



Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc.

FATHERHOOD DEMONSTRATION PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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Year 3 - Volume #2-3

FDP YEAR REPORT – A HUGE SUCCESS

The Fatherhood Demonstration Project enrolled 655 new clients in Year Two. FDP Coordinator, Chris Frederick and FDP Evaluator, Gerald Hall hopes to double that number in year three.

In Year two, seven Healthy Marriage Workshops were provided to eight cohorts that ranged from three to twelve couples. Clients participated in a total of fifty-eight Healthy Marriage Workshops (two hours each). Workshops were facilitated by Healthy Marriage Consultants and/or Facilitators. Fifty seven men and eighty-eight women were served a minimum of eight hours of Healthy Marriage Workshops. Of the clients served, thirty-seven men/fathers and forty-six mothers/females, completed the entire eight week program. In May 2008, one hundred and eighty one people attended the Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage Conference in Tinley Park.

In July, CEDA presented the first Healthy Marriage Symposium. Sixty men and fifty four women were served with a minimum of 8 hours of curriculum based Healthy Marriage training.

The Fatherhood Demonstration Project provided 104 Economic Stability Workshops. The workshops included.

- Goal Setting / Skill Assessment (4 hours)
- Starting Your Own Business (2 hours)
- Job/Work Readiness Skill Building (8 hours)
- Personal Development (2 hours)
- Financial Planning and Credit Repair Seminars (2 hours)
- Computer Skills (8 hours)
- Adult Continuing Education (2 hours)
- GED (3 hours)

In the last six months, forty one clients were served a minimum of eight hours of Economic Stability Workshops. Other clients received other training that ranged from two to six hours. Clients received additional services that included On-the-Job-Internship program or Third Party tuition assistance, so clients can become more economically viable and participate in improving and/or contributing to the development of their community.

- Fifty Three total clients received third party tuition assistance [6 male/fathers and 47 female/mothers].
- Twelve clients participated in the On-the-Job-Internship program [4 male/fathers and 8 females/mothers].
- 31 clients were enrolled for GED of which 6 have received their High School Diploma.



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.

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ECONOMIC STABILITY



OVERVIEW & SIGN UP SESSION PILLARS

Wednesday, December 4, 2008
11:30 AM

**Pillars Child & Family
Development Center**
8020 West 87th Street
Hickory Hills, Il. 60457
(708) 757 - 4555

GED SIGN UP/ TESTING FORD HEIGHTS

Wednesday, December 12, 2008
11:30 AM

Ford Heights- Cottage Grove
1647 Cottage Grove Avenue
Ford Heights, Il. 60411
(708) 757-1393

ENROLLMENT E/S WORKSHOP EVANSTON

Thursday, December 11, 2008
5:00 PM

Evanston/Skokie School District 65
1500 McDaniel Ave
Evanston, Il. 60201
(847) 859-8300

ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION ROBBINS

Thursday, December 11, 2008
10:00 AM

Robbins Head Start
3518 West 139th Street
Robbins, Il. 60472
(708) 597-2500

FATHERHOOD LENDING LIBRARY



Fatherhood Demonstration Project lending libraries are available. Fatherhood library materials include books, DVD's, or videotapes related to Fatherhood, Healthy Marriage, and Economic Stability-Employment. Parents and clients are able to check out materials by signing their name on the book or item card. There are four regional lending libraries located in the following areas:

- **South Region: Ford Heights-Cottage Grove**
- **Southwest Region: Orland Park**
- **West Region: Oak Park**
- **North Region: CEDA Northwest-Mt. Prospect**

ECONOMIC STABILITY WORKSHOPS



**FINANCIAL PLANNING
CREDIT REPAIR
BUYING A HOME
STARTING A BUSINESS**

ghall@cedaorg.net or cfr frederick@cedaorg.net

Publish YOUR Fatherhood & Male Involvement activities and YOUR events in this Newsletter. Email your stories to
ghall@cedaorg.net or cfr frederick@cedaorg.net

Fatherhood Resource Centers:

The National Fatherhood Initiative provided each CEDA Head Start Center with Fatherhood Resource Kiosks. These materials include posters, brochures, CD-ROMs and other materials for men/fathers.

INTERESTED IN FURTHERING YOUR EDUCATION?



**Register for the
Adult Continuing Education Program.**
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2008 CEDA HEALTHY MARRIAGE SYMPOSIUM 2



CEDA- Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. sponsored their second Healthy Marriage Symposium on Saturday, November 8, 2008, 8AM - 5PM at House Of Prayer Church Of God In Christ located at 3535 West Roosevelt Road in Chicago. Participants were given the opportunity to enroll for Healthy Marriage and Economic Stability services. They also participated in lively discussions about Marriage enrichment and communication in relationships. An overview of Economic Stability Services and an Adult Continuing Education Workshop was also given. A continental breakfast and lunch was provided. Other Healthy Marriage Symposiums are also being planned.



WORK/JOB READINESS SKILLS (5 WEEKLY SESSIONS) CHICAGO HEIGHTS

Starts:

Thursday, December 4, 2008

10:00 AM

Joseph W. Freelon

Child & Family Development Center

267 East 15th Street

Chicago Heights, Il. 60411

(708) 757 - 0180

WORK/JOB READINESS SKILLS ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION SIGN UP & ENROLLMENT FORD HEIGHTS

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

11:00 AM

Ford Heights - Cottage Head Start

1647 Cottage Grove Avenue

Ford Heights, Il. 60411

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