

## **Family & Community Development**

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## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

January 2016

County East Family Resource Center Date: **February 5, 2016**

# Total Volunteers	6
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	399
# Clients set up in Cap60	136
# Emergency Food donations	4
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	0

### **Center Highlights:**

PEACE Inc. County East Family Resource Center received a match donation from AXA Corporation of two hundred and ninety three dollars (\$293.00) that will be deposited into our special account.

County East Family Resource Center received a donation of non- perishable food from First United Church of East Syracuse.

County East Family Resource Center will be the new home for Thrive by Five Early Intervention. The classroom is being renovated and will take on a three day curriculum. The focus will be on children with developmental delays and disabilities. Thrive by Five has a tentative starting date for February 23, 2016.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Black History Luncheon February 18, 2016**

**2016 Bicycle Raffle- winter 2016**

The Konosioni Lodge of Fayetteville New York raises money annually and at the end of each year; they purchase bicycles for kids between two and fourteen years old who are entered into a raffle. The tickets are free all kids entered into the raffle will have a chance to win a bike. Each winner will also receive a lock from the Konosionis' to keep their new bike safe.

**Thrive by Five Early Intervention Classroom February 2016**

### **Success Story**☺

County East Family Resource Center assisted a single mother with a child procure suitable affordable apartment in January. The family was assisted with emergency food and referred to the Food Bank to assist the family with applying for emergency SNAP assistance.

County East Family Resource Center assisted this individual with full time employment with Comfort Keepers. The site assisted with transportation, and resume assistance. This is the

moms second job, by securing the second job the moms states that her life has changes due to the additional income she will have a better lifestyle for her family.

This report was respectfully submitted by  
Denise Vanderpool  
Coordinator

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center County South Family Resource Center    Date January 2016

# Total Volunteers	21
# New Volunteers	7
# Clients served	59
# Clients set up in Cap60	8
# Emergency Food donations	0
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	0

### Center Highlights:

Parenting classes continue to be held each Tuesday and Wednesday evening at County South Family Resource Center. Cornell Cooperative comes the first Tuesday and Wednesday to teach the class about nutrition and participants have remarked about the dietary changes they have been making. The afterschool group has been meeting every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Several customers have been assisted with Heap and utility crisis.

Upcoming Events: The afterschool group will be going bowling during the February school break. Ralph Lyke will provide a Tax Day at County South in February.

### Success Story

Two families were assisted with housing crisis issues in January. Both families received services from staff at County South. Advocacy was provided with each landlord. Housing was secured and funding was obtained for each family to pay the rent and security deposit from community partnership resources. Furniture and household goods were obtained from local donations and even school supplies were given as the children enrolled in school. Both families are thriving in their new abodes. Both would have been homeless by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> were it not for the strength based practices and community outreach of County South Family Resource Center.



## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center \_\_\_\_\_ County West Family Resource Center Date\_\_January 2016

# Total Volunteers	24
# New Volunteers	5
# Clients served	631
# Clients set up in Cap60	3
# Emergency Food donations	158 served
# New collaborations	1
<u>List names of collaborations below:</u>	
Palmer Elementary	

### Center Highlights:

Palmer Elementary School students held a book drive during their January reading program. They donated 800 books in like new condition. We reached out to HeadStart and Vera House and have a tentative plan for a reading group for young children. NorthSide Baptist Church conducted a food drive this month and we will be picking up 815 cans of food on 2/9. The FoodBank presented Say yes to fruits and vegetables on 1/22. Cornell Cooperative also presented a Home Energy Workshop on 1/27. In-Kind donations totaled \$47,000.00 this month.

### . Upcoming Events:

The FoodBank will present Say Yes to fruits and vegetables on 2/19. There is a cooking demonstration and free gifts. We are preparing for the Easter Basket giveaway in March. We are planning on approximately 80 Easter baskets and will begin a sign-up in early March.

### Success Story:

One of our Family Development clients obtained a full time job here in Baldwinsville and completed her Parenting class. We have supported her with transportation, job applications, shoes for work and referrals. She is presently enrolled in an anger management class by her own choice and we will continue to support and encourage her efforts.





# Family Resource Center Monthly Report

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

Date: \_ January \_\_\_\_\_

# Total Volunteers	6
# New Volunteers	1
# Clients served	719
# Clients set up in Cap60	3
# Emergency Food donations	5,435.82
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Faith Leadership</li><li>• Grace Project</li><li>• Building Men Program</li><li>• Syracuse University</li></ul>	

## Center Highlights:

The month of January brought about a continuous effort in collaboration with community groups. We hosted at this center "Save Our Children" dialogue session with Faith Leadership to discuss ways and means to addressing the social and economic issues that affects youth today. Through the discussion tentative strategies that can be implemented were formulated.

