



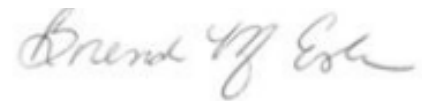
Empower Somerset was honored to receive a Resolution from the our Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders commemorating the organization's 45 years of service to the community.

(L-R): Carolann DeMatos, Brenda Esler, 2019 Freeholder Director Brian D. Levine, Doris Zampella, Phil Decker, Daniel Puntillo

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present EmPoWER Somerset's 2019 Annual Report in reflection of many achievements over the last year. We celebrated our 45th anniversary with a ceremonial resolution presented by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders. We are proud to have trained over 300 people in Mental Health First Aid in 2019, and look forward to continuing this important education. The year concluded with the addition of an exciting initiative called S-BIRT, Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment, an effective prevention strategy to discover risky behaviors early. We look forward to partnering with health and education professionals in the community to expand this practice. We are so grateful for the continued support and contributions of our caring staff, EmPoWER Somerset Board of Directors, Family Success Center Parent Advisory Board, EmPoWER volunteers and our many community partners. We are excited to share our memories and achievements from 2019 and look forward to continuing to serve the community in 2020!

Sincerely,



Brenda M. Esler
Executive Director



Youth Advisory Board student leaders testified at a NJ Department of Health public health hearing in Trenton on encouraging a ban on flavored e-cigarette products that appeal to youth.

(L-R): Daniel Duncan, Nicole Villegas, Siddharth Vechem



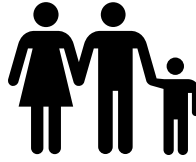
Standing (L-R): Tim Wolf, Kristen Schiro, Katie Hoben, Cheryl Rinaldi, Josh Wolf, Aarti Patel, Jennifer Gomez
Seated (L-R): Kim Petro-Orlik, Brenda Esler, Ellen Dazet, Bethzabe Fernandes, Jessica Dale



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WEEKLY SESSIONS
OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS

619
**YOUTH &
ADULTS**



PARTICIPATED

75
VETERANS



PARTICIPATED



27 Mental Health First Aid Trainings, including:



2 Adult Trainings, 2 Veteran Trainings



21 Youth Trainings, 2 Facilitated in Spanish

309



**PARTICIPANTS WERE
TRAINED THROUGH MENTAL
HEALTH FIRST AID**

PIONEER
Family Success Center

276

1,119



INDIVIDUALS WERE SERVED
THROUGH PROGRAMS OR

**RECEIVED
GUIDANCE TO
RESOURCES IN
THE COMMUNITY**

FAMILIES

attended Family
Fun Night
events



4,228

STUDENTS SERVED IN
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMS

607



STAFF MEMBERS IMPACTED THROUGH
SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMS

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD

Margaret Brown-Stansbury
Wade Fritzinger
Beth Kavanaugh
Isbael Lacouture

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Phil Decker
Carolann DeMatos
Joseph Esposito
Marcie Fiorentino
Gabriela Gomes
Janet Kuebler
Dan Puntillo
Shubha Ramaswamy
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Scott Torgrimsen
Doris Zampella

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