



**THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK  
FALL NETWORKING MEETING  
AGENCY INFORMATION**

**10/9/09 Meeting**

**A Safe Place**

24-hour Hotline: 603.436.7924  
Administrative Office Line: 603.436.4619  
Rochester, NH  
24-hour Hotline: 603.330.0214  
Salem NH,  
24-hour Hotline: 603.890.6392  
24-hour TOLL FREE (in NH) Helpline: 1.800.854.3552

**Website:** [www.asafeplacenh.org](http://www.asafeplacenh.org)



**The Adult Learner Services Program of Rockingham County**

The Adult Learner Services Program of Rockingham County offers adults free, confidential, one-to-one and small group instruction in basic reading, math, writing, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and preparation for the high school equivalency exam (GED). Volunteer tutors receive training, materials and ongoing support as they work in partnership with their students to reach individual educational goals. Customized small group instruction can be arranged where there is a need in the community

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Adult Learner Services Coordinator

Tuck Learning Campus

30 Linden Street

Exeter, NH 03833

tel (603) 775-8458 fax (603) 775-8430 [www.sau16.org/adult.htm](http://www.sau16.org/adult.htm)

**The Chase Home for Children**

*The Chase Home for Children* is licensed by the State of New Hampshire to provide residential treatment services for a maximum of twenty-five male and female adolescents who, for a variety of reasons, cannot live at home. Residential Treatment Services include behavior modification interventions; individual, family and group therapy; psycho-educational groups, family outreach; educational services; and, independent living skills building. Other program components include art, photography, computer skills, and woodworking as well as a Ropes Course (lower elements) located on the grounds.

The length of stay for residential services varies according to individual needs. Traditional placements average 6 months. Emergency placements range from a 24 hour stay up to 2 or 3 weeks. Regardless of the type of placement or length of stay, all residents are fully integrated in the program.

As an Intermediate Level Residential Treatment Program, *The Chase Home* focuses on community based treatment. As such, all residents attend public school and receive therapy and medical services in the community. Residents also participate in recreational and cultural activities and are volunteers and/or employed in the community.

The fundamental principles of The Chase Home philosophy are based on respect, responsibility and community and the belief that children and adolescents need a positive and structured environment that fosters behavioral changes needed to maintain appropriate and safe behaviors in the community. The program strives to help each resident improve self-esteem and increase self-reliance.

The Chase Home has broadened its array of services and now offers **Intensive Family Collaboration (IFC)** which combines a short term (up to 45 days) residential stay with a 4 to 5 month aftercare component. The goal of IFC is to assist the family in managing the family's stress and facilitate connections to community supports which will enable the child to be maintained in a safe and stable family environment after the conclusion of IFC. While participating in IFC, residents may take full advantage of all programmatic activities of The Chase Home including participation in group work and cultural and recreational events.

Laurie Liskow [lliskow@chasehome.org](mailto:lliskow@chasehome.org)

698 Middle Road \* Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801 \* Phone 436-2216 Fax (603) 431-5147

### **Child and Family Services**

**Early Supports and Services:** Provides family-centered early supports and services and therapies to infants and toddlers (birth to three) who have developmental disabilities, developmental delays or who are at risk of developmental delays. Services are provided in the child's natural environment.

Areas Served: Eastern Rockingham County/Region VIII

Call 772-3786

**Healthy Families:** A home visiting program for low income pregnant women. A team of nurses, social workers, developmental specialists and home visitors provide a wide array of services to families to ensure good prenatal care, successful birth outcomes, positive early parent/child relationships and optimal early childhood developmental outcomes.

Areas Served: Rockingham County, Exeter office, 772-3786; Derry office, 432-8362

**Family Counseling Program:** Therapeutic counseling for children, youth and adults, couples and families. Help with child behaviors, problems in school, divorce, step-family adjustment, family violence, relationship conflicts, emotional complaints, stress, self-defeating behaviors, addictive behaviors, loss and trauma, anxiety, phobias, compulsions. Offers a full program of family life education groups. Exeter office 772-3786 Portsmouth office 433-3109

**Pregnancy Counseling:** Confidential counseling for those who seek help in making informed decisions about their pregnancy.

Exeter office, 772-3786

Portsmouth office, 433-3109

### **Teen Services**

**Transitional Living Program:** A 12-18 month program that provides supportive housing and support services to young people, ages 18-21 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The program is designed to support self sufficiency and reduce the risk of future homelessness. Location- Dover, call 603-828-8091.

[www.cfsnh.org](http://www.cfsnh.org)

### **Community Child Care Center of Portsmouth**

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS NOW AT PORTSMOUTH AND GREENLAND LOCATIONS.

Founded in 1967, Community Child Care Center of Portsmouth is a non profit organization that provides child care, early education and before & after school programming to 275 children living in the seacoast New Hampshire area. Located in the Community Campus, West Road, Portsmouth, the Center is committed to giving priority to families in need. Community Child

Care Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, *the Mark of Quality*. For more information, visit [www.communitychildcarenh.org](http://www.communitychildcarenh.org). Save the Date: **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-6PM** is our annual Open House and Scholastic Book Fair with special guests: Commissioner of Education Dr. Virginia Barry, Portsmouth Mayor Tom Ferrini, and Portsmouth Superintendent Ed McDonough. Refreshments provided by Federal Savings Bank. For more info contact: Catherine Edison email: [cedison@communitycampus.org](mailto:cedison@communitycampus.org) (603) 422-8223

### **The Community Diversion Program**

The Community Diversion Program is a non-profit agency whose mission it is to provide an alternative to court involvement for youth and families in the Greater Seacoast Area of New Hampshire. Since 1995 we have worked to support youth in many ways through psycho educational programming, and community service support. We have recently added a Pre-CHINS program, to help intervene before court involvement. Since its inception, CDP has worked with over 5,000 youth through drug and alcohol prevention efforts, conflict resolution education, community service projects and a variety of programs designed to help youth navigate their teen years.

Our community service support program is always looking for new community service sites to work and collaborate with. Some benefits to agencies that engage youth volunteers include agencies being able to accomplish more and "check off" tasks on their to do list, youth gaining self esteem, developing competencies, and connecting with caring adults. If you would like youth to volunteer at your agency or have projects that could be done under CDP supervision please contact William Meub, Youth Service Coordinator at 603-430-8570 ext. 12 or e-mail [william@communitydiversion.org](mailto:william@communitydiversion.org). Visit us on the web at [www.communitydiversion.org](http://www.communitydiversion.org)

### **Community House Calls**

Community House Calls of Chester, NH was recognized as the 2006 winner and the 2007 finalist of the New Hampshire Better Business Bureau Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics. This honor recognizes high ethical standards of behavior towards customers, employees, suppliers, and communities in which they do business. This private-pay company is additionally a Medicaid approved provider for HCBC and a VA approved contractor.

