

Community Services Block Grant Annual Board Report

November 29, 2017

Employment Support Goals

- Participants will gain the knowledge and resources needed to stabilize their life situations and overcome barriers to employment and education goals. 15 people will obtain skills/competencies required for employment, 15 people will gain employment.

Family Empowerment Goals

- Parents and other adults learn & exhibit improved family functioning skills and get involved in their communities by participating in Step Up to Leadership and Targeted Coaching programs.
- Twelve youth increase academic & social skills by participating in Step Up to Leadership.

Community Empowerment Goals

- JFCAC will develop partnerships in the communities to assess local causes of poverty and develop solutions to address these issues. Five new partnerships will be established. 675 boxes of food will be collected for local pantries.

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- 12 homes received EESE services; 6 of these also received Healthy Homes Services. As a result of obtaining EESE and Healthy Homes 9 of the 12 homes were able to obtain Weatherization as well.
- 15 families received disaster relief through MHDC funding in response to the April flooding. This allowed for families to obtain temporary shelter, relocate to a home outside of a flood zone, and/or pay for utility services to be connected at their new location.
- Through our community collaborations 1,392 children received food, clothing, shoes, and toys for the holidays, and 1,437 students received school supplies to begin the new school year.
- Community Services expanded to serve two additional sites for the Summer Feeding/Weekend Food Pack program. 663 weekend food packs were distributed to children during the break between summer school ending and the new school year beginning.
- 16 participants graduated from Step Up to Leadership. In addition to Step Up to Leadership, Community Services offered Energy Efficiency Classes, in which 14 clients attended.
- 130 Head Start students participated in the Building Resilience program.
- 12 Employment Support participants obtained employment; 7 participants reported an increase in employment income and/or benefits; and 4 participants reported achieving a "living wage" and/or benefits.



- Through Employment Support, 4 participants received rent assistance, 3 participants received utility assistance, 1 participant obtained a car, 5 participants received car repairs, and 1 participant obtained his CDL.
- Additionally, through Employment Support 2 participants are improving their education (one in enrolled in GED classes, the other participant is enrolled in college), another participant was able to complete CPR classes and obtained a full time job with benefits at Mercy Hospice.
- Community Services facilitated a REALL Simulation for students at the New Day Treatment Program, and a Poverty Simulation hosted by Franklin County CASA.

Client Story:

Tonia Jackson began utilizing JFCAC's services in June of 2016 upon moving to Jefferson County. At the time of her intake, she was living at Comtrea's domestic violence shelter, A Safe Place, and did not know anyone except the other shelter residents and the employees. Staff at A Safe Place referred her to JFCAC where enrolled her children for the Family Health and Education Fair, and enrolled herself in Step Up to Leadership, Employment Support, and any other services that would help her improve her family's situation. In October of 2016, Tonia began working with her Employment Support Coach and created her first set of goals. Eager to begin her new life, her long term goals were to go back to school and purchase her own home. Not understanding the definition of "long term goals", Tonia obtained employment, bought a home and moved out of A Safe Place within just a few weeks. Also, not being one to wait for things to happen, Tonia obtained reliable transportation, graduated from Step Up to Leadership, paid off her school loan, developed/maintained a budget, improved her credit score by 100 points, and enrolled in college courses within a year's time. Tonia continues to work with Comtrea and JFCAC to improve her situation, as well as, to educate and motivate others. Beyond the measurable goals that have been outlined, within less than a year and a half Tonia has transformed herself. She has gone from a meek situation that caused her to doubt herself to trusting herself and feeling safe in the relationships she has fostered. Tonia is devoted to improving herself, and her family, while helping others help themselves.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Forsy".

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