

Family Resource Centers Monthly Reports

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County East Family Resource Center

May 2024 Board Report

Center Highlights:

Attended NY Statewide Senior Action Council Open House on May 9th, 2024. The meeting regarding State-wide programs and services for seniors and individuals with disabilities, as well as a panel discussion and networking.

Coordinator volunteered at the 2024 Champion of Diversity Awards presentation in May.

Coordinator assisted three individuals determine eligibility, and process online applications for the Heart Share Heart and Warmth program. This program assists individual who do not qualify for HEAP due to income guide lines can be assisted through the Heart and Warming program with a one- time benefit of five hundred dollars being paid directly to National Grid on the customers behalf. Three customer have been approved.

Upcoming Events:

- Summer Programming
- Farmer Market Coupons
- Upstate Mobile Mammography June 28, 2024 9-3
- Onondaga County Health Department: Breast Cancer June 28

Ongoing Site Services:

- Sick & Shut-In Support
- Vera House Elder Abuse Support Group
- Crisis management & Family Development Services as needed
- RAPP

Success Story:

County East FRC facilitated the Live & Learn Parenting support group hosted at Eastside Family Resource Center. Six moms and grandmas participated and received certificated of participation of completion of the program. The participants voiced interest in continuing with the group. Stating that they really enjoyed the weekly meetings and say they felt supported.



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Center Services:

Care & Share	10
Eligibility Determination	10
Emergency Food Pantry (St Matts Food Pantry)	6
Exercise/Fitness Session	2
Follow Up	6
Grocery Shopping	4
Heart & Warming Program	3
Health Insurance	1
Information/Referral	4
Landlord/Tenant Mediation	1
Parenting Class	7
Rides Provided	10
Wellness Education	5
Total	69



County South Family Resource Center May 2024 Board Report

Center Highlights:

Family Advocate, Brenda Nellenback resigned at the end of the month to be able to sell her home and move closer to her grandson in the Rochester area.

The clothing drive was a success with 32 families attending. The extra clothes were taken to County West FRC in Baldwinsville as they have a clothing program year round.

The Women's Wellness group learned about and practiced using positive communication and the Law of Attraction. The Parents with HOPE group finished up their Financial Literacy class learning about credit reports, budgeting, debt to income ratios and finding a way for your money to grow. The Live and Learn Women's group finished and celebrated with breakfast pizza and cake. Housing and food security continues to be an issue with the families we serve.

Upcoming Events:

- Ida Gleason Memorial Scholarships – June 2024
- Campership program- August 5- 9
- Tully Community Days- September

Ongoing Site Services:

- Women's Wellness and Support Group – Tuesdays, 6:00-8:30
- Parents with HOPE Parenting class – Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 PM
- Afterschool Group – Monday-Wednesdays, 2:40-4:30 PM
- FISH Medical Transport – Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Fresh Food Delivery from St. Leo's Food Pantry – First Tuesday of the month
- Regular Food Pantry Delivery – 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
- Crisis management and Family Development Services as needed

Success Story:

County South had a visitor a couple weeks ago who came to see if we needed any children's DVDs. She and her family had been clients here 12 years ago. She said that she wanted to stop to tell us that her oldest son was graduating from High School in June and she couldn't believe how fast the time had gone. She wanted to say "thank you" for being a part of their lives and giving them guidance so many years ago. Often we never see the outcome of our efforts when we serve families so this "thank you" was gratefully appreciated.



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Center Services:

Before and After School Programs	9
Care and Share	5
Clothing Closet	1
Diaper Bank	2
Domestic Violence Support	14
Eligibility Determination	1
Fax /Copies/Computer	3
Field Trip – Youth	3
Financial Skills Training	8
FISH	5
Follow Up	1
Food Delivery	53
Gas Voucher	8
Grocery shopping	2
Health Insurance Enrollment	1
Hygiene/ Toiletries	6
Information / Referral	26
Parenting Class	7
Permanent Housing Placement	1
Prepared Meal (on site)	24
Rides Provided	12
Supplemental Security Income- SSI	1
Supportive Conversations	6
Table Giveaway/Non Food Bank	2
Tax Prep	1
Wellness Education	17
Total	219



County West Family Resource Center May 2024 Board Report

Center Highlights:

The 2nd Annual “Dress for Success” clothing drive by the B’ville Volunteer Center was a big success this month. We were able to provide 2 clients with work attire and 1 young man a suit for a family funeral.

