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Camden County Council for Young Children

# October 2015 CCCYC Calendar

October 1	Staff meeting
October 12	Columbus Day (OFF)
October 13	CCCYC Meeting 5:30pm
October 15	Statewide Reginal Meeting
October 28	Traveling Health Fair
October 31	Truck or Treat Event

\*\*\*Calendar Subject to Change\*\*\*

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## Overview of Activities as of October, 2015

Camden CCYC (CCCYC): The CCCYC has developed great partnerships with agencies that have the same mission and has taken a stand for families in the County of Camden here are some to name a few:

- Department of Children (Sister Donna Minster)
- Southern New Jersey Perinatal Corporative (Barbara May)
- Center for Family Services Head Start (Marilee Rotulo)
- Hispanic Family Center (Amber Oakley and Adonis Banegas)
- Clementon Family Success Center (Nicole Shepherd)
- Family Support Organization (Cathy Birmingham)
- Cooper Hospital CARES Institute
- United Way
- YMCA Camden and Burlington Counties
- We have met with our leadership committee which consist of Camden County Department of Children Services, Southern New Jersey Perinatal Corporative and JANUS Solutions on March 17<sup>th</sup> we are all in agreement with representing the Camden County Covenant for Children, Youth and Families which consist of three parts: 1) Early Childhood Success, 2) Positive Youth Development and Strong Transition to Adulthood and 3) Strong Families Strong Communities.
- The Camden County Council for Young Children hosted its first event “Women’s History” celebration on March 31, 2015. We had a total of 13 people to come out and support this great event. Ms. Edna Davis, the speaker, showed a video and lunch was served. It was very educational and a great learning experience.
- The second event was the Camden County Fun Fair which brought together over 55 community resources to one place. The event was hosted at Campbell’s Field to bring families to have fun and to access resources. Even though the weather was a bit cold the hearts of the community was very warm. Over 350 families attended and participated in the festivities. The County Freeholder Liaison for Human Services and other



dignitaries attended along with representation from the State Department for Children & Families.

The first CCCYC meeting was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. A total of 9 participants were in attendance. The highlight of the meeting that provoked much discussion was the showing of the "Raising of America" video. The council then proceeded to determine the next steps necessary to correlate work of the council to align with the documentary.

- During the month of May, the council planned for the "Raising of America" video with a targeted group of viewers in partnership with the Camden County Department for Children. This showing was hosted on June 29<sup>th</sup> at a local restaurant, CK Café. The CK Café is run by Cathedral Kitchen a non-profit that feeds hundreds of meals daily to the homeless and community. The Camden County Freeholder Liaison, Carmen Rodriguez led the charge in setting the tone for the event. Advocates for Children, and Parents Anonymous, NJ were represented and shared information and resources relating to the screening. Invited guests were able to view the Raising of America trailer and have a panel discussion on how the changing of policies and strengthening of communities can transform the life outcomes for children and families.
- In July, the CCCYC participated in many outdoor events such as Traveling Health Fairs sponsored by the Southern NJ Perinatal Corporative, Lindenwold Kids Rock, SJ Caribbean Festival, and multiple visits to Family Success Centers all over the county. The CCCYC attended and participated in the full Community Parent Advisory Meeting.
- In the Month of August trainings and meetings were conducted: Camden Healthy Start Community Action; CCCYC meeting on 8/11. As a result of the 8/11 meeting, three male parents decided they wanted to implement the 24/7 Dads curriculum through the CCCYC. They were excited and wanted to emphasize what it takes to go from being a "good dad to a great dad." Each participant at the meeting also filled out the CCCYC orientation package. The CCCYC Coordinator also participated in other recruitment activities and outdoor events such as Fairview Community day and Building Bridges Family Success Center Back to School Resource Fair.
- In September, the CCCYC Project Coordinator attended the Community Linkage Meeting, where a large number of the community agencies get together to tell what their agency does and how the community can be involved. The CCCYC Project Coordinator also sits on the advisory board for Improving Pregnancy Outcomes, the Parent Advisory Board, and the South Jersey Pediatrics Network. The CCCYC continues to participate and as a part of the network of community agencies serving children ages 0-8 and to and share our information. Other outings scheduled this month include participation and recruitment activities at the Sambulance Squad in door Water Park and Dad's take your children to School events.

Camden Collaboration PRESENTS

# Trunk or Treat

31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

3PM - 7PM

LOCATION: TBA

CALLING ALL  
BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS & RESIDENTS!!!

*Do You Want To Be Apart  
Of A Safe Event For Our Children!?*

*Decorate Your Car & Pass Out Candy &  
Have Some Fun!?*

*Then Join Us For Our Very 1st Trunk  
Or Treat In Camden, NJ!*

*All Are Welcome To Join Us!*

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Camden Healthy Start presents

# WELLNESS: *a family affair*

October 28

**Better Tomorrows**

*servicing Roosevelt Manor/ Morgan Village  
8th & Ware Streets, Camden*

**3 pm-6 pm**

- Health Agency Tables
- Social Service Agency Tables
- Arts & Crafts
- Health Screenings
- Line Dancing
- Exercise
- Scavenger Hunt
- Raffles
- Prizes
- Refreshments

**FREE!**

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