

Child Advocates of Blair Co.  
July 2018 Board Report  
Submitted by – Elizabeth Montgomery 7/9/2018  
Teen Link Connection

**Teen Link Connection (HSDF)**

Teen Link continues to accept calls from individuals calling in about pregnant or parenting teens as well as individuals looking for services (shelter, counseling, clothing, etc.). Upon receiving these calls Teen Link will connect them with the most appropriate services to match their need. We will continue to receive Human Service Development Fund money to assist with case management services provided under Teen Link Connection.

Teen Link continues Case Management for a 15 year old who is expecting a son later this year. We meet for weekly parent education home visits, to work on housing applications, and transportation to doctors appointments.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Team (HSDF)**

**Teen Power Day** – Teen Power Day attendance was down this year due to schools preparing for Keystone testing the following week. We will be talking to Penn State and looking at possible dates for moving TPD away from testing time for next year.

**CHOICES** – CHOICES started June 13<sup>th</sup> at Evergreen manors and we have 4 girls participating. Cynthia Estep from Family Services has joined us and addressed the topic of Healthy Relationships with the group, and she will be back soon to talk with them about Bullying. Last week we took a Tour of Pennsylvania Highlands Community College and learned about their facility as well as how to apply for college, where to go to apply and seek financial assistance. Blair Drug and Alcohol will be visiting soon to talk about the many different types of smoking, Alcohol and the effects of both.

**Parent Connection Support Group (BCC&Y)**

I continue to facilitate the Parent Connection Support Group, which meets every other Thursday morning in Tyrone. A light meal and free childcare are provided. We currently have 4 Moms attending this group. These moms express an appreciation for this group and look forward to coming.

I recently received a call from Home Nursing Agency looking for a Parent Connection Support Group in Altoona for a client of theirs. They recommended beginning a group at Cherry Grove housing. I am pursuing this recommendation.

**All STARS (BDAP)**

The next All Stars group will begin in October 2018.

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**Networking (BCC&Y)**

The Networking Program continues to use evidenced based Nurturing Curriculum to provide in-home parent education services to families who express an interest in needing to learn parenting skills, understanding child development, etc. We continue to look for additional community partners and locations to meet with parents. Teen Link Connection is currently serving 7 families. I will continue refreshing brochures and fliers on bulletin boards/racks and with other agencies around the Altoona area as well as participating in any outreach event I can attend.

We have applied for and received an Impact Grant through United Way of Blair County for purchasing supplies for the Networking Program in the amount of \$500.00. These supplies will include items such as: Easy Reader parent curriculum books, pre and post-tests, craft and activity supplies, printing material for brochures, evaluations and test results as well as postage.