

Senior Services

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

Eastwood Community Center Board Report February 2024

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 85 registered seniors at month-end February
- 1 new senior enrolled

Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- Approximately 20+ seniors are dining on-site daily
- A monthly informational mailing to the seniors includes a newsletter, monthly menu, activities, along with community information
- Activities for seniors include: Movie Day, Smart Device Training, Game Day, Art/Crafts, Bunko, Bingo, Walking with Oscar & Book Club

Monitoring & Assistance provided to Eastwood Community Center's seniors:

On a regular basis we are reaching out to the seniors who are home-bound insuring their safety and on-going needs are met.

Success Story:

Ed G. continues to attend the Center. Ed has dementia. For Ed's wife, ECC is a respite from having Ed home all day. By Ed attending ECC, his wife is able to do errands and take care of shopping and other chores needed to be done. ECC serves as a safe place for Ed.

Ed looks forward to playing cards with the other seniors. The most important reason Ed keeps attending is that it stimulates his mind, keeps him mentally active and involved. Attending also reduces the effects of his dementia while helping him maintain his independence here and at home.



Foster Grandparent Program Board Report March 2024



Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

73 enrolled

- 6 new FGs enrolled
- 2 dropped – 1 health issues 1 family issues

FGP Updates:

February In-Service

- February 7 ~ 29 FGs
- February 8 ~ 25 FGs
- ❖ PEACE, Inc. Listening Session for Community Needs Assessment by Todd Goehle
Discussions on :
 - Best part of your neighborhood
 - Most challenging part of your day
 - Biggest problems you face
 - Who help you during difficult times
 - What new services are needed

FGP Orientation

- 6 new FGs enrolled on 2/13/2024 (3 were former FGs)
 - 20 hours of training completed - Feb. 13, 14, 15 and 20
 - Placements –
 - 2 @ Sumner Head Start
 - 4 @ SCSD – Roberts, Huntington & Salem Hyde Elementary Schools

Winter Break Optional Activities:

- 2/21 – FGP Game Day – Uno, Pictionary, Scrabble, etc. = 21 FGs
- 2/22 – Movie Day – “Good Will Hunting” = 19 FGs

Collaboration with Family Pictures Project

- Working with 2 SU PhD candidates that are building a photograph archive of Syracuse’s everyday history. Foster Grandparents are sharing their family pictures and history.

Upcoming Events:

- In-Service –March 6 & 7
- Seniors Staying Health

SENIOR SUPPORTS
Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP
Offices at County West FRC
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EISEP Case Manager ~ Jackie Gayle

Client Activity:

- 30 clients
 - 3 home visit/reassessment
 - 2 Initial intake/home visit
 - 18 units of service
- Continuing to meet bi-weekly with EISEP program manager at Onondaga County Dept. of Aging.
- Recently started mandatory 25 hour on-line training course with Boston University's School of Social Work – Center for Aging and Disability Education & Research.
- 2/1/24 - Onondaga Co. Dept. of Adult & Long Term Care Services Training – Medicaid News and Updates
- 2/6/24 – Monthly Case Managers Meeting with OFA

Neighborhood Advisor Program ~ Theresa Garafalo

Client Activity:

- 25 clients assisted
- 70 units of service
- Areas of support:
 - Housing options/referrals
 - Medicare/Medicaid/Health Insurance
 - Referral to SHARP – mental health support
 - SNAP & HEAP Application assistance
 - Financial support/tax program referrals
 - Wellness Checks & Misc. support
- 2/1/24 - Onondaga Co. Dept. of Adult & Long Term Care Services Training – Medicaid News and Updates
- 2/8 & 2/22 – Networking with CCA - Elite Home Health