



Happy Mother's Day to ALL the Great Moms Out There!

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MESSAGE FROM YOC DIRECTOR, NICK DIGIAMMO

YOUTH SERVICES WAS OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO HOST A TRAINING TO MPPTI GRANT FUNDED COMMUNITIES AND PROVIDERS WHO SUPPORT PARENTS UNDER 25. THE TRAINING CONTENT WAS REGARDING ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR AGENCIES WORKING WITH PREGNANT OR PARENTING YOUNG ADULTS UNDER THE AGE OF 25. YOUTH SERVICES SPOKE TO THE VALUE OF ENGAGING CLIENTS, SOLICITING FEEDBACK, AND EMPOWERING YOUTH VOICE WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND ELEVATING THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE FEEDBACK TO SERVICES OFFERED, POLICIES, AND LEGISLATION THAT AFFECT THIS DEMOGRAPHIC. THE PROGRAM HAD OVER 30 ATTENDEES, INCLUDING TWO MEMBERS OF YOUTH SERVICES LOCAL YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD. PROGRAMS WERE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON HOW TO ENCOURAGE CLIENT FEEDBACK FROM ALL LEVELS, STARTING WITH SIMPLY WHETHER OR NOT THE AGENCIES HAD POLICIES IN PLACE TO ENGAGE YOUTH, TO RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES, AND ALL THE WAY UP TO DEVELOPING A YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD.

Here's an overview of the training's Power Point: [Parents Under 25 - Elements of an Advisory Board 1.pptx](#)

An Upcoming Event

YAB CLOTHING DRIVE

See link: [Thrift Donations.png](#)

'ALL STAFF DAY' 5/21/25

Congrats: Mao Kang and Megan Riley for 5-year employee recognition. To, Mao for "Calmer of Storm" recognition, and to our amazing "Manager of the Year," Nick DiGiammo, and last but not least, Rookie, "Rock Star" of the Year, Maria Zaroulis. Congratulations to all you at CTI and YS for your dedication and commitment.

Mother's Day, [holiday](#) in honor of mothers that is celebrated in countries throughout the world. In its modern form the holiday originated in the [United States](#). It was established by [Anna Jarvis](#), who sought to honor her own mother. The first Mother's Day church service was held in 1908. The day became a national holiday six years later, and it is observed on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day is celebrated with cards, flowers, and [family](#) dinners, among other activities.



[The founder of Mother's Day](#) Anna Jarvis, c. 1900s.

[Family | Definition, Meaning, Members, Types, & Facts | Britannica](#)

STAFF BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Mu!



Case Manager, Housing and Homeless Services

"I dunno about you, but Mu is feeling 22, " 🥳🎉 ~ Maria Z.

"Closer to pushing 30 LOL," ~Mu Paw

SOME PROGRAM UPDATES!

YFF Butterfly Place/ Field Trip!

Meet Zoraida Lopez, Lead Youth Family Foundation



Case Manager.

"The fieldtrip was part of a Mother's Day celebration. It was a parent-child bonding event. One of many events that occurs year-round. " ~ Zoraida "



HOUSING TEAM: Congratulating YYA in their success!

Macy

Jhostin

PreYelle



(All 3 housed with our assistance including funds, ~Ciara Ssekiziyivu).

someone interested in getting connected that is between the ages of 16-24? click on this link and fill out the form, Youth Services Connection Request:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/communityteamwork1/youthservicesconnectionrequest>

Check us out on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/communityteamwork/>

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