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Health & Welfare

Grant Performance Report

Due by the last day of June of the Granting Year

Date: June 26, 2014

Legal Name of Agency/Organization: United Way of Blair County for Family Resource Center

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Title of Project/Event: Parents as Teachers, Partnering with Teen Parents

Describe the Project/Event and include any media releases/photos (if available)

The Parents as Teachers program at the Family Resource Center enriched its Partnering with Teen Parents Curriculum during home visits and group events with teen parents. This information was noted on the face book pages of the FRC and United Way. Please see the following pictures of home visits and group events with teens and/or their children enjoying things purchased with the grant.



What was the impact of the Health and Welfare grant on your program?

The grant from Health and Welfare allowed us to enrich the home visits and group events with Teen Parents. Each teen parent received several items, they could keep to use in their home including: preschool crayons, markers, scissors, paper, a ball, homemade play dough, ooze and bubbles (staples such as flour, cornstarch, peanut butter, dish soap), and ingredients for cooking experiences on home visits. They also were able to borrow and use newly purchased puzzles, blocks and developmental toys between visits.

How many participants were involved?

Nine teen parents and three staff were involved in the home visits; the same were involved in group events plus five volunteers over the course of the grant period.

What were your collaborative efforts on the project/event?

We received two teen parent referrals, one from Teen ELECT, and the other from another family in the program during the grant period. We also used recipes from a nutrition class previously taught by Judy Wahl from Penn State Cooperative Extension with the parents.

List any additional funds received/needed to complete the project (in-kind)

Other expenses including personnel, mileage, and facility cost were covered using our Family Center Grant from the state.

How did you promote/acknowledge the grant donation from Blair County Health and Welfare?

We announced it on the Family Resource Center and United Way's Face book pages and mentioned it during our Family Resource Center Advisory Committee Meeting and the United Way Board Meeting as well as our community breakfast meeting celebrating family centers in the month of April.

Please share one or more anecdotes and/or comments about your project.

We saw many examples of the parallel development between teen parents and their children during the project. One such example was when children and parents were given markers to keep in their home. At the beginning of enrollment in Parents as Teachers (including this curriculum), parents are given a binder to keep the handouts and information we give them and to journal on the development of their child and any issues that come up. The binder is very generic. Two of the teen parents used the markers to decorate the outside of the journal between visits although the markers were intended to be used for parent-child interaction. We also saw more children's art on refrigerators and were the proud recipients of some of this artwork. Another example was in using the new developmental toys which were lent to families. When asked how he used the blocks which were left at his home, one dad told a story of him and his daughter making tower after tower of blocks and when the little girl's tower was taller, dad pretended to pout so that his daughter would give him a hug. Instead, she knocked hers down and they both laughed. Several parents were very thankful for the additional books they received; generally we give books once a month to families. Teen parents and their children received them at each visit, up to four times per month during the grant cycle.

From the survey that parents completed in early June, most parents gave high scores in areas of comfort with the program, interest from the home visitors, encouragement in reading, goal setting, strengthening the parent-child, parent-parent relationship, and understanding of child development. In addition, some comments related to the question: What about the program is most helpful to me and my family by?

"Helpful tips on being a mom."

"Getting to know other parents and the kids getting to interact with other kids in the program. Also watching my kids develop in new areas."

"It has helped me to teach my children new things and has taught me techniques of encouragement."

"I love this program. I feel it is very helpful and useful. Our visitor is wonderful!"

"It gets my kids ready for school."

Attach a description of your Expense Report for the Project and the expenses utilizing the Grant:

All funds awarded were spent during the course of the grant. Please see the attachment:

FRC@ UW Health and Welfare Partnering with Teen Parents Expense Report.

Health and Welfare Partnering with Teen Parents Expense Report

1/28/2014	Supplies-DSS*	53.99
	Supplies-DSS	4.68
	Supplies-DSS	28.99
	Supplies-DSS	9.85
	Supplies-DSS	2.91
	Supplies-DSS	17.34
	Supplies-DSS	7.99
	Supplies-DSS	8.49
	Supplies-DSS	1.47
30-Jan	Supplies-DSS	13.93
	Supplies-DSS	3.49
	Supplies-DSS	7.98
	Supplies-DSS	1.47
18-Jan	Supplies-Walmart	16.88
19-Jan	Supplies-Michael's	8.46
3/12/2014	Books-PA One Book	25
3/24/2014	Blocks-Ollie's	15.99
25-Mar	Books-Marketplace	178.73
4/3/2014	Puzzles-Gabes	11.63
4/4/2014	Supplies-Walmart	16.69
25-Apr	Supplies-AC Moore	5.25
29-Apr	Puzzles-Gabes	27.51
5/6/2014	Puzzle-Gabes	1.63
5/26/2014	Supplies-Walmart	29.65
TOTAL SPENT:		500

*DSS, Discount School Supplies

A total of \$300 was spent on developmentally appropriate books and toys (such as blocks, puzzles, safety scissors, crayons, and balls) to coach parent-child interaction and increase language and literacy as well as fine and gross motor skills for home visits and group events for Teen Parents.

A total of \$200 was spent on consumable supplies such as paint, paper, healthy ingredients for cooking and nutrition, and ingredients for homemade play dough, bubbles, and ooze experiences for home visits and group events for Teen Parents.