



HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EDUCATION:

Early Childhood Education:

- ❖ On Tuesday, September 12, 2017, the Early Childhood Team held a Family Orientation for new and returning families. We were able to share exciting information and news about the upcoming school year. The ECE team also introduced the nutritionist, mental health and nurse consultants who also support our children and families throughout the school year. The event was a great success and we are grateful for the family participation.

After-School & Camp:

- ❖ After-School got off to a great start at PS 134 with several returning after-school staff members and a participant enrollment of 58 %, and an average daily attendance of 82%. After being greeted with a big warm welcome, participants in each group were excited to be back together again in after-school in a new grade, as they spent this first week getting to know each other and creating comfortable and friendly classroom environments through a series of art projects, teambuilding activities and bully prevention strategies. As each after-school group Discussed after-school expectations and set the tone for their classroom by developing their group “promises,” there were some common points of interest: working together as a team; focusing and following directions; maintaining order by assigning seats, buddies and line positions; raising hands and being respectful.
- ❖ This week at PS 20 was filled with warm welcomes, group promises and fun icebreakers as we kicked off our 17-18 startup of after-school. All units got to know their fellow group mates and staff through energizing team building activities such as Balloon Race, Tallest Tower and Hula Hoop Pass. Our older units not only made group names for themselves, but they also played "Human Shapes" where they each spelled out one letter of their group name only using their bodies. Although this first week of after-school was challenging for our new Kindergartners, our staff worked hard to make it a fun and memorable one through circle time and tactile activities such as Block Building and clay hand prints. Our participants also created individual self-portraits as their table mats to give the counselors a sense of who they are and how they perceive about themselves. Lastly, on September 13th at 5:15pm, we had our After-school Parent Orientation where we welcomed the families as well as handed out and reviewed the family handbook with them.
- ❖ This was the first week of the after-school season for the Jacob Riis Cornerstone Community Center. We started the week by welcoming our new, and many returning, participants. As a team, we created our group promises and learned hand signals to communicate non-verbally during quiet activities and homework help. The participants got to know each other over a game of Get to Know You Bingo and created a personal Coat of Arms to show everyone what they like, dislike, and where they come from. We are excited learn more about our participants and begin another adventure at JRC After-School.
- ❖ Here at PS.110 we began our week creating connections amongst the students and staff by participating in team building activities and modeling positive behavior. We currently have 75 out of our 100 students enrolled and are eager to meet new families.

High School & College Success:

- ❖ This week, the MSSC held an 8th grade parent forum regarding the upcoming Citywide Fair and how to approach the HS application process during the school year. The MSSC also began workshops with the 8th graders to have students think about what they want in a high school. This weekend Saturday, the MSSC will be taking students and families to the Citywide HS Fair at Brooklyn Technical HS from 10am-3pm.

- ❖ AGL has come alive and it's great to have students back in the building! Of the 42 Neighborhood Development Area eligible students, we have chatted up 37 of them and have 20 signed & completed consents! Our Freshmen Success students are really excited to kick off programming and start focusing on their target subject!
- ❖ HSS has been hard at work, getting to know all the new freshmen, recruiting for different programs and helping students sign up for clubs. We are looking forward to kicking off six clubs this Tuesday September 19th. Basketball, Cheer-leading and Law are some of our top choices
- ❖ This week at Brooklyn Lab, students started school on Thursday and we had almost 80% attendance on the first day. The community schools team and school staff made phone calls to every student on Wednesday to remind them of the first day of school. Social work interns started on Monday, and the community school team worked on compiling counseling caseloads and kicking off student groups. The team attended their first open house at a local middle school to begin recruitment on Wednesday evening, and the Community School Director will be tabling at the High School fair at Brooklyn Tech this weekend.
- ❖ This week at OCA, we welcomed back our students for a fantastic new school year. Our new social worker, Trina, and our new MSW interns helped facilitate Welcome Back assemblies for each grade and began to meet the students that they will be working with this year as part of our Freshmen Success program. Our team created a wish-list for this school year that students were able to add to during lunch; they shared ideas that they have for this year regarding trips, groups, opportunities and other things they'd like to see at the school. Additionally, Ms. Sho, our college counselor, supported 5 students in attending the first round interview for Posse; they reported that they had a great time, met some new people and felt confident about their performance.
- ❖ This week at OCA was the first full week of school and our Freshmen Success and counseling programs are up and running! All 4 social work interns and Trina, our social worker, began meeting with students this week and building strong relationships. In our college department, we are celebrating the success of 2 students who made it to the second round of Posse! Ms. Sho's hard work in preparing them has paid off and she's continuing to learn more about how to support them at the NACAC conference this week.

