



Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc.

FATHERHOOD DEMONSTRATION PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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FDP YEAR THREE SIX MONTH REPORT

In the first six months of Year Three [September 30, 2009 – March 30, 2009] of the Fatherhood Demonstration Project, four hundred eighteen new clients enrolled in the program. Of those new clients, one hundred and seventy eight were served with a minimum of eight hours of curriculum based marriage enrichment training. This number represents 34% of the annual goal of 500 clients served. In addition, eighty five clients were served with a minimum of eight hours of skill based Economic Stability training which included Goal Setting, Skill Assessment, Adult Continuation Education and Job/Work Readiness Training, Resume Writing and Interviewing Techniques. Enrollment meetings/events, Healthy Marriage and/or Economic Stability workshops will continue at local CEDA Head Start Centers and throughout the Chicago and Cook County. Contact Gerald Hall at gHall@cedaorg.net or Chris Frederick at cfrederick@cedaorg.net or (312) 795-8981 for additional information.

Onward & Upward...



First row l – r: Porsche Drake, Alberta Wells, Ellen McKinney, Gloria Norris, FDP ES Consultant. Second row l-r: Georgia Selmon, CEDA Workforce Development, Gerald Hall FDP Evaluator, Pamela Isaac and Randall Brocks.

FDP CLIENTS COMPLETE CERTIFIED NURSE'S ASSISTANT TRAINING

Congratulations to the following clients for completing the Certified Nurse's Assistant Training at Elim Outreach Training Center located 1820 Ridge Road. Randall Brocks, Porsche Drake, Ellen McKinney and Alberta Wells also completed the Fatherhood Demonstration Project Economic Stability Workshop series. Congratulations to Pamela Isaac for completing Elim's Phlebotomy Certification Training. The newly certified professionals are now participating in job placement activities. Most of the graduates have long term goals of becoming Registered Nurses. Four new FDP clients have registered for the next Certified Nurse at Elim Outreach Training Center which is scheduled to begin on April 7, 2009. There will also be an Enrollment Workshop on Friday, April 17, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Elim Outreach Training Center for those interested in a career in the Nursing.

Economic Stability Success...



Ms. Sharcona Whickum

Ms. Whickum, a parent at CEDA's St. James Head Start in Chicago Heights is on the fast pace to success. She enrolled in the FDP Adult Continuing Education Workshop at the Ford Heights Service Center on January 28, 2009. After completing ten hours of FDP Economic Stability training, Sharcona enrolled in the Unarmed/Armed Security Officer Training at Complete Training Institute located 11302 South Michigan in Chicago. She completed the forty hour training and will receive job placement services upon receipt of the required screenings. We congratulate Ms. Whickum as she continues to achieve her long and short term goals. Sharcona and her fiancé also attended the Healthy Marriage Symposium which was held at the Church of Christ of Chicago Heights on March 14, 2009.

THE NEW CLASS

FDP ECONOMIC STABILITY SUCCESS IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS

The Fatherhood Demonstration Project will conclude the Economic Stability Workshops series at the St. James Child & Family Development Center on April 23rd. Sessions included Goal Setting, ACE and Job/Work Readiness skills. Congratulations to the following clients for completing a minimum of eight hours of training: Jennifer Lebeck, Dustin Lebeck, Chantel Johnson, Monica Johnson, Gloria Broden, Titus Snell, Desiree Dortch, Cassandra Jones, Shawn Taylor, Lera Cook, Nicole Jones, Brian Lott, Albert Jenkins and Raynard Yokely.

HEALTHY MARRIAGE SYMPOSIUM #4 STRENGTHENING COUPLES'



CEDA- Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. held a Healthy Marriage Symposium at the Church Of Christ in Chicago Heights, Il. at 1446 Scott on Saturday, March 14, 2009. The forty-six attendees [11 Couples, 7 men/fathers, and 17 women] whose ages ranged from eighteen to ninety-six, were at various stages of relationship. Three couples were engaged, two were married less than five years and the remaining couples have been married five or more years. Reverend Fred Merriweather [the Pastor of Church of Christ] and his wife, Lydia have been married forty one years. Gerald Hall [FDP Evaluator] ignited the conversation asking the group the definition of "relationships". The discussions and debate heated up with topics such as male/female roles, dating traditions, marital roles and parenting. Gloria Norris, [CEDA FDP Economic Stability Consultant] picked up the discussion and gave an overview of the Economic Stability opportunities the program offers. Following lunch, Chris Frederick [FDP Coordinator] facilitated discussions on topics such as "How to disagree, Fair Fighting and Domestic Violence" The eight hour curriculum based marriage enrichment workshops concluded with a couple who had been married seven agreeing to serve as mentors to an engaged couple. Additional Healthy Marriage Workshops and Symposiums are being requested and scheduled. Contact Gerald Hall at ghall@cedaorg.net or Chris Frederick at cfrederick@cedaorg.net or (312) 795-8981 for addition information.

