Foster Grandparents Advisory Council Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: October 19th, 3-4PM

Location: Broome County Library

In Attendance: Nancy Elwood, Richelle Lawrence, Danielle Clemens, Julia Jurena, Robin Alexander, Allie Miller, Laura Stisser

Program Status:

28 Active Grandparents

1 Resigned since June

2 Terminated since June

New FGs/ New Sites:

- 4 new FGs from Orientation in July and October
  - 1 at Jewish Community Center a new site
  - 1 at Woodrow Wilson (Binghamton) a new site
  - 1 at MacArthur (Binghamton) a new site
  - 1 at Donnelly (SV)
- Placed two of our current volunteers at new library sites, the Vestal Library and George F. Johnson library. They will be staying at their school sites as well.
- Currently planning an orientation for end of November/December, with possibly 3-4 participants.
  - 1 has placement at a new site, Family Enrichment at Woodrow Wilson Elementary
- Another participant moved to CR Weeks which we did not have anyone in

Recruitment Efforts

- Robin attended many tabling events during the summer,
  - Recently went to CHOW fest and handed out 5 applications
- Advertising monthly in the senior news
  - Starting a bio of the grandparents each month
- Periodically posting on Facebook as well
- We need FGs for JC school district in Kindergarten
- We struggle with getting applications returned, many seem interested but then do not return them

We discussed a lot about recruitment efforts, Julia recommended that we come speak to her kindship group to try and see if any were interested in joining. Richelle recommended the Children's Fair at Suny Broome.

In-Service Planning

- We are doing a small "food drive" in November where FGs were asked to bring pantry items if they wanted, they will be donated to Catholic Charities
- We are planning on gathering presents for December Inservice to wrap and donate to children. Donating to Catholic Charities for a Boys group home, will have a list of what the boys want.
- In December, instead of a luncheon where we rent out a place, we are combining it with our in-service. We will be having a winter party on December 2nd where we will order Michelangelo's and wrap presents.

Recognition

- We recognized Foster Grandparents for the following:
    - One for 10 years in September
    - Two for 5 years in August
    - Three for 6 months in October
    - Two for 5 years in November

Next Meeting: January 11th 3-4PM