Sports and Recreation:

- ❖ This week we are starting Sol Lain Flag football for the 2017 season with our first scheduled tryout. The league, the late Ed Garcia, started Sol Lain many years ago in an effort to give the community youth an alternative for their early Saturday mornings. Tryouts will start at 9AM and will be held at Henry M. Jackson park.

Youth Opportunity Hub

- ❖ We are very excited to announce that 7 of our 9 Youth Hub Social Workers started this week. They will be working with 13-24 year olds at community centers across the Lower East Side.

EMPLOYMENT

Job Essentials Training (JET):

- ❖ On September 14th, Henry Street held its first official job fair at the 301 Gym. There were 308 attendees who were able to interface with staff from various divisions and departments such as Transitional and Shelter Services, the ATTAIN Lab and Afterschool. Encouraged by the successful turnout we look forward to holding another fair in January.
- ❖ With over 5 years' experience as a housekeeper for a private family, S.L. wanted to find an opportunity in hospitality as a Room Attendant. A friend referred her to JET, where she received interview coaching and assistance updating her resume. Member interviewed with two hotels including The Rivington Hotel and after a second interview, they were offered a position as a room attendant and began working on September 14th. Congrats, S.L.!
- ❖ T.Y. came to JET seeking help to find work in hospitality. With over 10 years of strong, solid work experience that includes Housekeeping and Food Services, member was an awesome candidate for one of our hotel opportunities. She needed a little coaching and help updating her resume. She interviewed with Best Western Hospitality House and received an offer to work as Breakfast Attendant and Housekeeper. The team at Best Western liked her so much that they hired her without the required food handler's license and will help her to obtain it.

Young Adult Internship Program (YAIP):

- ❖ This week at YAIP, our first 19A intern was offered a position at their worksite! Selena Mestizo came to YAIP shy and discouraged about her future. She was struggling to break into the job market with such little experience. After consistent support from her case managers and worksite supervisor, she has had an incredibly successful last 4 weeks at Arlo Hotel through Superior Cleaning. She received great mid-evaluation reviews from her supervisor and used the opportunity to ask about open positions. Her supervisor was impressed with her skill and dedication and offered her a job at \$16/hour, 40 hours a week, with a monthly metro card and options for medical insurance. Selena is very excited about the offer, and staff are working on the details for what the transition from YAIP to full time employment would look like.
- ❖ This week YAIP Partnered with Sephora to host Classes for Confidence which is a Beauty workshop where participants are taught how to wear make up in the workplace. 6 YAIP participants attended the workshop at the 34th street Flagship location store along with their advisor Maria Scazzero where for most of them for the first time learned how to wear mascara and eye shadow. After the workshop the women reported truly feeling their best and ready to enter the workplace.
- ❖ This week at YAIP two of our intern's Hannah and Jasmine help to curate a Fashion Show at their worksite Fashion Diaries. The intern's along with their supervisor put this amazing project together within two weeks. The Fashion Show had over 60 models in it and featured designs from a Project Runway Junior contestant. One of the intern's Jasmine did the make up for some of the model's given her passion and talent. Her lifelong dream is to have her own make up line and is pursuing a career at Sephora.

