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School Readiness School Readiness activities kept staff busy this past spring and summer. The primary focus was on the school-parent connection, Head Start's PFCE (Parent Family Community Engagement) framework.



1. YVY's School Readiness Task Force meets to discuss YVY's own PFCE framework.
2. YVY once again hosted the Head Start School Readiness Cluster Meeting. The topic: How Parent, Family and Community Engagement Support School Readiness.
3. YVY federal Family Workers' PFCE training.
4. Jill Resnick, NYC Department of Education Family Engagement Specialist, visited YVY Silver Lake II to discuss their techniques and approaches for engaging families in connection with the DOE's new Family Engagement Framework. SLII was one of only three programs chosen to host the visitor.
5. Family Workers were trained in the Child Plus software, which will help with PFCE record keeping, by YVY IT Specialist Leibel Weinstock.
6. Training in the CLASS assessment system, provided by the NYS T&TA Center, hosted by YVY.
7. YVY ACS Family Worker's PFCE training ended with a farewell to YVY's long-time Deputy Director of Social Services, Bassie Morris, who is retiring.

Financial Literacy

YVY is committed to helping parents achieve financial independence. YVY hosted a tax preparation workshop this spring. In addition, workshops during the last few months addressed different aspects of financial literacy.



1. Saving money by learning to do easy mending. 2. Bezalel Levy leads a workshop on budgeting skills. 3. Rabbi Yaakov Nussbaum of Mesila Lakewood leads a financial literacy workshop.

Parent Activities

YVY parents attended a wide range of activities these past months.



1. Parent CPR class. 2. Mirko Cavar, Physical Activity Consultant from Head Start/Body Start, led a special Health and Physical Activity Workshop for fathers and sons from YVY We Care Early Head Start. 3. Michelle Meiri, chiropractor and clinical nutritionist led a workshop on What Should I Eat? 4. From Core to Core with Rochel Lieberman, MA CC-SI, teaching effective advocacy techniques. 5. Baking workshop. 6-8. Collaborations with Ezra Medical Center: Drs. Sandra Petty and Robert Kadat, pediatricians at Ezra, presented. 8. Make your own necklaces. A young YVY child models a headband created by her mother. 9. Weekly July crochet club.

Staten Island

YVY Silver Lake parents, both dads and moms, participated in many different activities.



1. YVY Silver Lake Family Worker Andre Harrison pictured here with his son and the press release for his recently-released book, A Fatherless Father to his Sons. Andre runs the successful fathers' group at Silver Lake Head Start. 2-3. Baking activity (left) and apron making (right) at YVY Silver Lake.