Eastside family staff has been working with the Grace Project which is a community-based organization that support and mentors to youth ages 16-21 years old that reintegrates into the community upon release from incarceration. The youth and their families are referred to our center for support.

## **Project Connection**

Project Connection staff have been working hard to get project connection room together in our new remodel basement. Staff have completed two intakes for clients and made several phone calls for the children to attend programs. Staff has also visited schools to give them information on the program.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Building Men Program H.W. Smith (Feb)**

**15<sup>th</sup> Ward Video and Forum at Eastside FRC(March)**

**Financial Classes SEFCU**

**Art Classes at Syracuse University**

### **Success Story:**

This month our success story came through community collaboration with the Grace Project a youth was connected with Eastside Family Resource Center. He was recently release from incarceration with minimal resources and support. After coming here and doing an intake he was now is connected with CNY Works youth employment and is preparing to go on to Onondaga Community College in the summer. His stories high lights "When we all come together good things happens."

### **Success Story**

The month of January we had two success stories. The coordinator was downtown meeting with her supervisor when Walt Shephard from the media group came to the office. He was looking for help for a young man who works with him. The gentleman was homeless and needed somewhere to stay. At that time the coordinator gave Mr. Shephard the information needed so that he would be able to find shelter for the young man. Mr. Shephard called Eastside Coordinator back to inform her, that the young man was able to get housing through the referral provide to him.

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center: Emma L. Johnston SFRC

Date: 02/11/2016

Month of: January

# Total Number of Volunteers	5
# New Volunteers	10
#Clients Served	50
#Clients set up in Cap60	0
#Emergency Food Donations	1
# New Collaborations List the names of collaborations below: OPWDD, Syracuse Model Neighborhood, Tales and Toys, Summit Apartments, Dunbar Association/Center	n/a

### Center Highlights:

The Emma L. Johnston Southside Family Resource Center is currently in the transition with the news of Project Connection officially moving to the Eastside. THE SFRC is currently working on building community partnerships, finding housing for those in need, and maintaining a safe space for our consumers.

Due to the change in legislature for SNAP benefits, many are faced with the harsh reality of no affordable housing or being in danger of evictions. Our center has seen an influx of consumers looking for affordable housing based on their newly stated income and benefits from the Department of Social Services.

### Community Participation:

The Emma L. Johnston Southside Family Resource Center was asked to collaborate with the Dunbar Center on a future afterschool program for children ages six to twelve years of age. Dunbar currently caters to preteens as well as Teenagers currently enrolled in the Syracuse City School District.

### Upcoming Events:

We were notified by our maintenance staff of an inspection to be done by the City of Syracuse for re-zoning purposes of the upstairs area where Project Connections, Early Head Start & Head Start both held office space.

### Success Story:

XY believed all hope was lost with the loss of her Mother. XY came to the SFRC in need of bereavement, housing, and now how to obtain employment with no previous work history. Our

**Coordinator immediately took Miss XY into her office, contacted our local grief counselors and proceeded to set up a session for Miss XY. Miss XY also worked with our Advocate on interview skills, resume writing, and also provided Miss XY with interview and first day work attire from our generous donations of previous clients. Miss XY has obtained an apartment through our partnership with Summit Apartments. She is now working Part time at Macy's in Destiny USA. Miss XY has previously stated "In world I thought has become so dark, you both supplied with a rod to fish for life. I am forever humbled by this experience."**

## Family Resource Center Monthly Report

Center WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER Date January '2016

# Total Volunteers	19
# New Volunteers	6
# Clients served	56
# Clients set up in Cap60	
# Emergency Food donations	10
# New collaborations <u>List names of collaborations below:</u> Westside Take Back the Streets Gifford Foundation Near Westside Initiative Lerner Center	

### **Center Highlights:**

The month has been slow; twelve people applied and received \$200 each through Care and Share for the month. 1 was not eligible due to service with Solvay Electric. We assisted client who relocated to Syracuse from New York, help with lots of resumes and job searches. Residents are up in arms about CNY services wanting to build in the neighborhood and the affect Price Rite will have on Nojaims.

The Coordinator hosting at the center and is also attending various meetings on the Near Westside concerning current proposal from CNY Services to build 50 residential units (20 for individuals with mental health needs, and 30 low income units) at 831 W. Fayette Street. Residents believe, heart and soul, that another residential facility like that in the NWS is bad, for the future of the neighborhood regardless of how well or poorly it is run. Many feel that if the City keeps allowing these places to be built in the poorest neighborhoods the bigotry and concentrated poverty will never break down.

There was an abundance of walk-ins this month for clothing, coats and foot wear particularly from the Somali community in Syracuse Housing.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Valentines Party and Replenishing School Supplies with Junior League

### **Success Story:**

Advocate secured a stable environment for a client who had been homeless for 4 months and counseling for her children who experienced trauma.

Mary Alice Smothers, Coordinator