ECONOMIC STABILITY

WORKSHOPS

HARVEY

ACE/GOAL SETTING/CREDIT REPAIR

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 9:30 AM

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 9:30 AM

Harvey Area Child & Family Development Center

14700 South Wallace

Harvey, Il 60426

(708) 596-4040

CHICAGO HEIGHTS

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 4:00 PM

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 4:00 PM

Joseph Freelon Child Development Center

267 15th Street

Chicago Heights, Il. 60411

CHICAGO HEIGHTS

ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION

Thursday, April 9, 2009 9:30 AM

Thursday, April 16, 2009 9:30 AM

Thursday, April 23, 2009 9:30 AM

St. James Child & Family Development Center

9 West 21st

Chicago Heights, Il. 60411

HOMEWOOD

ENROLLMENT/ACE

Friday, April 17, 2009 10:00 AM

Elim Outreach Training Center

1820 Ridge Road Suite 303B

Homewood, Il. 60430

WANT A NURSING CARRER?



ATTEND THE FREE

FDP ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION ENROLLMENT WORKSHOP

Friday, April 17, 2009 10:00 AM

Elim Outreach Training Center

1820 Ridge Road Suite 303B

Homewood, Il. 60430

(708) 922-9547

ECONOMIC STABILITY WORKSHOPS



FINANCIAL PLANNING
CREDIT REPAIR
BUYING A HOME
STARTING A BUSINESS

FREE GED CLASSES

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GOT A BUSINESS IDEA?



ATTEND THE NEXT

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

WORKSHOP IN CHICAGO AREA

[FIVE CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS]

Types of Ownership
Mission, Vision & Goals
Regulations & Licenses
Marketing & Sales
Basic Business Accounting

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Contact Gerald Hall at ghall@cedaorg.net for additional information.

10TH ANNUAL

MALE SPORTS DAY

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Dino Jump
Sport Lessons
Tricycle Trail
Pony Rides

FOR THE MALE/FATHERS:

Bar B Que Clinic
Reading To Children
Tricycle Trail
FDP Enrollment

Ed Presberry Child & Family Development Center

17542 S. Pulaski [Crawford]

Country Club Hills, Il. 60478

Thursday 05/07/09: 8-3:00



2009 FATHERHOOD AND HEALTHY MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

F E A T U R I N G

**Garrard McClendon, The McClendon Report [CLTV]
The “2009 CEDA Father Of The Year”
Complimentary Continental Breakfast & Lunch
Panel Discussion**

W O R K S H O P S I N C L U D E

**Vander Green “Men positively impacting the lives of young children”
Gerald Hall “Is he/she marriage material?”
Andrew and Terri Lyke “The Village it takes to sustain a marriage”
Andrew Lyke “How to keep your wife as your best friend”
Gloria Norris “Identifying your skills to plan educational and/or career goals”
Dr. George Smith “How decisions in relationships effect children”**

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009 8 AM - 4 PM

**WILLIAM TELL BANQUETS - HOLIDAY INN
6201 JOLIET ROAD
COUNTRYSIDE, ILLINOIS 60525**

REGISTER TODAY

Contact Gerald Hall at ghall@cedaorg.net or Chris Frederick at cfriderick@cedaorg.net or (312) 795-8981 for additional information.

WHO WILL BE THE



2009 CEDA FATHER OF THE YEAR?

Each CEDA Early/Head Start Center has selected a local “**Father of the Year**” to represent their Center. All of these gentlemen and their families will be in attendance at the upcoming Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage Conference on May 2, 2009. One of the local candidates will become the “**2009 CEDA FATHER OF THE YEAR**”. Come and witness the coronation. Submit your registration today for the Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage Conference.

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NOTE: These services are available to all eligible persons regardless of race, gender, age, disability or religion. Participation in program services is voluntary. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families – Office of Family Assistance.

“ALL IN A DAY’S WORK”



The Fatherhood Demonstration Project presented the “ALL IN A DAY’S WORK” Series of Economic Stability Workshops. Forty-Six, FDP clients participated in eight hours of workshops and training including Goal Setting, Adult Continuing Education [Part One], Learning Styles, Skill Assessment, Professionalism, Starting Your Own Business, Credit Repair, Financial Planning, Preparing Job Applications, Communication and Interviewing Techniques. Gerald Hall, FDP Evaluator told the group that the objective of the day was to INFORM, INSPIRE and IGNITE. Gloria Norris, CEDA FDP Economic Stability Consultant, told the clients the principles of goal setting should not be limited to your career. Goal Setting is necessary in every aspect of your life. The workshop was held at Holy Miracle - Christ, The Hope of Glory Ministries, located at 10759 South Michigan in the Roseland area of Chicago. Apostle Patrick Stanton serves as Pastor of the church. The participants were served a continental breakfast and lunch. Many expressed their appreciation for CEDA, the Fatherhood Demonstration Project and the church bringing these workshops to their neighborhood. They requested additional workshops such as computer training and housing information. Contact Gerald Hall at ghall@cedaorg.net or Chris Frederick at cfrederick@cedaorg.net or call (312) 795-8981 for additional information.

INTERESTED IN ENHANCING YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS?

**Register for Computer Training Sessions offered
through our Adult Continuing Education Program.**

INTERESTED IN FURTHERING YOUR EDUCATION OR JOB SKILLS?

**Register at your local CEDA Early/Head Start for the
Adult Continuing Education Program.**

Des Plaines Male-Child Sports Night

Daddy’s Love was definitely on display at the Des Plaines Male-Child Sports Night on February 5, 2009. Twenty nine people attended this special event which encouraged men/fathers to spend an evening bonding with their children in various activities. Looks like we found more than a Few Good Men.

