



EmPoWER Somerset and Pioneer Family Success Center ribbon cutting ceremony



24 people were certified as Mental Health First Aid instructors through a new initiative launched in 2018

OUR STAFF

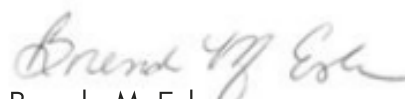


Top (L-R): Katie Hoben, Abena Dakwahene, Ellen Dazet, Jessica Dale, Bethzabe Fernandes, Kaitlyn Bedard | Bottom (L-R) Cheryl Rinaldi, Brenda Esler, Timothy Wolf, Kim Petro-Orlik

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present EmPoWER Somerset's 2018 Annual Report in reflection of many important milestones within the last year! We relocated to a beautiful new space in the Post Office Plaza building at 50 Division Street in Somerville. At the same time we also celebrated a program re-branding with the *Pioneer Family Success Center*. We are grateful for the continuing support and contributions of our caring staff, EmPoWER Somerset Board of Directors, Family Success Center Parent Advisory Board, EmPoWER volunteers and community partners. It was wonderful to celebrate with so many of you at our official ribbon cutting and open house. The year concluded with another exciting initiative adding Mental Health First Aid with a special focus on youth and veterans through a new federal grant. It is a privilege to serve the community together and we look forward to our continued partnership in the years to come!

Sincerely,



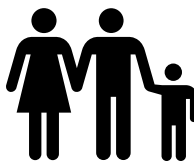
Brenda M. Esler
Executive Director



573

PROGRAM HOURS = 191 WEEKLY SESSIONS
OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS

460 YOUTH & ADULTS



PARTICIPATED

52 VETERANS



PARTICIPATED



Conducted a drug prevention survey in a local school district for the **first** time



Partnered with a local school to implement a **new** policy requiring parents to read an opioid statement before student-athlete participation



26,836

Individuals were impacted through Safe Communities Coalition prevention environmental strategies such as media platforms, policy changes, and community events

*This section highlights the accomplishments of the reach of the Somerset County Safe Communities Coalition, of which EmPoWER Somerset is a managing partner organization.

PIONEER
Family Success Center

717

1,060



INDIVIDUALS WERE SERVED
THROUGH PROGRAMS OR

**RECEIVED
GUIDANCE TO
RESOURCES IN
THE COMMUNITY**

FAMILIES

attended
Family Fun
Night events



2,766

STUDENTS SERVED IN
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMS

295



STAFF MEMBERS IMPACTED THROUGH
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMS

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