Community House Calls offers innovative programs designed to support people in their own homes, empowering them to live safer, more productive lives. They offer professional services that balance the challenges of aging with the on-going demands of home ownership - thereby providing peace of mind for both the individuals and their families.

Community House Calls believes in treating every client on an individual basis, listening well to not only their needs, but also their desires, and in so doing is making a substantial difference to clients, one client at a time - maximizing their independence at home.

Community House Calls offers start to finish service and reliability. Services, both one-time and on-going, include: home safety & accessibility assessments & reports; home safety modifications such as ramps, hand rails, doorways widened & thresholds removed; bathroom safety modifications such as barrier free showers and grab bars; routine and preventative maintenance programs; seasonal home adjustments; and minor home repairs & improvements- as well as a variety of other services.

Their service area encompasses the greater Manchester, Nashua & Seacoast areas of NH. They may be reached at: 603-887-7878 or 1-888-887-0688, or on the web at: [www.communityhousecalls.com](http://www.communityhousecalls.com)

## **Community Partners**

Community Partners is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the Community Mental Health Center and Area Agency for Developmental Services in Strafford County.

- Behavioral health services include 24/7 crisis intervention services; group, individual and family therapy; youth and family services; community support programs for persons with severe and persistent mental illness; adult outpatient therapy on a sliding fee scale for the under or uninsured; psychiatry; and medication monitoring.
  - Developmental services include case management; residential and day programs; community support services; family support, including respite and transition planning; and nursing. Family-Centered Early Supports and Services are available for children from birth to age three with a developmental disability or delay and their families.
  - Partners in Health, a program of Special Medical Services, is available for children with a chronic health condition and their families.
  - Advance Employment Services (AES), a subsidiary of Community Partners, provides vocational services and supports for any client or resident of Strafford County interested in pursuing employment.
- For more information about Community Partners and its services, please call 603-516-9300 or visit the website at [www.communitypartnersnh.org](http://www.communitypartnersnh.org).

## **Community Resource Network**

CRN provides:

- Networking meetings
- A compilation of services and contact information in hardcopy and on the CRN website
- A unique opportunity for orientation of new staff to the resources in the region:
- Starting point to coalesce around issues/barriers to services/community needs:

How do you weigh the benefits of the learning opportunities the CRN affords your staff? What is it worth to you and your agency to have up to date information about other agencies in Rockingham, Strafford and lower York Counties?

► DUES/donations are always welcome!! We need fiscal help to be able to continue networking and learning from each other in these changing times.

Contact Susan Turner [turner@rcaction.org](mailto:turner@rcaction.org) [www.crmnh.org](http://www.crmnh.org) 969-5318 cell

## **Community Wellness Coalition**

The CWC works to develop and support individual, family and community well-being in all the interdependent dimensions of life: physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, social, cultural, occupational, financial/material and environmental.

The CWC has as its primary activity the promotions of collaboration among individuals and organizations in Kittery, Eliot, York, and South Berwick, ME.

The CWC is available to help the community to identify and fill any resource gaps which prevent maintenance or restoration of well-being.

Contact information:

Glen MacWilliams, president [gmacwill@maine.rr.com](mailto:gmacwill@maine.rr.com)

Nancy Farron, coordinator [nanef@comcast.net](mailto:nanef@comcast.net)

<http://www.keysregion.org/cwc.htm>



## **Crotched Mountain Community Care**

Crotched Mountain Community Care (CMCC) provides care management services to elders and adults with chronic illness and disabilities. CMCC has worked with individuals on the Home and Community Based Care (HCBC) program, also known as Choices for Independence for the past 22 years and is a statewide program. We also provide care management for families and

individuals on a private pay basis offering assessment and care plan development, ongoing care management and consultation. Our care managers have established strong professional relationships with home care providers and community providers statewide. Our goal is to provide support, advocacy and care coordination to allow individuals to remain living in their own homes where they want to be.

CMCC [www.crotchedmountain.org](http://www.crotchedmountain.org)

30 International Drive Suite 202

Portsmouth, NH 03801

431-3042

Ann Schwartzwalder, Program Director

[ann.schwartzwalder@crotchedmountain.org](mailto:ann.schwartzwalder@crotchedmountain.org)



### **Easter Seals**

Make a difference in the life of a child - become a foster parent. Easter Seals is looking for a few good people in the southern New Hampshire and Maine area to welcome a child who needs a little extra care into their home. We offer 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week support, training, and reimbursement. Call Mae Tetler, Easter Seals/New Hampshire Foster Care Licensor 1-800-870-8728 or 603-436-2704

### **Everyday Money Matters**

We've all been in that uneasy position - trying to remember if the bills are paid and financial papers are in order. At Every Day Money Matters, we help our clients find that peace of mind. We cater to people trying to enjoy their everyday lives without the hassles of keeping up with confusing and ever mounting paperwork.

Services also include monthly bill pay if desired. I don't sign the checks of course. I just set up a neat schedule for the client to glance at, to help them keep this task as simple as possible. Whether the need is collecting and organizing bills and statements for monthly review and payment, untangling Medicare and Medigap statements and payments due or just getting checks out the door on time, we can help. I start with an initial complimentary consultation, helping potential clients develop a plan that fits their individual needs and budgets. Call today to see how I can help!

Dianne McMillen(c) 603-801-52103 Gage Street, Dover, NH 03820

### **Exeter Adult Education**

Exeter Adult Education is located at the Tuck Learning Campus (old Exeter High School building) 30 Linden Street entrance D in Exeter.

- Exeter Adult Education Program has day and evening programs to assist adults in learning or improving basic reading, writing, English and math skills or to prepare for the GED exam. Class schedule for basic skills and GED:

DAYS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon

EVENINGS: Monday & Thursdays, 6:30-9:00 PM

- ESOL classes are:

DAYS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Beg, Int, & Adv)

EVENINGS: Beginner level - Monday & Thursdays, Intermediate level- Monday & Wednesdays, Advanced level, Tuesday & Thursdays 6:30-9:00 PM (placement test at registration determines level for enrollment).

- Exeter Adult Ed also has an Adult High School Diploma Program with courses that meet once a week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 6-9 pm. Enrollment is only in early September and January.

- Enrichment classes also available for personal & professional development and fun!

For complete information of courses & times see [www.sau16.org/adult.htm](http://www.sau16.org/adult.htm)  
Please call 775-8457 with any questions.

### **Exeter Hospital**

HealthReach Community Education of Exeter Hospital offers community and school based programming by experienced health educators. Contact us at 580-7964 for more information on our services and programs.

