

Senior Services

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

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Foster Grandparent Program Board Report April 2025 Recap



Foster Grandparent volunteers enrollment

- 67 enrolled
 - 1 deceased

FGP Updates

April In-Service Training

April 16 ~ 9 am – 12 pm 15 FGs

April 17 ~ 9 am – 12 pm 16 FGs

Nature in the City

Whitney Lash- Marshall, Executive Director, Baltimore Woods Nature Center
Nature in the City program brings authentic, hands-on/minds-on natural science learning to elementary schools in the Syracuse City School District. The importance of hands-on activities and environmental education to instill an appreciation for the nature.

Science Exploration & Tips for Teaching Science

Simple, hands-on experiments to encourage one's curiosity with science.
Fingerprint discovery & graphing, fireworks in a cup, clay boars and animal classification game.

Upcoming Events

- **Annual FGP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon**
 - Wednesday, May 14 at 12 noon at The Collegian Hotel
- **June 11 & 12 End of School Year In-Service**

AmeriCorps Grant Application

- Renewal application submitted 3/20/2025
- Covering 3 year grant cycle – July 2025 – June 2028

AmeriCorps New:

In April, DOGE placed 85% of AmeriCorps administrative staff on leave – leaving about 100 employees. DOGE terminated close to \$400 million of AmeriCorps grants - roughly 41% of the national service agency's total grant funding.

In the Administration's recently released Skinny Budget, AmeriCorps is listed for elimination or elimination of federal funding. During the first Trump Administration, AmeriCorps was proposed for elimination in each of the President's Budget Request, but bipartisan champions on Capitol Hill ensured continued support for national service.

SENIOR SUPPORTS
Neighborhood Advisor Program & EISEP
Offices at County West FRC
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Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program

Case Manager ~ Jackie Gayle

Client Activity:

- 44 clients
 - 5 new clients
 - 1 client discharged
 - 35 clients served = 63 contacts
 - 135.5 units of service

Meetings & Events:

- 4/1/25 - Monthly Case Managers Meeting with County
- 4/24/25 – Monthly Dept. of Aging Meeting:
 - Transportation Services at Centro: Call A Bus, Move and Better Bus.
 - Empower Parkinson - programs of the Parkinson Wellness Center

Updates:

EISEP budget for 4/1/2025-3/31/2026

Re: Per Onondaga County Funding: Dept of Aging is still awaiting final approval of NYS budget. We've been instructed to continue following previous year's budget. County will provide update once further information out of Albany is available.

Eastwood Community Center Board Report May 2025

Eastwood Community Center enrollment:

- 92 registered seniors at month-end April
- 0 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
- The seniors visited Firekeepers Restaurant for breakfast on April 24, 2025. There were 18 in attendance.

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.

Program Updates:

- Onondaga County Office of the Aging presented on the monthly food topic. There were 18 in attendance.
- Chair Yoga for the seniors continued with 11 attending

SENIOR NUTRITION

April: 5,994 Meals served to congregate senior sites.

➤ \$9,220.79 total senior contributions, average of \$1.54 per diner.

342 Meals served to Salvation Army seniors. (Invoiced \$2,224.00)

HEAD START / SALVATION ARMY KIDS

April: Head Start Breakfast: 7,128 Salvation Army Kids: 1,105 (Invoiced \$6,100.31)

Head Start Lunch: 7,368

Head Start Snack: 7,158

Food Service Program Updates April

☞ Progress continues for the new site in Skaneateles: Jean Clayon, President of Senior of Skaneateles, has been doing an amazing job of collaborating with her community to progress this site. The dining site will be at the First Presbyterian Church at 97 E Genesee St, Skaneateles. Laker Limo has volunteered its services to help transport area seniors for the meal. Target start day will be Wednesday September 3rd, 2025. This will be a once a week site.

☞ We have updated our dairy vendor from Insta-Whip from Rochester to Husted Dairy in Liverpool. The owners, Donnie and Gina Husted, are community minded and support our message. Pricing is competitive and may save up to 10k per year on our dairy costs.

☞ April was volunteer appreciation month. Sites were contacted and signed thank you cards were distributed. Some sites such as Camillus has appreciation themed lunches.

Program Opportunities

☞ Food Service is fully staffed.