The first Senior-R.A.P.P social group started Thursday May 10th. In collaboration with our Senior Advisor Theresa Garafalo. There were arts and crafts, coffee, Danish and our volunteer Tom played the guitar.

The NAC met on 5/14. Plans are underway for the Summer Craft fair and our first annual presentation of the Pastor Joe Folckemer Memorial Scholarship. 2 students were selected, both the students and families have a long history with our Center and we are so proud of them both.

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday June 4 –Introductory Zoom meeting to start up the Diaper bank at CWFRC
- Thursday June 13th–“Pastor Joe Folckemer scholarship” presentation 3:30pm
- Thursday June 27th-Senior and R.A.P.P group-“Brain Health” by A.A.R.P
- Friday June 28th -End of School Celebration-Pizza and ice cream sundaes.

Ongoing Site Services:

- Food Pantry – Wednesdays, 10-1pm and by need
- Treasure Go Round (clothing & necessities) – appointments Monday-Friday, 10-3pm
- Fidelis Healthcare outreach – first and last Tuesday of each month

Success Story

One of our young moms, Rhiannon M. graduated from Onondaga Community College with an Associate’s degree in early childhood education this month. We are so proud of her and she actually interned at Baldwinsville HeadStart and absolutely loved it! She has submitted a resume for us to review and turn in to HR and would like to work for HeadStart.

Center Services:

Care and Share recipient	1
Clothing Closet	53
Eligibility Determination	2
Fax/Copies/ Computer	3

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Follow up	1
Food Delivery	1
Food Pantry	15
Form of I.D.	1
HEAP recipient	1
Housewares/Furniture	50
Hygiene/Toiletries	2
Information/Referral	10
Laundry Voucher	4
Obtained Associate's Degree	1
Parenting Support	3
Proof of Current Address	1
Rides Provided	1
Supportive Conversations	12
Table Giveaway (non-Food Bank)	51
Volunteering	2
Walk-In	1
Total	209



Eastside Family Resource Center May 2024 Board Report

Center Highlights:

The Golden Age Social Club went to Green Lakes. Rosamond Gifford Zoo and they are looking forward to going to Delta and Southwick State Parks.

The SCSD students went to Green Lakes and enjoyed fishing.

Program attendance – SCSD Alternative classroom, 12 students. Golden Age Social Club, 12 seniors. OPWDD 5 students. Girls Circle 10 participants.

Upcoming Events:

- Golden Age Social Club, OPWDD, SCSC will be visiting Delta Lake State Park and Southwick State Park.
- SCSD planning for NYS Regents Exams/Testing
- 6/21 Building Close for Staff Building Day

Ongoing Site Services:

- Golden Age Social Club – (Senior Program) Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10-2pm
- CARES- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10-2pm
- Fatherhood with PEACE, Inc. – Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm
- Family Re-Entry Program
- Food Pantry – Mondays, 9-12pm
- Diaper Pantry – Wednesdays, 9-4pm
- Fresh food giveaway – every day, 9-4pm
- National Grid – Tuesdays, 10am-1pm
- Live & Learn Women's Group – Wednesday's 10-12pm
- Girls Circle – Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30pm

Success Story:

11 Care and Share Grant approved and 8 HEAP.

Staff completed Google Workspace: Gmail & Calendar.

129 families received turkeys, hams and other fixing right in time for Mother's Day all items donated by DOTS.



