

## **Senior Services**

- Frank DeFrancisco Eastwood Community Center
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Food Services
- EISEP & Neighborhood Advisor



## Eastwood Community Center Board Report February 2019

### Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 100 active seniors at month end February
- 1 new senior enrolled in February

### Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- Educational – Beltone provided a hearing aid lunch n’ learn to 20 seniors
- Civic Involvement - 22 attended the monthly Advisory Council Meeting

### Center Recreation/Socialization Activities:

- On average 8 seniors participate in regular activities including card games, pitch, pinochle, bingo, and socialization.
- 11 seniors attend the book club
- 42 seniors received blankets at the Valentine’s Day Event

### Success Story:

- Fiducial Business Services provides free tax services to senior citizens enrolled at ECC. This benefit allows senior citizens to show proof of their annual income to re-apply for Enhanced STAR, HEAP, or other services to increase their income at no cost to them. 13 seniors participated in February

### Donation Program:

- Pepsi donates product
- McLane donates various snack food products
- Rite Aid donates product
- Pepperidge Farms donates product
- There are 4 volunteers on average helping with the donation program



## Foster Grandparent Program Board Report March 2019

### Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

- 117 enrolled at end of February
- 4 volunteers dropped – reasons: 1 health, 1 family, 1 employment, 1 poor performance. .

### Foster Grandparent Program Highlights:

#### Current Placements:

Early Head Start - 6	}	33
Head Start - 16		
MANOS - 3		
Salvation Army - 4		
CNYDSO - 2		
Elmcrest - 1		
ESFRC - 1		

#### Syracuse City School District Placement Totals:

SCSD 1 <sup>st</sup> grade - 42	}	82
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade - 32		
Kindergarten - 7		
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade - 1		

Other: 2 - to be dropped soon

### FGP Special Activities:

- February 21 – FGP Movie Day (during Winter School Vacation) 49 FGs attended. Viewed and discussed the documentary: *Bully*
- National Service Criminal History Check (NSCHC) Exemption Period, during which grant recipients may conduct NSCHC rechecks of covered positions via CNCS contracted vendors. Grant recipients who participate fully in the Exemption Period will receive an exemption from disallowance enforcement action for past noncompliant NSCHCs for eligible individuals.
  - Due Date: March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Truescreen – National Sex Offender Public Registry Search 100 completed – 16 yet to run
  - Fieldprint – FBI & NYSDCJS Check -
  - FGP staff has visited FGs at sites to complete Truescreen search and complete Fieldprint fingerprint application – in order to schedule fingerprint appointment. Will be transporting FGs to fingerprint appointment.



## Food Services Board Report March 2019

### **Food Services Meals Served: February**

#### Head Start Meals:

- 4,584 Breakfast
- 5,632 Lunches
- 3,672 Snacks

Senior Nutrition Meals: 5,836

#### Special Function Meals Delivered:

- 25 Breakfast
- 98 Lunch
- Snack

### **Senior Nutrition Contribution:**

- Net contribution: \$8,611
- Average Meal Contribution: \$1.48

### **Upcoming Events:**

Office for Aging- Nutrition Expo March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Regional Market

### **Program Opportunities:**

- Several requests for special event meals for the Senior Nutrition Program have been denied by the County because of a lack of funding. We are still waiting to hear if the Regional Market Program is approved for this summer.
- We have gotten some negative feedback from Head Start in regards to the quality of some recent meals we have delivered. It is a top priority of ours to address these concerns and improve where ever possible.

### **Success Story:**

Recently a long term Senior Nutrition participant passed away. While that is very unfortunate, the success is that she thought so highly of the program that she made one of her final wishes be that donations are made to our program in her honor. We have received several donations from her friends and family.



**EISEP and Neighborhood Advisor**  
(Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program)  
**February 2019 Board Report**

**Neighborhood Advisor Client Activity:**

- NA had 23 units of in person contact
- NA had 128 units of telephone contact
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**Neighborhood Advisor Program Highlights:**

Our Neighborhood Advisor Jessica Ponti, is currently out on maternity leave. The Neighborhood Advisor clients are being handled by our County West Family Resource staff in her absence. There is a spike in the monthly activity, due to center staff contacting Jessica's clients, and assuring them there will be coverage while she is out.

**EISEP Client Activity:**

- 0 clients discharged from EISEP care
- EISEP acquired 0 new clients
- EISEP had 2 referrals
- EISEP ended the month with a case load of 55
- 12 home visits were completed

**EISEP Program Highlights:**

The monthly in-service was hosted by United Way. Guest speaker was Joshua Graves, a claims specialist from the Social Security Administration. Joshua was extremely knowledgeable, and answered many of our questions.

**EISEP Success Story:**

At the 2/28 in-service, it was announced that the EISEP program had the second highest amount of referrals for 2018, being very closely behind the Senior Shopping Service. We were all congratulated for our hard work and dedication.