

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

Teen Link Connection (HSDF)

Teen Link continues to accept calls from individuals 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 in about a month. 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 – We have begun preparations for Teen Power Day 2019. We are in contact with Penn State Altoona to schedule a date for the week of Spring Break, March 4 – 8. Our plan is to schedule earlier in the year to avoid Keystone Testing, which affects our attendance.

CHOICES – CHOICES ended on August 14th with 3 girls completing the program. The girls participated in several topics throughout the summer including Healthy Relationships, Drug and Alcohol effects and prevention, Mental Health Coping Skills and Positive Citizenship. We are pleased to say that we have already received another grant from OOT for this program!

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. We are in the process of moving our meeting to a new location where we can begin meeting in the evening time in hopes of reaching more parents who normally work during the daytime.

All STARS (BDAP)

The next All Stars group will begin in October 2018.

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 5 families. I continue refreshing brochures and fliers on bulletin boards/racks and with

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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.