

## **Senior Services**

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

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## **Eastwood Community Center Board Report June 2024**

### **Eastwood Community Center enrollment:**

- 94 registered seniors at month-end June
- 8 new seniors 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
- With the increase in attendees, the lunch program is also growing. On average daily meals served are approximately 25-30.
- Over 15 seniors attended the Falls Prevention Class on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Over 30 seniors attended the Syracuse Met's game on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Throughout July, the seniors participated in a weekly series on food education called Fill My Plate.

### **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:**

None



# Foster Grandparent Program Board Report June 2024



## Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

72 enrolled

## FGP Updates

### June In-Service

- June 5 - 27 FGs
- June 6 - 33 FGs

### Executive Summary of PEACE, Inc.'s 2024 Community Needs Assessment

Todd Goehle, VP of Operations & Strategy - Findings and Conversations with seniors about our community. Data collected From FGs in 2/2024 and how it aligns with overall needs of Syracuse/Onondaga County. Highlights: 2<sup>nd</sup> highest child poverty in US. Widening racial income gaps. Aging population is growing. Greatest one year, average monthly rent increase in US.

### End of Year Reflections with Foster Grandparents Jenn Gaffney, FGP Coordinator

Recapping stats from Child Assignment plans, Classroom observations & Teacher Assessments. Highlights: 245 children served. 64% received literacy support. 54% received math support. 36% received coaching/strategy development. 46% identified with moderate to severe emotional skills deficits. Reflections on common themes experienced when supporting children.

### June 27 – Optional Field Trip - 9 FGs

Ska Nonh – Great Law of Peace Center - Guided tour of Haudenosaunee Cultural Center on shores on Onondaga Lake – telling the story of the native peoples of central New York.

### Summer School – planning summer assignment for FGs.

SCSD – July 8 – August 9

Early Head Start – June 26 – August 22

PEACE WSFRC – Youth Program – July 9 – August 2

### Upcoming Activities

August 8 – Optional Field Trip – Harriett Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn

August 21 & 22 – Mandatory Back to School In-Service meetings

August 27 – Tentative – New Volunteer Orientation Start Date

**SENIOR SUPPORTS**  
**Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP**  
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**EISEP Case Manager ~ Jackie Gayle**

**Client Activity:**

- 31 clients
  - 29 clients served = 49 contacts
  - 78.5 units of service
- June 10, 2024 Jackie received Certificate of Credit for successful completing the New York Case Management Certificate Program = 24 CE credit hours. From Boston University School of Social Work, Center for Aging and Disability Education & Research.
- 6/4/24 – Monthly Case Managers Meeting with OFA

**Neighborhood Advisor Program ~ Theresa Garafalo**

The Onondaga County Dept. of Aging and Long Term Care Services did not renew our funding for the Neighborhood Advisor Program. We were notified of this change in early June. Carolyn Brown spoke with Joanne Spoto-Decker, Commissioner of the OCDALTCS, as to reasons that PEACE's funding was cut, after approximately 15 years of service. Due to decreased funding levels from New York State, the County had to make cuts to their grant recipients. Fortunately, our EISEP grant was not affected.

Theresa Garafalo's last day on the job was June 21. She contacted her clients and gave them instructions for continued support and assistance, to be provided by other Neighborhood Advisors in the County's system.