- **HealthReach Smoking Cessation Program** – Your community resource for holistic, research-based approach to achieving a smoke free lifestyle! Individual support is facilitated by the Program Coordinator and is insurance reimbursable. For more information on this program call the HealthReach Information Center at Exeter Hospital at 580-7964.
- **Exeter Hospital Classes** – CPR saves lives! Would you know what to do in an emergency? HealthReach Community Education of Exeter Hospital offers CPR and First Aid classes taught by certified instructors in the updated American Heart Association guidelines. We also offer off-site classes, including Healthcare Provider Recertification courses, to day care centers, businesses, schools, dental offices, recreation centers, scouting troops, and others. For more information, contact the HealthReach Information Center at 580-6668 or Cyndi Burke at 580-7153.
- **Babysitting Course:** The course prepares youth with the training every parent wants in a babysitter – including safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid, leadership, professionalism, critical action skills and much more. It will also teach you the responsibilities and qualities of being a good babysitter and what to expect from the person who hires you. This course is ideal for current and future babysitters, teaching them the best ways to keep both the children in their care and themselves safe. Best of all, **Babysitter’s Training** takes place in a fun, interactive environment bringing confidence, competence and life skills. No pressure. No stress. The course is designed for today’s youth 11-15 years old. The course can be offered off-site with an enrollment of 5 or more students. For more information, contact Cyndi Burke at 580-7153.
- **“BUILDING STRENGTH TOGETHER”® Bone Health Education Group of Exeter Hospital; Member of the National Osteoporosis Foundation’s Professional Partner’s Network®** Free for men and women of all ages interested in an energetic, informative, and interactive discussion about bone health, osteoporosis prevention and osteoporosis self-care. Quarterly meetings facilitated by an Exeter Hospital-affiliated health professional. Learn about nutrition, fitness, medical management and more! A partnership of Exeter Hospital’s Center for Orthopaedic and Arthritis Care and the HealthReach Osteoporosis Program. Call the HealthReach Information Center for more information @ 580-6668.

### **Families First Health And Support Center**

Located at the Community Campus in Portsmouth, Families First is an independent nonprofit agency that provides a broad range of health and family support services to individuals and families, regardless of ability to pay. For the latest information about Families First, please sign up for our monthly E-newsletter: <http://www.familiesfirstseacoast.org/enewsletter.html>  
Services include:

● **Health Services:** Primary care is offered to men, women and children of all ages. Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance is accepted and there is a sliding fee scale for people who are uninsured or underinsured. Families First also offers a prenatal program, well-child care and immunizations, social services coordination (including help enrolling in New Hampshire Healthy Kids and Medicaid), health education and counseling (including managing chronic illnesses, drug & alcohol addiction, nutritional services, and behavioral health), on-site lab services, free breast and cervical cancer screenings for eligible women, access to prescription

assistance and developmental screening for children. Families First also offers a monthly allergy/asthma clinic and a monthly diabetes disease management group for primary care patients.

●**Dental Care:** Families First Dental Center is open to children and teens living in New Hampshire and Maine who do not have a regular dentist; clients of Steppingstones or AIDS Response Seacoast; and established patients of Families First Health Center. The Dental Center is open at least one Saturday per month, and offers Wednesday evening appointments throughout the school year. For more information on the Dental Center, call (603) 422-8208 ext. 1. Families First also runs **Seacoast Healthy Grins**, a school-based oral health education, dental screening, cleaning and referral program.

●**Parenting classes and family programs** are offered year-round at the Community Campus in Portsmouth, and also regularly in Hampton, Seabrook, Exeter and the Raymond/Epping area. Most groups are free; if not, financial assistance is usually available.

**Parenting classes:** Families First offers over 20 different parenting series each year covering topics such as anger management, reasonable expectations, communication, and effective discipline. **Family programs** include parent/child playgroups, like Babytime, designed for new parents; Family Morning Out, for parents and their kids ages birth to six; and Family Fun Night for families under stress. For more information on these classes and programs and a current schedule, call 603-422-8208 (press 2), or visit [www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org/calendar.cfm](http://www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org/calendar.cfm).

●**Grandparenting classes:** For grandparents, step-grandparents, great grandparents or those about to become grandparents. First and third Wednesdays each month 9:30 -11:00 at the Community Campus (603-422-8208 (press 2)).

●**Professional Development** is available to groups on a variety of child and family topics. The cost is \$100 for a 1.5-hour session. Call the Family Center at 422-8208 x-2.

●**Individualized support, often provided in the home, for families under stress.** Our Partners in Health program coordinator provides assistance to families who have a child with an illness lasting 6 months or longer such as allergies, asthma, diabetes, genetic disorders, cancer and more. To find out more, call 603-422-8208 ext. 146. Our At Home program serves families with a wide variety of stressors such as financial, housing, transportation, family issues, behavioral issues and much more. Families First home visitors and care coordinators offer support, education and links to needed services and benefits. We'll even help them complete applications for NH Healthy Kids, SeaCare and housing. Call 603-422-8208 ext. 125.

●**Mobile health care for people who are homeless.** A mobile health team travels in vans to 10 sites in Portsmouth, Hampton, Dover and Rochester, including shelters, soup kitchens, churches and Salvation Army locations. The teams provide health care, substance abuse counseling and social work services. The van also provides monthly dental services at Cross Roads. Call Emily, 603-422-8208 ext. 129. For a van schedule, call 888-922-0005 or see our website: [http://www.familiesfirstseacoast.org/health\\_care\\_for\\_homeless.html](http://www.familiesfirstseacoast.org/health_care_for_homeless.html).

●**New this fall:** Families First is pleased to offer *two new groups*:  
**The Domestic Abuse Recovery Group** is a 12-week group for mothers and children starting October 8. Children ages 7-13 will do activities designed to be fun and interesting, reduce the feeling of self-blame, and promote a future in a violence-free family. Meanwhile, mothers will have activities and discussion to help understand the impact on children, reduce feelings of guilt, and promote self-care and the rebuilding of their family. The group is led by a therapist and an educator, and free child care is provided for younger siblings. To sign up, call Joanna at 422-8208 x-123.

**The Mother-to-Mother Postpartum Group** runs Tuesday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 beginning October 13 for mothers experiencing depression or anxiety following the childbirth. Those interested in attending can call Liz Gaudette at 207-363-1379 x-2. Or, to refer a client, call Joanna at 422-8208 x-123.

Both groups are free, will be held at the Families First at the Community Campus and offer childcare for siblings.

### **Farmington Community Preservation Program**

The Farmington Community Preservation Program, a program of Strafford Network, is a community support organization that works with representatives from schools, non-profits, municipal and other organizations to identify gaps in services and brings people together to work toward filling those gaps. The FCPP facilitates a monthly Youth & Family Roundtable Meeting from 12:00-1:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Head Start office at 60 Charles Street in Farmington. The FCPP puts out a Resource Guide for Farmington Residents that is available electronically by contacting Heather Hesse-Stromberg, Program Coordinator, at [hesse-stromberg@straffordnetwork.org](mailto:hesse-stromberg@straffordnetwork.org) or at 343-7743.

