

The Senior Pride

The Peninsula Foster Grandparent Program Newsletter

Quarterly Edition

July 2015

A Word from the Director

Although the FGP Program faced many challenges during the 2014-2015 fiscal year I am excited to share that the program achieved 99.9% of Volunteer Service Years. This achievement is attributed to your commitment and the volunteer station supervisors support of the program. To summarize my report to the FGP Advisory Council included; total stipend paid to volunteers were \$226,241.65 and total volunteer service hours 85,522. To show my gratitude for your accomplishments I want share a group hug and say thank you! My full report will be available by August 30, 2015.

As I reflect back on this past year, I am reminded of an article "How to Reverse A Failure" adapted from the Executive Leadership newsletter. The FGP program is not a failure, however, I will say I have made some decisions...both professionally and personally that tested my leadership.

But because I utilized the recommended steps from the article, ultimately these decisions provided an opportunity to enhance my leadership abilities and skills.

It is my belief that if you experience failure, practicing these steps may offer you success as well.

The article stated, when something fails, follow these steps:

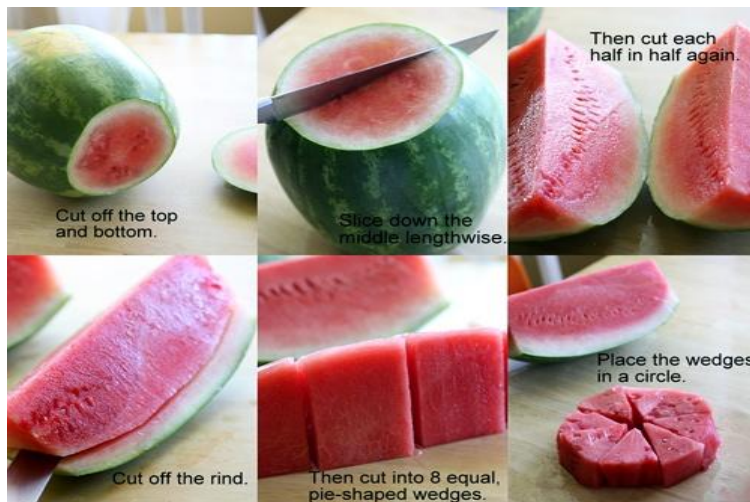
1. *Look in the mirror. Examine what you did. Ask trusted advisors and colleagues to evaluate you. Ask yourself what you should do differently. You may figure out how to improve your own performance, and when other teammates see you looking in the mirror, they may do the same.*

2. *Go right back to work. Jumping back in to planning and preparation creates a framework for moving forward.*
3. *Communicate directly. Ignored, problems won't go away. Consult team members to find out what's going on.*
4. *Seek other leaders on the team. Appealing to people's sense of pride and ownership is a first step in putting things right. Talk to them about how you need their help to correct course.*
5. *Make necessary changes. Small or large, adjustments will have to be made. Take the steps, make the changes, learn the lessons and do better next time.*

Take care and enjoy the summer break,
Jason S. Samuels



Go ahead...have your cake and eat it too!



Energy Assistance (Cooling Component)

Cooling Assistance is a component of the Energy Assistance Program. The program is designed to provide cooling services to low income households when other resources cannot meet those needs.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 17TH.

Payments will be made until funds are depleted. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Must meet citizenship and certain income guidelines.
- Must have at least one household member that is **under age 6 or age 60 years or older, or disabled as defined by social security guidelines.**
- Must have a cooling need.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

- Ceiling, attic, or whole house fan purchase/installation or repair
- Air conditioner purchase (installation or self pick up/installation).
- Repair of central air unit or heat pump.
- Payment of an electric bill to operate cooling equipment.
- Once per lifetime electric security deposit payment.

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Upcoming Meetings/Classes

Peninsula Foster Grandparents Advisory Council

10:00am on October 8th, 2015

Hampton Social Services

Hampton, VA

Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee

The first Monday of every month at 10:00am

Hampton Senior Center

Hampton, VA

Computer Basics - Computer Class

7770 Croaker Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188

757-259-4050

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Starting on July 22, 2015

(FREE)

Asset Based Community Development Training - Summer Sessions

Do you see things in your neighborhood that you would like to see changed but don't know who is a neighborhood leader that can help you? YOU can BE that neighborhood leader. Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is a powerful and inclusive approach to community development.

Applications are being taken for the free summer ABCD workshops that will help you to develop the neighborhood leadership skills needed to promote that change. You can attend either Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at South Morrison Family Education Center at 746 Adams Drive in Newport News, or Saturday, August 8th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1129 33rd Street in Newport News.

Learn how to focus your efforts on discovering and mobilizing the resources that are already present in your community. When people become more productive together - they exercise their power to address problems and realize dreams!

For more information, or to register please contact Traci Snell, Department of Human Services, (757) 369-6808 or tsnell@nnva.gov

**Coming Soon! Coming Soon! Coming
Soon! Coming Soon! Coming Soon**

September 18 , 2015

Annual Foster Grandparent
Program Cookout

October 2015

SALT Conference

November 20, 2015

In-Service Meeting

December 18,, 2015

Winter Recognition

*Your Financial and
Medical Forms
Are Due.*

*Please send them to Gina or contact
her with any concerns you may have.
Thank you!*



May

Cordis Bunch, Donna Dargan, Betty Fox, Cornelia Hobbs, Myrtle Hundley,
Carol Morgan
and Cammie Thomas

June

Dornella Whiting, Janet Stephenson, Cyrena Doles, Mae Elizabeth Hill, Kaye Lockey,
Judith Drew, Helen Williams, Christola Hodge, Vivian Burke,
Claudia Evans-Delora, and Thelma Phillips

July

Dorothy Farley, Brenda Foster, Margaret Foster, Connie Kelley, Vermont Moore, Daniel
Lockey, Jean Neal, Maxine Moody, Hattie Alston, Myrtle Prater, Doris Thornton, Carol
George, Norma Stubbs and Irene Sales



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