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Center Services:

Care & Share	11
Clothing	80
Diaper Bank	26
Employment	0
Fatherhood	9
Fax/Copy Machine/Phone/Computer	141
Food Pantry	51
Hygiene/Toiletries	23
Information/Referral	3
Intake	36
OPWDD: Prepared Meal (on-site)	52
OPWDD: Rides Provided	52
SCSD: Prepared Meal (on-site)	61
SCSD: Rides Provided Field Trips	2
Rides Provided	33
Golden Age Social Club Services: Rides Provided	13
Golden Age Social Club Services: Meal (on-site)	41
Table Giveaway (non-Food Bank)	129
Total	763



Southside Family Resource Board Report May 2024

Center Highlights:

Southside Family Resource Center Advocate & participants attended a Mother's Day celebration in collaboration with County East Family Resource Center at the Flaming Grill Buffet in Mattydale on May 23, 2024. Four individuals attended

Upcoming Events:

- Sankofa Wellness Check Monday-Thursday 10 am-1pm
- Onondaga County Health Department Cancer: Services Wellness Series (Colorectal Health) June 12, 2024 10-11 am
- Upstate Geriatrics: Equity Research Core : June 20, 2024 10-11 am
- Cornell Cooperatives Extension Healthy for Life: June 21, 2024 11-12 pm
- Summer Programs (TBA)

Ongoing Site Services:

- Emergency Food Pantry
- Fresh Food Give Away: Second and Fourth Wednesday of the Month
- Crisis management & Family Development Services as needed
- National Grid Advocacy and Support/Referral
- Heart Share Care & Share
- Heart & Warmth Program

Success Story:

Southside Family Resource Center Interim Coordinator contacted two community volunteers to assist in the cleanup of the site. The grass was mowed and the raised garden beds were cleaned and emptied of all overgrown weeds, trash and debris.



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Center Services:

Community Event	6
Faxes/Copies/Computer	3
Food Pantry	51
Hygiene/Toiletries	7
Information/Referrals	2
Prepared meals (On-Site)	6
Community Involvement	6
Table Giveaway (non Food-Bank)	24
Total	105



Westside Family Resource Center May 2024 Board Report

Center Highlights:

We gave out during the month of May to each mother a goody bag with make-up, face masks, perfume, bubble bath, essential oils, lotion, and other essential products. Center staff represented the FRC's at the PEACE Champions of Diversity event. The site coordinator also provided translation services during the award ceremony.

Upcoming Events:

- Father's Day Dinner

Ongoing Site Services:

- Diaper Pantry – Tuesdays, 10 am to 1 pm
- Food Pantry – Third Thursday of the month, 10 am to 1 pm
- The Health Department provides COVID test every Tuesday, 10 am to 1 pm

Success Story:

Currently working with a couple that just arrived in Syracuse 6 months ago only Spanish speaker. They start working at Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurant both of them as a kitchen helper the other one as a dishwasher. We sign them up for English classes in Partners in Learning, Inc. We will continue working with them on their immigration status and other future goals.

Center Services:

Appointment	1
Avoided Eviction	1
Baby Items	6
Care & Share Receipt	7
Clothing Closet	1
Diaper Bank	82
Eligibility Determination	8
Fax/Copies/Computer	21
Follow up	23
Food Delivery	4
Food Pantry	80
Form of ID	2
HEAP Recipient	1
Hygiene/Toiletries	80
Immigration Support Services	2



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Information/Referral	3
Interview Skills	1
Job Referral	1
Job Search Coaching	1
Language Translation	23
National Grid Budget Plan	9
Proof of Current Address	1
Proof of Income	1
Referred to PEACE, Inc.	1
Resume Development	3
Rides Provided	1
Signed Intake	1
SNAP Enrollment/Reapplication	2
Supportive Conversations	9
Table Giveaway(Non-food Bank)	9
Tax Prep	2
Walk-in	1
Total	388

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Early Childhood Career Pathway Program (ECCPP)
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Center Highlights:

The program caseload currently stands at 60, with 12 Family Daycares in process, 26 Family Daycares who are licensed and receiving some type of wrap-around service, and 21 Child Development Associate Credentials in process.

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day was May 10, 2024. The ECCPP celebrated and recognized our clients by delivering and installing 30 yard signs to our providers throughout the city of Syracuse and Onondaga County.



Rosa Vazquez (ECCPP Licensed Provider in Solvay) is seen here receiving her Provider Appreciation Day sign from Yesenia Parrilla (PEACE Workforce Advocate) along with the children she cares for in

Recognition Program gift cards were distributed to 14 ECCPP Family Daycares that stayed open for at least 6 months, along with a letter and certificate celebrating their accomplishment! It's important to acknowledge our provider's achievement, hard work, and perseverance.

