

Senior Services

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

10-2024

Eastwood Community Center Board Report November 2024

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 99 registered seniors at month-end of October
- 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.
- The Snap Ed program offered by Office of Aging continues to attract many seniors every other Wednesday. The program highlights healthy eating on a budget.
- On 10/17/24 a community flu clinic was held by Kinney Drugs. There were 27 people in attendance.
- On 10/17/24 the Onondaga County Department of Health held a community rabies clinic. 140+ community members were in attendance.
- On 10/23/24 a recognition and thank you event for the roof and flooring was held. Over 20 seniors attended. Joanne Spoto-Decker from Office of Aging was in attendance along with a representative from Senator Mannion's Office.
- The ECC Breakfast Club met at Fire keeper's on 10/24/24 to have lunch. There were 16 seniors in attendance.
- A group of seniors traveled to Sauder's County Store in Seneca Falls on 11/30/24 for the fall shopping trip.

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.

Challenges

It is with great sadness that during October we lost 3 active seniors.

SENIOR NUTRITION

October: **7,909** Meals served to congregate senior sites.

➤ **\$10,516.01** total senior contributions, average of **\$1.33** per diner.

550 Meals served to Salvation Army seniors. (Invoiced **\$3,585.88**)

HEAD START / SALVATION ARMY KIDS

October: Head Start Breakfast: **10,920** Salvation Army Kids: **1,430** (Invoiced **\$6,701.95**)

Head Start Lunch: **11,280**

Head Start Snack: **10,920**

Food Service Program Updates September

☞ Dept. of Health has completed 29 site inspections in 2024. No violations found.

Program Opportunities

☞ Food Service is fully staffed.

☞ New Hire Freeman Holdby, was hired as a Utility/Prep cook in the Kitchen. He has ties to PEACE with a fiancée working in Head Start and 2 children in the program.



Foster Grandparent Program Board Report October 2024 Recap



Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment:

72 enrolled

- 4 new FGs enrolled
- 2 FGs discharged – 1 poor performance, 1 moved out of NYS

FGP Updates

New Volunteer Orientation

- October 15, 16, 17 & 22 = 20 hours of classroom-style training
 - 4 new volunteers
 - Placements - 3 at SCSD, 1 at Merrick Head Start

In-Service October 24:

- 39 FGs @ 9 am – 12 pm
- 26 FGs @ 1 pm – 4 pm

Speakers/Topics:

✦ Restorative Justice in the Syracuse City School District

By Rich Richardson, Director of Restorative Discipline

Code of Conduct, Character & Support

School Disciplinary Approach & Restorative Justice.

Traditional Discipline vs. Restorative Discipline.

How to: Build relationships, repair relationships and restore relationships.

✦ Brain Smart Start & Conscious Discipline

By Jenn Gaffney, FGP Coordinator

How to practice social skills – model acceptable behaviors, reinforce, redirect & remind.

Using brain breaks to rest. Sample brain breaks/exercises

Making simple fidget devices to use with young students.

Upcoming Events:

- **Nov. 14 - Orientation – Day 5 – Review and follow up with new FGs**
 - Discussion on how things are going at new assignments.
 - Share experiences
 - Reminder of helpful tips and techniques
- **Nov. 21 - In-Service for all FGs**

SENIOR SUPPORTS

Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP

Offices at County West FRC

Board Report – Recap of October 2024

Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program

Case Manager ~ Jackie Gayle

Client Activity:

- 29 clients
 - 2 client discharged from Program
 - 31 clients served = 70 contacts
 - 131 units of service

Meetings & Events:

- 10/1/24 ~ County EISEP Case Managers Meeting

Updates:

Onondaga County Dept of Aging is facing a budget deficit:

In order to address the current deficit, the following actions are being taken with EISEP:

- Commencing September 16, 2024, individuals eligible for EISEP services will undergo a comprehensive eligibility screening.
- Upon confirmation of eligibility, they will be placed on a structured waiting list. EISEP has implemented a protocol to effectively manage the waiting list, prioritizing clients with the most acute social, economic, and functional needs.
- The Waitlist applies to people needing an intake as well as those currently in our program on the Call Out (waitlist for aide services) List.
- As soon as more funding becomes available or our next fiscal year begins (April 1, 2025), we will resume the Call Out List again.