

Youth Services Network Meeting

May 13, 2024 9:15 – 10:30am

Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County

Notes

- 1) **Introductions/Welcome** were completed.
- 2) Review **March 11, 2024** minutes, no changes suggested.
- 3) **Guest presenters** –

Alisa O’Hagan, New York State Education Department Office of Special Education – Family and Community Engagement Center (FACE) serves early and school age youth, serving 8 counties and 78 school districts. They offer free monthly regional training to professionals and families. They work to collaborate with community agencies and share information with families and provide professional development for schools as well as technical assistance. Family and Agency Support includes monthly parent support group, family training, connections with community partners and regional trainings. Seven schools do not meet the 72% school dropout rate – therefore they work closely with these schools to meet this standard. Trainings can be found at www.boces.com/crps. A community resource map is maintained at map.osepartnership.org.

Diane Zikowitz, Home Based Crisis Intervention, CHJC shared that this is a brand-new program, funded through a grant with the New York State Office of Mental Health. Their goal is to be able to accept referrals by late June/early July. This program is intended for short term intensive services to avert unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations of children/youth. Currently these services are offered to schools, but now they will be offered in the home as well. The program will include flexible hours, very small caseloads, brief duration of time and strength needs focused. The program will serve youth ages 5 – 20. Anyone can refer, to include self-referrals. There will be a supervisor and four Interventionists, Psychiatrist, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Peer Advocate and Program Assistant. There will be 12 youth in the program when fully staffed. Enrollment 4-6 weeks, but with a dual diagnosis 6-9 weeks.

- 4) Program updates –

Jefferson County Youth Bureau has recreation scholarship funds still available.

Q Center has a group for 14-21 year olds taking place at the Gouverneur Hospital; Tween Time Group for ages 10-12 meets regularly in Watertown; June is Pride Month with many events planned, such as Pride Prom in Watertown at the Lincoln Building on

June 7th from 6-9pm, cost is \$5 or 10 nonperishable food items; on June 15th is a Drag Story Hour and many other events taking place on this day.

Planned Parenthood is recruiting four 13-24 year olds for Peer Education Program in Lewis County and there is a monthly stipend for this; they are continuing with their hygiene drive and there is a hygiene vending machine at the WCSD High School and it's all donation based holding an Out Down Town event on 6/15.

Cori Luscher is the new Director for the Jeff-Lewis Childcare Project and there are a lot of changes occurring that CAPC would like to share with us at the September meeting.

NYS is experiencing a crisis in the recruitment of foster care families; CHJC would like to present at the November meeting on therapeutic foster care.

NCPPC shared that the Family Opportunity Center is fully up and running and referrals are being accepted.

BOCES Community Schools is working on promoting summer programs, please share so Melissa can add this to the website. Carthage Central School District is holding on 8/29/24 a Back to School Bash is anyone is interested in supporting.

NYSPEP is holding their Annual Conference in Albany on May 22nd and there is still room to register. Membership to NYSPEP is free and the website is nyspep.org.

Headstart is 65% full for the next school year. Foster children and families eligible for SNAP are automatically eligible for Headstart.

Youth Alliance is holding a summit at 4-H Camp Wabasso on June 27th.

Encompass Recreation has the following upcoming events –

- 05.18.14: Fun on the Farm-Old McDonalds Farm
- 05.25.24 Sensory Trail Opening-Baker Woods Preserve-Natural Bridge
- 05.26.24 Sensory Trail Opening-Redwood Hill Preserve-Redwood
- 05.26.24 Winter Art Club-Art Show-Redwood Hill Preserve-Redwood
- 06.15.24: Sensory Friendly Movie-Inside Out 2
- 06.30.24 + 07.14.24: Baseball with SJ Little League
- 07.22.24: AKB Jefferson Co Starts (6 sessions)
- 08.18.24 Picnic + Volunteer Appreciation-Keewaydin

Ongoing

Open Swim-Mondays 4:30p-5:30p @TICSD when school is in session
Dance-Rhonda's Footeworks
Sound Quest-Music Education Centers of Watertown
Lego Clubs - Cape Vincent, Black River, Lowville, East Hounsfield, Evans Mills, Harrisville
2x a month, Lyme

Memberships/Open POs - Zoo NY, MOST, Dry Hill-Tubing 2024-2025

5) **Other** –

6) **2024 meeting dates, West Room at CCE**

September 9, 2024 NCPPC Family Opportunity Center, Taylor Cunningham
Jefferson-Lewis Childcare Project, Rebranding, Cori Leshner

November 4, 2024 Samantha O’Hearne, CHJC, therapeutic foster care
Jason Stowell, Office for New Americans

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Graf