### **Feminist Health Center – Portsmouth**

The Health Center is a free-standing non-profit clinic. We are fully licensed and operate with board certified doctors, licensed nurse practitioners, registered nurses and well trained staff. We provide quality reproductive health care counseling in a confidential, safe and supportive environment. Services we provide are:

- Well woman care – Our family practice advanced registered nurse practitioners offer a full range of routine health care including, but not limited to pap smears, birth control, vaginal & urinary tract infections, PMS and menopause consultation, and the morning after pill.
- Contraceptive counseling and pregnancy testing – Individual counseling on the pros and cons of the range of contraceptive methods and finding the one that would best meet individual needs.
- We also offer in-depth pregnancy options counseling which supports the right of each woman to make her own informed decision. We also offer ultrasounds to determine gestational size and inter-uterine pregnancy.
- First trimester abortions – Either surgical, performed by a board certified physician or early pregnancy abortion by medication are available by appointment.
- STD/HIV testing – Walk-in clinics on Wednesday evenings are for men and women. We provide STD testing and treatment, as well as HIV counseling and rapid testing.

General information about our services is available over the phone (436-7588) Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8am to 5pm and Wed 8am to 7:30pm.

The Feminist Health Center of Portsmouth – Brigit Ordway – [Brigit@fhc-p.org](mailto:Brigit@fhc-p.org)

POB 456 436-7588

559 Portsmouth Avenue

Greenland NH 03840

Email: [mail@fhc-p.org](mailto:mail@fhc-p.org) website: [www.fhc-p.org](http://www.fhc-p.org)

### **Great Bay Community College**

TRiO Student Support Services

GBCC Stratham/Portsmouth

277 Portsmouth Ave.

Stratham, NH 03885

603-775-2319



### **Home Health VNA (was Seacoast VNA)**

Sharon Sheehan [ssheehan729@comcast.net](mailto:ssheehan729@comcast.net)

### **Homeless Center for Strafford County**

Homeless Center for Strafford County is a 6 bedroom home converted into an emergency overnight shelter for Strafford county residents. We provide shelter, food, clothing, support and case management to individuals who find themselves homeless during the months of October through April. Referral based intakes only; we cannot accept walk ins nor call ins; this maintains the safety of our families staying with us.

Jan Walsh-grande, Director 332-3065

[homelesscenter@peoplepc.com](mailto:homelesscenter@peoplepc.com)

### **Lamprey Health Care**

Lamprey Health Care is a non-profit community health care center that provides prenatal through geriatric healthcare services regardless of a persons ability to pay. We offer primary care for all ages, comprehensive prenatal and obstetrical care, nutrition counseling, chronic care management and education for diabetes and asthma. We offer on site lab services, radiology- including x-ray, mammography and bone density screening and physical and occupational therapy. Additional services offered are Care Coordination, Substance Abuse Counseling, Health Education, Medication Assistance Program (MAP), school-based preventive dental care, Healthy Kids /Medicaid application assistance, and senior transportation. Our InfoLink program also offers two prescription programs, one for chronic conditions and one for short term prescriptions which can be accessed at: #422-8220. For further information: [www.lampreyhealth.org](http://www.lampreyhealth.org) Or call Office located in Newmarket: 207 Main Street; #659-3106 and Raymond: 127 Route 28; #895-3351.

**Lamprey Senior Transportation** provides weekly shopping trips for seniors and those with disabilities in 28 seacoast towns. Our handicap accessible busses visit each town once a week and provide door to door service. There is also a once a month day-long outing that includes lunch and a seasonal point of interest. Rides to medical appointments are available but must be scheduled several weeks in advance. Transportation may be reached at 1 800 582-7214.

### **Living Innovations**

Having been founded in a single office in Portsmouth eleven years ago, Living Innovations today provides support for hundreds of people in Maine and New Hampshire, including children and adults with developmental disabilities, brain injuries, and other challenges, as well as frail elders.

For more information about Living Innovations and the services that we provide visit our web site at [www.livinginnovations.com](http://www.livinginnovations.com) or contact Perry Blass by phone at 603-436-1586 or email: [pblass@livinginnovations.com](mailto:pblass@livinginnovations.com)

\*\*\*\*\*And see information on **Wentworth Connections** – page 20

### **National Able Network®**

National Able Network® is a nonprofit employment and training agency that administers the SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program) in New Hampshire. The SCSEP program is designed to help individuals 55 years and older obtain "on-the-job" training and/or "gain work experience" in order to successfully find unsubsidized employment.

#### **WIN-WIN Situation**

#### **What does National Able Network® do:**

- \*Pays min wage for 20 hours per week to our Participants up to 1 year in one training assignment
- \*Tracks and reviews with Training Site Supervisor the progress of the Participant
- \*Provides training opportunities for the Participant to strengthen the successful outcome of obtaining employment

#### **What do you have to do to become a Community Partner and Training Site provider:**

- \* Meet with National Able Network to review and sign the agreement

- \* Provide a "job" description aka TAD (Training Assignment Description)
- \* Provide 20 hours per week of training and work experience for a participant performing their TAD
- \* Assign a Training Site Supervisor to manage the Participant and sign time sheets

**Other Options:**

Employment Services (promise of employment agreement) OJE (On the Job Employment)  
 National Able Network® pays 100% wages (usually minimum wage) for an approved "on-the-job" training for 4 weeks and 100% (part time position), 50% (full time position) up to 12 weeks.  
 Workman's Compensation Insurance is paid by Able until actual employment starts.

The entire community benefits by the following:

- \* The Community Partner gets that "helping hand" and is "serving" their community
- \* The Participant is receiving the "training and experience" necessary to find employment
- \* National Able Network® fulfills their mission statement by "helping people get back to work and life"

**Are YOU Ready to Start?**

For more information or to schedule an intake, call Lori Mader at 603-860-4222 today!

Lori J Mader, Program Manager

997 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101

Office: 603-836-0912      Fax: 603-623-5277      Mobile: 603-860-4222

Email: [lmader@nationalable.org](mailto:lmader@nationalable.org)      Web: [www.nationalable.org](http://www.nationalable.org)

**New Generation, Inc.**

Founded in 1987 by Ruthie Ford & Sharon Fernald on the principle that every pregnant or parenting woman needs shelter and support. We are located in a historic farmhouse in Greenland, NH. Our program provides services for up to seven women age 18 and over. Pregnant women may stay until their baby is 3 months old and those that enter our program with an infant may stay until the baby reaches age one. We also have a transitional apartment located within the shelter for one woman and up to two children for up to eighteen months. Residents must work or attend classes or do community service work.

