

Senior Services

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

09-2024

Eastwood Community Center Board Report October 2024

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 99 registered seniors at month-end of September
- 0 new seniors enrolled

Eastwood Community Center Highlights:

- Approximately 25+ 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
- September 6th was the annual picnic held at Ryder Park in Dewitt. Over 45 seniors attended this event
- The ECC Breakfast Club met at Fire keeper's on 9/26/24. There were 25 seniors in attendance.
- September has been a busy month with the reopening of ECC from roof construction

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:

The Eastwood Community Center has a new roof as-of September 1, 2024! After 5 years of trying to obtain the DeFrancisco funding from the state, Senator Mannion's office stepped in to help free up these funds to complete the roof. This money, along with the Office of Aging funds from the county, enabled PEACE, Inc. to replace the almost 30 year-old roof as well as the floor in the back receiving room and in Rollin's office.

Many thanks to all involved for making this effort happen!

SENIOR NUTRITION

September: **7,231** Meals served to congregate senior sites.

➤ **\$9,198.85** total senior contributions, average of **\$1.27** per diner.

475 Meals served to Salvation Army seniors. (Invoiced **\$2,645.61**)

HEAD START / SALVATION ARMY KIDS

September: Head Start Breakfast: **9,720** Salvation Army Kids: **1,235** (Invoiced **\$4,944.61**)

Head Start Lunch: **10,080**

Head Start Snack: **9,720**

Food Service Program Updates September

☞ Senior Nutrition Satisfaction Survey completed by Office for Aging:

- Overall meal satisfaction increased by **22%** to **93%**.
- **91.7%** reported they feel healthier eating at a dining site. An increase of **2.7%**.
- Overall staff rating increased **1.5%** to **98.5%**.

☞ Dept. of Health has inspected total 21 senior congregate sites in 2024. No violations found.

Program Opportunities

☞ Food Service is fully staffed with the new hire of Ian Stewart fulfilling the cook position.

☞ After 38 years of service as Operations Manager, Dave Sodja has put in for retirement. His last day will be 11/08/24, and Driver, Kevin Smith will be training and stepping into the role.



Foster Grandparent Program Board Report September 2024



Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

70 enrolled

2 dropped – 1 moved out of CNY – 1 employment

FGP Updates

In-Service September 26 :

33 FGs – 9 am – 12 pm

18 FGs – 1 pm – 4 pm

10 FGs – make-up session 10/10/24

Meaningful Learning and FGs Role during Academics and Specials

By Jenn Gaffney. Tips and techniques to support whole classroom/small groups/one on one support. Appropriated Activities: Redirecting children's attention to tasks; Model teacher's procedures, actions, behaviors; Giving hints & clues – not answers; Reinforce attentiveness – Encourage independence; Praise efforts and problem solving

Terms & Conditions of ACS Grant – 2024 Restrictions & Prohibition

By Beth O'Hara. Restrictions & Prohibitions specifically relating to volunteers: Political Activities; Lobbying activities; Religious Activities; Non-displacement of workers; Alcohol, drug and tobacco use; other PEACE, Inc/FGP rules

Upcoming Activities

- October In-service 10/24/24
- 10/15 – start of New Volunteer Orientation session

SENIOR SUPPORTS

Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP

Offices at County West FRC

Board Report – September 2024

Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program

Case Manager ~ Jackie Gayle

Client Activity:

- 31 clients
 - 1 client discharged from Program
 - 3 new clients enrolled
 - 17 clients served = 36 contacts
 - 76 units of service

Meetings & Events:

- 9/2 – 9/13 – Jackie On Vacation
- 9/19/24 - Onondaga County Dept. of Aging & LTC – CSE training
 - Medicare & Medicaid Services; Open Enrollment.

Updates:

In 2023, New York increased the income and asset limits to qualify for Medicaid. In addition to nursing home care, Medicaid pays for non-medical services and supports to help frail seniors remain living at home. Services often include dental, vision, medical transportation, personal care assistance, personal emergency response systems, and adult day program.

EISEP Case Managers collect financial information to determine a client's cost share in EISEP as well as screen for Medicaid eligibility. Per New York regulations (9 CCR-NY 6654.15, a.5) if a client in EISEP appears to be eligible for Medicaid you are required to apply.. All EISEP clients that appear eligible for Medicaid are required to apply by 12/31/2024.