



Activity Report for Concord
Fiscal Year 2019 * July 2017 – June 2018
Town Appropriation Request: \$1200

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that make for strong women, supported families and safe homes. Umbrella operates 4 multi-faceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

The Advocacy Program is an essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. The Advocacy Program meets the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventive programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent and healthy relationships. In 2019, 569 individuals received direct advocacy, 27 adults and 26 children were sheltered for a total of 2,654 bed-nights, and 330 adults and 3,207 youth were reached at 150 prevention programming events.

Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC) is a community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and southern Essex counties. KCCC is responsible for helping families find and pay for high-quality childcare services while also increasing the availability and quality of child development services through professional development opportunities and targeted programmatic supports. In 2019, 759 families were connected with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program.

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. In 2019, the Family Room helped 101 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent. Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

Cornucopia is a culinary arts job-training program for women with barriers to employment. This 14-week program introduces women to the culinary arts through the preparation and packaging of Meals-on-Wheels for Newport area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with local businesses that fit their individual strengths and interests enabling them to achieve economic self-sufficiency. In 2019, Cornucopia empowered 12 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training and produced over 30,615 meals nutritionally-balanced meals to homebound, Newport-area seniors and 2380 meals at its weekly community meal site.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 50 households in Concord were served by Umbrella in 2018 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Concord's support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochran
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