Annemarie Cullen

Program Coordinator, LPN, BS

P O Box 676/568 Portsmouth Avenue

Greenland, NH 03840

Phone/Fax 603.436.4989

[www.newgennh.org](http://www.newgennh.org)

**The New Hampshire Association For The Blind**

The NH Association for the Blind is a private statewide non-profit direct service agency. It is 77% funded by charitable contributions and is fully accredited by the National Accreditation Council.

Referring persons who are blind and visually impaired for service can be done by calling toll free 1-800-464-3075.

DIRECT SERVICES include: Social Work, Rehabilitation teaching, Low vision services, orientation and mobility instruction, assistive technology service, educational services, volunteer services and public education.

For additional information about any of our services, please contact:

New Hampshire Association for the Blind

McGreal Sight Center

25 Walker Street

Concord, NH 03301

CRN Fall 2009

1-800-464-3075 OR

**Denise Caruso**

Low Vision Therapist / Rehabilitation Therapist NH Association for the Blind

127 Parrott Avenue

Portsmouth, NH 03801

(603) 431-9401 ext. 360

**NH Connections Seacoast Region Network**

**Our Mission** is to strengthen and expand family/school/community partnerships to improve the educational outcomes for all children and youth with disabilities and to facilitate access to supports and services statewide.

**Our Goals** are to strengthen and expand family/school/community partnerships, to support family involvement in the special education process, and increase awareness of resources to help children succeed.

Contact Kyle Szczepanik Seacoast Facilitator to partner together to improve the educational outcomes of all children and youth with disabilities in the seacoast region and statewide. Join the email list serve and receive and share resources on trainings, workshops, NH rules and special education updates. NH Connections partners to provide trainings and workshops around special education and disability awareness. We hold monthly regional meetings to collaboratively examine resources, services and create action plans to address needs identified by the seacoast regional network.

=>Join us by calling Kyle at 978-6651, email her at

[kylenhcs@yahoo.com](mailto:kylenhcs@yahoo.com) or visit website: [www.nhconnections.org](http://www.nhconnections.org)

NH Connections is strengthening family-school-community partnerships, increasing awareness of the Special Education Process, and connecting people to resources to help children and youth succeed.

**New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

The Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) is the unit within the Department of Health and Human Services that provides protective and preventative services to children, youth and their families. DCYF strives to protect children from abuse and neglect and to help families nurture their children into physically and emotionally healthy adults.

Child protection and family support services are provided by Child Protective Service Workers (CPSWs) in 12 District Offices through New Hampshire. CPSWs join with families to provide both contracted services and referrals to community agencies to assist in correcting the conditions that lead them to DCYF. Depending on the circumstances, cases can be opened by voluntary agreement, or in severe cases, through court intervention.

Tricia Hazlett, MA, Supervisor IV

DCYF Portsmouth 433-8326

[thazlett@dhhs.state.nh.us](mailto:thazlett@dhhs.state.nh.us)

**New Hampshire Employment Security**

[www.nh.gov/nhes](http://www.nh.gov/nhes)

NH Employment Security (NHES) is a federally funded state agency. Today NHES has 13 local offices located across the state to provide services to job seekers and employers.

The mission of NHES is to:

- Operate a free public Employment Service through a statewide network of Job and Information Centers, providing a broad range of assisted and self-directed employment and career related services, and labor market information to all customers.

- Pay Unemployment Compensation benefits in a timely manner to eligible claimants and collect the tax which funds these payments.
- Develop and disseminate labor market information and provide measurements of labor market outcome to assist local and state officials, private employers, educators and trainers and the public in making decisions which promote economic development and the efficient use of state labor resources.

Cynthia Dobrowolski Employment Counselor  
 New Hampshire Employment Security  
 2000 Lafayette Road  
 Portsmouth, NH 03801  
 603-436-3702

**New Hampshire Legal Assistance**

Kay E. Drought, Litigation Director  
 New Hampshire Legal Assistance  
 P.O. Box 778, Portsmouth, NH 03802-0778  
 Tel. 603-431-7411, extension 2503  
 Fax 603-431-8025  
[KDROUGHT@NHLA.ORG](mailto:KDROUGHT@NHLA.ORG)



**New Heights Teen Center**

New Heights is located at the Community Campus:  
 100 Campus Drive, Suite 23, Portsmouth, NH 03801  
 603.422.4235  
[www.newheightsonline.org](http://www.newheightsonline.org)  
 Debra Hampton, Assistant Director  
 603.422.8235 x 106  
[dhampton@newheightsonline.org](mailto:dhampton@newheightsonline.org)

**New Outlook Teen Center**

The New Outlook Teen Center provides after school and summer adventure programming for youths ages 11-18 in the Greater Exeter area and the SAU-16 School District. Support from Rockingham County Incentive Funds is requested to strengthen and develop new services and activities, accommodate a growing number of participants and facilitate community-based prevention efforts.

New Outlook provides after school programming with numerous structured activities five days per week from 2:30 to 6:00 P.M. as well as evening and weekend events at least monthly. Core after-school activities include educational and recreational groups; homework help; community interaction projects; community service site supervision; cooking instruction; outdoor based adventures; youth-adult partnerships, leadership development initiatives and curricula; musical performances and instruction; art and creative expression gatherings; individual and community arts projects; and team sports. After school, youth also have the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with caring and professional staff and volunteers.

778-3933  
 120 Front Street/P.O. Box 865  
<http://www.newoutlookteencenter.org/>

**One Sky Community Services**

One Sky Community Services is a non-profit agency that contracts with the state of N.H. to assist people with developmental disabilities or acquired brain disorders to live as valued and participating members in their communities. One Sky is one of ten regional agencies that contract with the state of New Hampshire's Bureau of Developmental Services to provide developmental services throughout the state. In Region VIII (northern Rockingham County), One Sky offers supports such as:

- Service Coordination for adults;
- Community Services for individuals living independently or in shared homes in the community, and high school students making the transition to adult life;
- Early Supports and Services for children under age three and Family Support Services that include respite care and information/referral for a variety of needs;
- Family Support services that include help in securing benefits, obtaining adaptive equipment, networking with parents of children with developmental delays and disabilities and emotional support for the entire family.

For more information, call 603-436-6111 or 1-800-660-4103.

Family Support Services -- Lenore Sciuto, ext. 107

Adult Service Coordination -- Karen McLaughlin, ext. 143

Community Services – Leslie Hanson, ext. 125

Intake for persons aged three and above -- Eliza Hobson, ext. 115

Intake for Early Supports and Services for children up to age three -- Jennifer Warchol, ext. 147

One Sky is located at 755 Banfield Road, Suite #3, Portsmouth, NH 03801. We appreciate your patience while we rebuild our website, [www.oneskyservices.org](http://www.oneskyservices.org)

Our fax number is (603) 436-4622

### **Raymond Coalition for Youth**

Raymond Coalition for Youth is a strong community coalition that works together as a whole to address issues facing youth on a daily basis. We work to find solutions and tools for the youth to use to make healthy choices. In this work we also promote supports for the parents, families and community to have the ideal outcomes to help our youth succeed.

