

opening FAIRFIELD COUNTY doors

ODFC Economic Security Committee Meeting

December 15, 2016

Meeting Notes: Caitlin Mongillo

1. Introductions

- Debbie Venditti will now work with this group as the Workplace liaison. Debbie has experience working with people with disabilities, transportation and workforce services. She is not as familiar with the homeless and housing lingo, but is excited to learn and help wherever she can.

2. Secure Jobs update

- The celebration last week was extremely successful. Out of the sixteen families who said they would attend, thirteen did. This is about fifty participants, families and friends of participants. Rough estimation is that we had about 80 people at the event all told.

- Positives; acknowledgement of families and their success, venue was beautiful, everyone had a terrific time.

- Things to work on for next year; because people tended to filter in and out, pizza was cold, the lighting in the parking lot was poor and made for a very unsafe situation, there was no signage posted to direct participants to the right building, jobs could have been more regimented for work group members and staff.

- Additions; next year we should prepare goodie bags for children, make signs for direction, and ensure a properly lit parking area.

3. Webinar

- Brief recap of the November webinar; Marcie and Kristina were extremely prepared and gave great info. Other than the technical glitches, things went well. Utilizing Go TO Meeting will be a viable format if we want to do another webinar.

- We plan to hold a brown bag session in early/mid-March on the various programs offered by the Work Place. As we discussed the American Job Center in November, this would be a good next step to build upon. It also will give shelter CMs ideas about what other work force services are out there that they can access.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2017

9:30 to 11:00 AM