacate the property. This young lady has four children and was working hard coming to the center applying for jobs and helping us with Cap60(data). The staff and other direct staff from PEACE including maintenance helped this family move and find a safe place to live. On this day I was so proud to say we are PEACE.



## Southside Family Resource Center Board Report September 2018

### Center Highlights:

- SSFRC participated in the Health and Wellness Fair at Frazer K-8 School. This was in collaboration with community partners and Peaceful Schools. The purpose was to disseminate information and services that are available to community members.
- SSFRC was visited by Greg Berman, Executive Director for Center for Court Innovation from New York City. This is the agency which for Peacemaking Project that rent space at SSFRC. He was pleased to know that PEACE, Inc. as an agency offers services and support to the families that Peacemaking serves and the community at large.

### Upcoming Events:

- In collaboration with New York State Health Education Project and Syracuse Inner City Rotary the SSFRC will host a Fall Harvest Celebration on October 28, 2018. This event will include youth fall clean-up of the garden and truck or treat.
- Youth mental health harm reduction workshop will be held (TBD). This event is being planned and hosted collaboratively with Preventive Network.

### Success Story:

The success story of the month rest with the dedicated work of the SSFRC Family Advocate. A disabled senior was forced to move out of her home because the house was going in fore-closure. The senior is a woman who had recently lost her husband who had taken good care of her while handling all the bills and finances. The senior did not have any relatives in the immediate area. The senior needed to move her belonging out the home she had lived in for over 25 years before October 1, 2018. The Family Advocate made several calls until finally she had helped found the senior affordable housing, on site medical staff and free moving with Teen Challenge.

## Westside Family Resource Center Board Report September 2018

**Center Services:**

Housing	1
Case Management & Referrals	3
Health & Social/Behavioral Development	2
Food Program	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>

**Center Highlights:**

- Offered translation services to Spanish speaking clients to address issues with clients National Grid accounts.
- Healthy Neighbors (Onondaga County), distributed in excess of 50 buckets with cleaning supplies.
- Strengthened relationship with United Way – obtaining monthly diaper donation from United Way.

**Upcoming Events:**

- A LEGO League will be launched at the center. LEGO League introduces a scientific and real-world challenge for teams to focus and research on.<sup>1</sup> The robotics part of the competition involves designing and programming, and robots. The students work out solutions to the various problems they are given and then meet for regional tournaments to share their knowledge, compare ideas, and display their robots. Targeted age group is 6-9.
- The center will be hosting a Halloween party for children in the neighbor.

**Success Story:**

- The center worked with developing resumes and completing job searches for numerous clients in September. 3 clients obtained full time employment.