

Fall 2006

And the surprise guest was.... Mayor Corey Booker

PCCE and the Family Support Organization of Essex County (FSO) teamed up to host a "Back to School Bash" to celebrate the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year. We were extremely grateful to have Newark Mayor Corey Booker come out to offer his support for the success of the two agencies.



As he addressed over 150 parents and children in attendance, he encouraged community teamwork in overcoming any barriers

that may stand in the way of our children receiving the education that they need and deserve. He stressed the importance of youth applying themselves as well as parents supporting their efforts in being successful in life.

Families were entertained by Deliverance on Steel, a full steel drum band and D.J. Rafael. There was food, raffles, and free school supplies for every student in attendance.

PCE Community Camp Fair Shines...even in the rain

It may have been raining outside, but that did not stop over 200 parents and children from attending the fair. Each year in April, PCE hosts a free community summer camp fair. We know that summer camp can be a unique experience for children as well as a vital resource for working parents. We would like to thank

all of the camps for participating and want to extend a special thank you to the following camps for sponsoring at least one PCE youth for a session in their camp: Precious Littles of Newark, St. James Summer Peace Camp, Essex County College Summer Program, Glassroots and Tri-City Peoples Corporation. Thank you for sharing the commitment to the children of our community. See you all next year!

PCE Supports M.O.E.T. Youth

This summer, PCE was a host agency for the Mayors Office of Employment and Training (M.O.E.T.).

Several teenagers were able to gain valuable work experience during the summer months. For 8 weeks, these teens filed, made copies, and shadowed various staff on their day-to-day job responsibilities.

While experiencing the inner workings of our agency, they also received personal mentoring in their interactions with PCE staff. This mentoring was an important part of their overall experience. PCE was grateful to be able to assist these youths and look forward to a continued working relationship with M.O.E.T.

PCE Community Resource Development Grant Awards

Each year, PCE identifies gaps in community resources for children and families and seeks to fill those gaps with unique and innovative programs that are either under-funded or non-existent. We are proud to announce that after an overwhelming response to our request for proposals, the following programs prevailed for 2006-2007 and are in full swing! It should be noted that special emphasis was placed on awarding two grants to support faith-based community programs.

St. James Summer Peace Camp

A part time social worker was hired to incorporate a child's IEP (individualized Educational Plan) in the educational component of an already existing and thriving summer day camp experience.

Deliverance Holistic Care Program

The program funded offers music appreciation through steel drum lessons that not only foster commitment, self esteem, following directions, and coordination, but also family togetherness. The program also has a computer literacy and parenting skills development component.

Urban Care, LLC

This program targets adolescent females transitioning into adulthood by way of group mentoring. Weekly groups assist young females in the areas of self esteem and grooming, verbal and table etiquette, job readiness, cultural experiences and female wellness related topics.

Faithful Inc.-Respite Program

This home health agency will provide an opportunity to increase positive parent-child interactions by sending families on a hotel weekend retreat out of the community. The retreats consist of informational groups, recreational activities, as well as follow up support groups in conjunction with the Family Support Organization of Essex County.

U Are Worthy, LLC - Rites of Passage

This program was funded to allow young boys the opportunity to explore their journey from boys to men through structured workshops, social activities, and cultural events. These young men gain a better knowledge of themselves and the commitment needed to be successful in their families and communities.

Quader's Story

Quader began receiving wraparound services in May 2004. At the time of Quader's referral, he was residing in a shelter and was experiencing such severe behavioral difficulties that he was outreached by the Essex County Children's Mobile Response Service at University Behavioral HealthCare four times in a three day period. The Child and Family Team immediately began to advocate for Quader to be placed in a foster home, as the team strongly felt that Quader needed a family environment to stabilize. Behavioral assistance

services were suggested by the team to address the high levels of oppositional and defiant behaviors.

In July 2004, Quader was placed in the foster home of Ms. Gladys Williams. With the love and support and structure of Ms. Williams' home serving as the foundation, the team was able to begin the wraparound process by putting in-community services in place. During Quader's involvement with PCE, he utilized both in-community (in-home) services and traditional community based outpatient services. Upon his graduation from a daily treatment program, Quader was stepped down to a weekly anger management group which he also successfully completed. The team was able to advocate for a therapeutic school placement in order to support Quader's academic potential. Quader excelled at the school and received much recognition, including being on the honor roll consistently.

Quader was successfully discharged from PCE after achieving all of his identified treatment goals.

Among these goals was to achieve a permanent home for Quader, which the team was able to establish after Ms. Williams agreed to complete the Kinship Legal Guardian Process. The team attributes Quader's success to his personal willingness and dedication to change, his loving caregiver and the consistency of his service providers. One particular service provider, his Behavioral Assistant, Zachary Simmons of Project 99 (pictured above with Quader) worked with Quader during his entire involvement with PCE and had a great impact on Quader. The team also attributes the consistent and strong collaborative efforts between the family, DYFS, Project 99, and Care Manager, Amy Godfrey, as a vital component in helping the family achieve their goals. PCE wishes Quader much success for the future!