Yesenia Parrilla, Workforce Advocate, helped 31 providers apply for and translate the 2024 Childcare Enhancement Grant. The funds are designated for enhancing the quality of childcare services with a maximum award amount of \$10,000. Allowable expenses can include items such as playground enhancements, painting, windows/doors, plumbing, electrical/lighting, minor construction (railings, porch, stairs), air conditioning units, new appliances, furnaces, and hot water tanks.

Attended a Focus Group Marketing meeting with WISE Women's Business Center and the Early Childhood Alliance to discuss provider marketing needs and upcoming training sessions offered through WISE for ECCPP providers.

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Ongoing Site Services:

- Grant administration, wraparound services, support and advocacy for Family Daycares
- Navigate Child Development Associate Credential candidates through credentialing process.

Success Stories:



Wendy Gomez Baroqu (located on the North Side) became a new Registered Family Daycare – 5/28/2024. Below she is seen in her new Family Daycare space receiving a client recognition pack. Congratulations Wendy!

Center Services:

Intake & Informational	3
Follow Up: Registered Family Daycare	49
Follow Up: Childhood Development Associate Credential	22
Food Delivery	21
Diaper Bank	20
Translation	41
Advocacy	19
Information and Referral	14
Kept Job for 180 days	14
Portfolio Development	5
Marketing	30
Device Loan	2
Recognition Pack	1
Total	241

Workforce Program

Program Highlight:



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The Workforce Program organized a trip to McLane in Baldwinsville in May, after McLane reached out to us and invited us to their facility for a tour and presentation. Thirteen PEACE staff attended the tour from the Family Resource Centers and Head Start Family Workers. We learned about grocery distribution along with career pathways within McLane. PEACE gave McLane information about the New York State Child Care Subsidy Program to pass along to their employees, as McLane was unaware the program was available.





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Referral: Jubilee Homes Work Program	1
Referral: CNY Works	2
Referral: EOC	2
Referral: Supported Employment Program	1
Referral: Michael Willacy – PEACE Inc. Re-entry Program	1
Referral: USDA	1
Referral: Cooperative Federal Credit Union	1
Referral: Hear To Learn	1
Referral: NYSERDA	1
Referral: Home Headquarters	1
Total	12



Family Reentry Program May 2024 Board Report

Center Highlights:

Reentry Fair May 16th, 2024, held at the Eastside Family Resource Center.

Attended Reentry Task Force Quarterly Meeting via Zoom Meeting on May 23, 2024.

Attended Free Our Moms & Children Advocacy Day in Albany, New York at the State Capital and presented to Assembly Members and Senators about the Second Look Act and The Earned Time Act.

At our Champions of Diversity event I recited my original poem "What Can I Do For Us?" as the closer of our wonderful event.

Upcoming Events:

- **Build To Work** Workshop June 24-28 Hosted by Jubilee Homes at PEACE Inc.'s Eastside Family Resource Center
- **12 Men Model Training** 5:30-7:30 Starting June 18, 2024
- **Nature Quest Retreat**, at Swan Lake from July 12-14 Provided by Allkings
- **ELI Summer Session #2 & #3** on July 18 & 25 via Zoom Meeting

Ongoing Site Services:

- Job Placement
- Family Development
- Vital Document Retrieval (ex. ID, Birth Certificates, Social Security Cards)
- Employment Assistance
- Resume Development
- Rides Provided
- Housing Assistance

Success Story:

Our 2nd Annual Reentry Fair was a great success. Over 70 people attended. Over 20 businesses and non-profit organizations tabled or participated in the Fair including The Onondaga County Probation Department, Onondaga Community College, Helio Health, CNY Fair Housing, and Crouse Health just to name a few. The outpouring of community resources and networking was wonderful and exciting. The community workers did a wonderful job of showing support to those impacted by the justice system and the citizens returning from incarceration to our community. We showed we are here to support, to connect them to our plethora of great resources and we are all rooting for them and invested in their success.

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Center Services:

Family Development	2
Fax/Copies/Computer	2
Follow up	1
Home Visit	1
Information and Referral Calls	6
Intake & Informational	2
Information/Referral	2
Job Placement (previously unemployed)	1
Resume Development	1
Rides Provided	4
Volunteering	1
Total	23