English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education:

- ❖ The Pre-HSE and HSE classes continued their weekly subject cycles and included topical discussions of hurricanes in the science segment. The ESL Basics classes focused on housework and cleaning supplies and read a fun story about a woman who refused to do housework until her children agreed to help her. The ESL-Job Readiness 1 class practiced vocabulary and responding to interview questions. The ESL-Job Readiness 2 class did a great job in their final mock interviews and had their end-of-class potluck.
- ❖ The PreHSE and HSE classes continued their cycle of subject-matter studies. And we found out three students passed the TASC test. Congratulations! The ESL Basics classes finished their unit on housework and began learning about places in the neighborhood. The students wrote sentences about the location of places in our classroom neighborhood created from pictures. The ESL-Job Readiness 1 class practiced searching for jobs and attended the job fair held at 301 on Thursday. The ESL-Job Readiness 2 class started its new cycle this week and began with introductions. The students brainstormed common getting-to-know you questions and then interviewed each other in pairs, and also learned about interview do's and don'ts.

Summer Youth Employment Program:

- ❖ This summer 1,948 participants were placed at SYEP worksites throughout NYC. Of these participants, 1,837 posted hours at their prospective sites. Additionally, 57 participants were hired as permanent employees at their SYEP worksites. As SYEP has now come to a close, the Worksite and Participant applications for our Work, Learn, Grow Program, also known as WLG, are projected to be released Monday, October 2nd. Any SYEP 2017 participant interested in expanding their resume is encouraged to apply!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| ❖ Sep 20 th | Parent Orientation | PS 110 |
| ❖ Sep 22 nd | ESL and HSE Enrollment/Orientation | 99 Essex |
| ❖ Sep 25 th | Parent Orientation | PS 134 |
| | Sol Lain Park Ribbon Cutting at 1pm | Sol Lain Park |
| ❖ Sep 28 th | Family Night (Chancellor Farina will be attending at OCA) | OCA, BLS |
| ❖ Oct | Freshmen Success Kickoff at BBQs | AGL |
| ❖ Oct 5 th | Youth Opportunity Hub Convening | YOHUB |
| ❖ Oct 7 th | Sol Lain Begins | Sol Lain Park |
| ❖ Oct 9 th | Holiday Camp – Columbus Day | PS 134 |
| ❖ Oct 19 th | Sephora Workshop | YAIP |
| ❖ Oct 23 rd | Domestic Violence Awareness Events | TBD |
| ❖ Oct 26 th | Lights on After-School | All AS sites |

RESOURCES

Important Calendars:

[ATTAIN Lab September Calendar](#)

[DOE School Calendar](#)

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

Leadership

- [The Support Center](#)

Workforce Development

- [WPTI | TRAINING Retention Strategies that Get Results -](#)
- [WPTI | TRAINING Facilitation Essentials -](#)
- [WPTI | TRAINING Performance-Based Contracts -](#)
- [WPTI | TRAINING Employer Engagement: Securing Quality Job Leads and Making Placement Outcomes -](#)

Education

- [Preparing Families for the First Day of School - Webinar Training for staff working with homeless families -](#)
- [Early Childhood Webinars –](#)
- [New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute -](#)
- [Partnership for Afterschool Education -](#)
- [Goddard Riverside Options Institute -](#)
- [NCAN Advisors Toolbox –](#)
- [The IEP in Parts – A Guide to Components of the IEP](#)

Interesting Reads

- [Answering the Big Questions of Higher Education:](#)
- [Compare the States: Explore five sortable tables to learn how the states and the District of Columbia compare in terms of their demographic challenges, the educational level of their residents, faculty pay, college enrollment, tuition costs, and much more.](#)
- [Social and Emotional Learning: A Policy Vision for the Future -](#)
- [Mental-Health Issues in Students:](#)
- [Paper Thin: Why All High School Diplomas Are Not Created Equal -](#)
- [Race to Lead - Confronting the Nonprofit Racial Leadership Gap](#)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- [ICE Raids Toolkit:](#)
- [A Comprehensive LGBTQ Resource List -](#)
- [Unrealized Impact The Case for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion -](#)
- [Undoing Racism Training -](#)
- [Understanding the impact of your curriculum on student learning -](#)
- [Teaching Tolerance - School Climate Resources –](#)
- [What Do I Need to Know if DACA Ends?](#)
- [Ten Ways to Fight Hate](#)
- [The Charlottesville Syllabus](#)

****Featured Tool/Resource(s) of the Week:**

[Work Hacks](#)

[Udemy](#) – Online Classes, there are plenty that are free.