

# Happenings with the Edina Resource Center



The Edina Resource Center has helped clients find resources in many areas such as city and community information, financial assistance, education, housing, food, child care, crisis information, family and individual support, health care, transportation, legal.



The Edina Resource Center works to refer families and individuals to CAPSH for Energy Assistance with their bills during the months of October - May. The Edina Resource Center also works to refer families and individuals to CAPSH for tax assistance, legal assistance as well as other needs they may have.



The Edina Resource Center partnered with the YMCA and The Edina Challenge, a program of Edina Community Foundation, to provide families with a week of low-cost youth programming over the summer. We have more than tripled the amount of students from 2014 to 2016.



The Edina Resource Center partnered with Normandale Center for Wholeness and Healing to write and administer the ACT on Alzheimer's grant. We conducted a community assessment and worked as a collaborative group to develop action items for the next phase of the grant. We will be focusing on Dementia Friends sessions and caregiver supports in the next year.



The Edina Resource Center partnered with Edina Give and Go to provide summer enrichment opportunities to students who would not otherwise participate due to financial restrictions. We have more than doubled the amount of students that participate in the program from 2014 to 2016.



Edina Resource Center partners with VEAP's Back to School Program. The VEAP Back to School Program provides students with the school supplies necessary to begin the year prepared to learn.



Each year VEAP offers a holiday toy program designed to help parents of low-income families provide stable and positive holiday memories for their children. The Edina Resource Center and other City of Edina locations were drop off sites to collect toys.



Each year the Edina Resource Center works with the school social workers to help disseminate information to the students that are in need of resources. The social workers are an integral part in connecting students and families to resources.



The Edina Resource Center and the Edina Public School District Volunteer Program worked with 3 elementary schools to provide volunteers so that students had a place to go to complete homework and get the help they needed. Students learn to be Creators, Responsible, Effective Communicators, and Well-Rounded learners.



The Edina Family Center has been working with the HUG program which stands for Helping Us Grow. They offer home visits and one-on-one time with a licensed Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) specialist, current information on community resources, parenting and brain-based learning, opportunities to connect with other parents and families with newborns from our community, a “Welcome New Baby” gift and much more!



The Edina Resource Center works with the Edina Rotary Club to provide families in need over the holidays with Thanksgiving Day baskets. This is a joint effort where school social workers help to identify families in need for the donated baskets from the Edina Rotary Club.



The Edina Resource Center is a part of the Regional Recovery Group through Hennepin County where we talk about resources available to our community in the event of a disaster. We talk about having a plan on how we respond in times of need on a long-term basis in the event of a tornado, flood, etc.



We address the needs of the community and what we can do as a resource to help our community through the Tri-City Partners. The purpose of meetings is to provide collaborative leadership across Bloomington, Richfield and Edina and advise work direction. It is an opportunity to learn what needs are in our communities and different ways we can help.



We work with the Edina Community Foundation with the Edina Challenge. In particular the Ready, Set, Connect and The Last Mile. Ready, Set, Connect is a program to reach out to families in need and communicate the available options of financial assistance in our community. The Last Mile helps students prepare for College.



Coordinated efforts to have food packs go home on the weekend to students that are in need of food over the weekend and elect to receive this service. The Sheridan Story serves students in Creek Valley, Cornelia, Countryside, Concord and Highlands. VEAP serves students at Normandale, South View, Valley View and the Edina High School.