Our mission is : RCFY empowers the community to promote positive youth development and strengthen community assets by coordinating services and opportunities through prevention initiatives, including [www.rcfy.org](http://www.rcfy.org) suicide, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs Meetings are attended by community members, police, school staff and administration, town offices, parents and youth.

●Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to join us on the second Thursday of the month, 9 – 10:30 am, in the conference room of Lamprey Health Care located on RT 27 ?Our

●After School Program at the Raymond middle school is open for all students in grades 5 – 8 immediately after school till 6 PM. This provides a safe, fun, exciting and enriching place for youth to go after school.

●Youth Action, a high school student group open to all students , is for those who are interested in making their community a better place and educating them at the same time. They conduct ongoing awareness campaigns around the dangers of making bad choices.

●Youth Advisory, our middle school group, is for all 7 + 8th graders and acts as a beginner group to prepare them for Youth Action.

► For more information you may visit [www.rcfy.org](http://www.rcfy.org) or contact Celeste Clark, Executive Director [cclark@rcfy.org](mailto:cclark@rcfy.org) 603-895-4735 x 125

### **The Richie McFarland Children's Center**

The Richie McFarland Children's Center is an early intervention program whose purpose is to help young children reach their full developmental potential and to support their families through that process. We provide developmental and support services for children with and without special needs, assistance to their families and assistance in the use of community and health resources. Our agency offers the following services:

**Family-Centered Early Supports and Services Program (ESS)**—home-based intervention services for infants and toddlers (ages birth to three) who meet the criteria of the entitlement program mandated through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); supported in part by state and federal funding. Eligibility for this program is based on the child's developmental profile, an established condition or at-risk characteristics.

**Early Learning Programs**—inclusive, developmentally enriched group experiences at our facility in Stratham or in other community settings. These group experiences provide children with valuable social opportunities that include developmentally appropriate activities as well as individualized educational and therapeutic support as needed.

**Parent Education and Support Programs**—services provided to families either one-on-one or in a group setting that focus on a specific topic of interest or area of need. Current options include:

*It Takes Two to Talk, The Hanen Program*---Our certified Hanen instructors teach parents fun activities and interaction guidelines that enhance their child's communication skills. The program combines group learning and individual consultation to help parents understand strategies for developing their child's speech, language and communication skills.

*Parents As Teachers Program*---Our certified Parents As Teachers (PAT) educators offer parents practical ways to encourage learning, manage challenging behavior, and promote strong parent-child relationships. The program's core components consist of personal visits, group meetings, developmental screenings and linkages to a network of community resources.

*Parent –Child Group Program*---Our family counselor offers a group experience that supports families in creating social opportunities for their child, provides caregivers with developmental guidance, demonstrates positive discipline strategies, and creates a safe environment for families to network and gain support from one another.

**Pediatric Therapies**—play-based therapy for children (ages birth to five) who warrant therapeutic intervention but do not qualify for entitlement programs such as Early Supports and Services Program or Preschool Special Education. The therapeutic services offered include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language pathology, and special education.

**Baby Signs®**—a 6-week curriculum-based program for any parent who wants to foster communication with their young child. The program teaches easy ways to learn and practice sign language through a structured 6-week play session.

**Know Your Baby, Trust Yourself**—is a home visiting program that leverages RMCC's early childhood development and parenting expertise with a new client base, and builds on our existing collaborations with community health care providers. Our goal is to help new parents feel secure in their ability to help their child grow and flourish.

Visit our website at [www.richiemcfarland.org](http://www.richiemcfarland.org), call the Center at 778-8193, or email Pat Sue Spear, Program Coordinator at [pspear@richiemcfarland.org](mailto:pspear@richiemcfarland.org) or Sue Ford, Intake and Enrollment Coordinator at [sford@richiemcfarland.org](mailto:sford@richiemcfarland.org) for more information about any of our services.

### **Rochester District Visiting Nurse Association**

Rochester District Visiting Nurse Association is a full service Home Health Care Agency serving Strafford, No. Rockingham and So. Carroll Counties in New Hampshire since 1913. Rochester District VNA has many certified specialists inc; Wound/Ostomy, IV, Psychiatric, Maternal Child Health, Lactation Consultation and Diabetes, on staff to provide the best care possible. Services  
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Include; Nursing, Rehabilitative Therapies, (Physical, Speech, Occupational) Licensed Nursing Assistants, Medical Social Worker, Support Services and Adult Day Center.

***Rochester District Visiting Nurse Association's Adult Day Center*** is the perfect balance between healthcare and socialization in a safe environment. The center provides individualized care for adults in need of medical, therapeutic and social intervention. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate caregiver's work schedules. Participants are involved in a caring and stimulating environment. Each participant receives an individualized plan of care from specialized staff members. Services provided include nursing, therapies, personal care, group exercise and wellness programs, healthy meals, socialization and counseling. **Transportation available**

For more information please contact Judy Ouellette, Community Relations Director at (603) 332-1133 or visit our website at [www.yourvna.org](http://www.yourvna.org).

### **Rockingham Community Action**

► **Action Centers** provide the following services to income-eligible individuals and families in need:

Homeless prevention (utility/rent/mortgage), homeless intervention (shelter), security deposit/rent assistance, emergency food, supplemental food/personal care products, IDA (Individual Development Accounts), clothing/household goods (Seacoast only), holiday assistance/referral, Personal Emergency Response System, and information/referral/advocacy and fuel and electric assistance programs.

The Seacoast Action Center (474-3507) serves the following communities: Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, New Castle, Newington, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rye, Seabrook, South Hampton, and Stratham.

The Greater Raymond Action Center (895-2303) serves the following communities: Brentwood, Candia, Deerfield, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter, Fremont, Kingston, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham, and Raymond.

The Greater Salem Action Center (893-9172) serves the following communities: Atkinson, Auburn, Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Newton, Plaistow, Salem, Sandown, and Windham.

### ► **Asset Building Program**

The RCA Asset Building Program comprises three areas of work. The primary focus is to serve as partner with the Community Loan Fund in administering the Individual Development Account Program (IDA). This is a specialized matched savings program for low to moderate income persons who are pursuing one of four asset purchasing goals: (1) home purchase, (2) development of a small business enterprise, (3) pursuing a post-secondary education program, and (4) purchase of a car. RCA works with home purchase and education candidates, while applicants seeking the other asset goals are referred to other community partners. Participants meeting the program's training and savings requirements earn a 3:1 match on their savings assisting them to achieve their asset-purchase goals. The maximum amount of matching funds is \$6000, which would represent a total account of at least \$8000, plus accumulated interest. Development of a viable Seacoast Financial Education Network is another area of focus. The various financial education providers and resources will be cataloged in order to facilitate and expand the number of referrals. Any gaps in services will be identified and addressed. Lastly, we will promote the free tax preparation services provided through the CASH Coalition, including the VITA and AARP Tax Aide resources. The Asset Building mission is to expand the number of persons pursuing these opportunities, assist them in building savings and assets, and to strengthen the connections between the three areas of work. The contact person is Wayne Croteau, Asset Building Coordinator, Rockingham Community Action, 7 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801, (603) 431-2911, [wcroteau@rcaction.org](mailto:wcroteau@rcaction.org).

► **HEAD START** is now recruiting and accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Head Start is a federally funded free pre-school program for income eligible children and their families. Head Start offers a comprehensive child and family program that provides pre-school children, between the ages of 3 – 5 years old, with an individualized program, nutritious meals, health services, social services, and helps to promote parent involvement both in the classroom and in the community. Head Start also encourages age eligible children with disabilities to apply. Centers are located in Derry, Epping, Newmarket, Portsmouth, Raymond, Salem and Seabrook. The program runs from September through May, 5 days a week from 8:30 am – 12-12:30 pm. For information or to apply please call the Head Start administrative offices at 430-4900 or 1-800-556-9300.

► **Portsmouth Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program** provides quality adult basic education services to the greater Portsmouth community. Classroom-based instruction is available for adults (18 years and older) in need of basic literacy skills in reading, writing, math, pre-GED and GED preparation (**ABE classes**); as well as English for speakers of other languages (**ESOL classes**).

**ABE Classes (Basic Skill & GED Preparation):**

- **Day ABE Classes: Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays 9 am – 12 noon**
- **Evening ABE Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 – 8:30 pm**

**ESOL Classes (English Language):**

- **Day ESOL Classes: Level 1: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 am – 12 noon;**
- **Day ESOL Classes: Level 2: Wednesdays & Fridays, 8:45-10:45 am**
- **Afternoon ESOL Classes: Wednesdays 12 noon – 2 pm**
- **Evening ESOL Classes(mixed levels): Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 – 8:30 pm**

ABE and ESOL classes are free of charge. GED classes - scholarships available to cover cost. Limited, free on-site childcare is available on first-come, first-served basis. All classes are held at the Community Campus, 100 Campus Drive, in Portsmouth. There is an open entry / open exit policy, allowing students to join at any time during the school year of September through May. **Call RCA's Portsmouth Adult Basic Education Program for more information and to register at, 422-8233.**

► **Literacy Services**

Rockingham Community Action (RCA) offers a wide range of Literacy Services aimed at promoting an early love of reading, access to high quality, age appropriate books and engaging, interactive literacy activities and opportunities to low-income children (birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade), their caregivers and families. RCA's Literacy Services include:

- \* **The Gift of Reading Program** – a library-based free hardcover book distribution program held annually during the holiday season in partnership with local public libraries (25 of the 37 Rockingham County communities).
- \* **The Gift of Reading Storytime at WIC clinics** – theme-based storytimes featuring a read-aloud book and integrated arts activities along with quality paperback book distributions are presented by trained volunteers in WIC clinic settings throughout Rockingham County.
- \* **The Tales to Go/Child Care Provider Project** – a fall, winter and spring traveling literacy van project visiting family child care providers with theme-based read aloud storytimes, integrated arts activities and healthy snacks, book lending and free quality paperback book distributions.
- \* **The Tales to Go Summer Project** – a summer traveling literacy van project visiting public and private housing complexes, mobile home parks, recreation and community centers with theme-based read aloud storytimes, integrated arts activities and healthy snacks, book lending and free quality book distributions.

- \* **Reading is *Fundamental* Program** – a high quality paperback book distribution program, which allows RCA to distribute books to over 3,000 low-income children throughout Rockingham County in RCA's WIC (Women, Infants & Children) and CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food) programs, Head Start program and Tales to Go programs.

For more information contact:

RCA Literacy Services, 14 Center Street, Exeter, NH 03833

778-4770 [literacyservices@rcaaction.org](mailto:literacyservices@rcaaction.org)

► **COMPASS (Community Partnerships for Self-Sufficiency) Youth Program** assists young people (ages 16-25) in making the transition to self-sufficiency and adulthood providing case management support for high school/GED completion, career and college exploration, guidance in obtaining employment, housing, and transportation, as well as assistance with money management and referral to a wide range of community resources to help youth meet their immediate needs as they work toward their long-term goals.

COMPASS Youth eligible individuals in need of intensive support will also be able to obtain additional case management Wrap-Around services. Participants must live in Rockingham County and meet income eligibility guidelines. **For more information or to arrange an intake interview, call RCA-COMPASS Youth at 422-8233.**

### **Rockingham County Community Resource Network**

The Rockingham County Community Resource Network, Inc. is the parent organization for the CRN. RCCRN is fiscally sponsored/supported by Rockingham Community Action.

**RCCRN's mission is to build partnerships, expand resources and eliminate barriers so that every community member can realize complete physical, emotional and social well-being.**

RCCRN can play a specific role in bringing entities together to find solutions to the issues facing our region. The RCCRN can: Be a convener, a builder of coalitions and networks to address regional priorities.

For more information on our initiatives or to join the collaborative contact:

Susan Turner Office: 430-4910 Cell: 969-5318 [sturner@rcaaction.org](mailto:sturner@rcaaction.org)

7 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801 [www.crnnh.org](http://www.crnnh.org)

### **Sexual Assault Support Services**

Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child sexual abuse, sexual assault and stalking, while supporting victims, survivors and others impacted by sexual violence.

*Services offered by SASS:*

24-Hour Hotline, You do not need to be in crisis to call

Office Walk-Ins

24-Hour Accompaniments @ Hospital Emergency Rooms, Police Stations, Child Advocacy Centers, & throughout court proceedings

Support Groups

Information & Referral Network

Professional Training

Prevention Education

Serving Rockingham & Strafford Counties

All services are free & confidential

1-888-747-7070 24-Hour Hotline Free & Confidential

603-436-4107 Portsmouth Office

7 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH

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### **Seabrook Even Start**

Seabrook Even Start Family Literacy Program mission is to break the cycle of poverty and low literacy levels through its four main components, adult education, early childhood education, parenting education and interactive literacy activities between parents and children.

Qualifying families are residents of Seabrook who have children birth through eight years old and are in need of a GED, Adult Basic Education, and/or English classes. Quality child care is provided in conjunction with adult education classes at Seabrook Elementary School two afternoons each week. If a family experiences scheduling conflicts we partner with Exeter Adult Education to offer alternative adult education options. Home visits and field trips are conducted throughout the year. Transportation is provided to and from Even Start events when needed. This is a free, year round program in which enrollment is open and ongoing.

Contact: Marci Dionne - Coordinator/Early Childhood Educator

Kim Kelly - Adult Educator/Parenting Educator Seabrook Elementary School

256 Walton Road, Seabrook New Hampshire 03874

(603)474-2252 X134

Visit the Seabrook Even Start web page located on the Seabrook Elementary School web site under the Programs and Services heading, [www.sau21.org/seabrook/ses](http://www.sau21.org/seabrook/ses)

### **SeaCare Health Services**

SeaCare Health Services serves 21 towns in Rockingham County providing:

- **Medical Access program** - for people at or below 185% of poverty level; Access to primary and specialty care physicians, nurse practitioners, mental health therapists, chiropractors and holistic care providers
- **Care Coordination** - Nancy Sauter, Marian Smith, Carrie Tammik and Stephanie Van Kleeck help participants navigate the health care system and establish personal health goals.
- **The Medication Bridge Program** - Kellie Pollard and Deb Dupont assist eligible uninsured and underinsured participants of all ages to receive needed prescription medications free of charge or at a low cost from pharmaceutical companies.
- **The Children's Connection** – Karen Rowell and Danielle Clivio provide home visiting services to promote growth and development in children including NH Health Kids enrollment, Medical Homes, Parenting, ADD, ADHD, Asthma Management and much more!

Contact SeaCare Health Services 772-8119 [www.seacarehealthservices.org](http://www.seacarehealthservices.org)

Hours of operation are: 8:30 - 4:30

11 Downing Court, Exeter, NH 03833

Appointments can be made through the above number for our Exeter, Portsmouth or Seabrook offices.

### **Seacoast Family Food Pantry**

SFFP strives to fulfill the needs of low-income individuals with food, personal products and education for healthy living. We provide these services on an emergent and on-going basis, respecting the dignity of each individual. Current services:

- Emergency Food Aid
- Food Pantry, year round
- Confidential guidance and referral to all other local service agencies
- Collaboration with all local service agencies
- Personal Care products
- Holiday distribution to needy individuals and families
- Education and outreach programs
- Serve NE Food Co-op

SFFP serves Portsmouth and the greater Seacoast area, including New Castle, Greenland, Newington, Rye, N. Hampton, Hampton, and Stratham.

7 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH

Diane Giese, Executive Director [dgiese13@comcast.net](mailto:dgiese13@comcast.net)

Margie Parker, Assistant Executive Director

Food Pantry 436-0641 Office 436-6161 Fax 1-866-388-1582

### **The Seacoast Family YMCA**

The mission of the Seacoast Family YMCA is to put into practice the positive Values of respect, caring, honesty & responsibility through programs that build spirit, mind and body for all.

Through this mission, we strive never to turn anyone away on inability to pay.

The Seacoast Family YMCA offers programs for health seekers of all ages from infant to seniors. The facility offers an Olympic size heated indoor pool, fitness center, Adult and Youth fitness classes including Yoga, Nia, Ballroom dancing, Youth Fit, Stretch -N-Strengthen ,youth sports and gymnastics. A full aquatic program from swim lessons to Rusty Hinges. After school childcare and summer camp.

Katie Lewis [kewis@seacoastymca.org](mailto:kewis@seacoastymca.org)

550 Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801

431.2334

### **Seacoast Hospice**

Seacoast Hospice is a community of caregivers providing case management and practical care to children, adults, seniors and families coping with terminal illness

Often people choose Seacoast Hospice after having undergone numerous invasive, usually exhausting, disease-fighting treatments. Once in hospice care, we make our patients as comfortable and pain free as possible and help them refocus on the joys in life that may have been pushed aside during the time of treatment.

Seacoast Hospice serves patients in their homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and at the Hyder Family Hospice House. Seacoast Hospice focuses exclusively on end-of-life issues, so each patient benefits from an experienced team of specialized caregivers: physicians, nurses, licensed nursing assistants, social worker, spiritual care coordinators, bereavement coordinators, homemakers and trained volunteers to help patients and families with the specific challenges of coping with terminal illness.

Contact Whitney Blethen, Community Development Manager [blethenw@seacoasthospice.org](mailto:blethenw@seacoasthospice.org)

10 Hampton Road, Exeter

[www.seacoasthospice.org](http://www.seacoasthospice.org)

Phone: 603 778-7391 Fax 603 418-0040

### **Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network:**

Mission: to empower families experiencing homelessness to regain independence by working in partnership with local congregations and community resources.

Seacoast IHN provides family plans, financial management, community service resources and more to assist families who wish to evaluate and overcome obstacles to their success.

Working with numbers of up to 14 people or 5 families, this unique program offers solutions.

Part of the national Family Promise, the local success rate for SIHN is currently 92% with a national success rate of 85%.

SIHN leverages 2 dollars for every 1 dollar donated in goods and services by local support faith communities, which calculates to running a program for around \$160,000 that would otherwise cost \$457,000. This program works!

Pati Frew-Waters, Network Director 603-658-8448

6 Emery Lane, P.O. Box 233, Stratham, NH 03885

## **Seacoast Mental Health Center**

With offices located in Portsmouth and Exeter, NH, the mission of **Seacoast Mental Health Center (SMHC)** is to provide a broad and comprehensive array of high quality, effective and accessible mental health services to residents of the Seacoast region. The staff is comprised of highly qualified, experienced professionals who are specially trained in psychiatry, psychology, counseling, social work and nursing. Our goal is to offer high-quality mental health services in a safe and confidential environment.

Founded in 1963 to address the mental health care needs of the region, SMHC is one of 10 state-designated community mental health centers (CMHCs) in New Hampshire. As a state-designated CMHC, it is mandated to provide evaluation to children, adolescents and families, the elderly, and severely and persistently mentally ill, regardless of their ability to pay. Specific programs include:

**Adult Outpatient Program** - Provides comprehensive range of psychotherapy services to address the intrapsychic, interpersonal, and substance abuse problems of adults living in the Seacoast.

**Center for Learning and Attention Disorders (CLAD)** - Provides both diagnostic and treatment services for individuals of all ages who are coping with learning, attention, or behavior problems in the home, school, or the workplace.

**Child, Adolescent & Family Services (CAFS)** - CAFS provides clinical services to children up to 18 years of age and their families. Services are provided in our offices, family homes and other community settings.

**Community Support Program (CSP)** - Serves adult individuals, and their families, who experience disabling mental illness. Provides clinical and psychiatric rehabilitation services.

**Elder Services** - Dedicated to serving older adults and their caregivers so they may lead rich fulfilling and productive lives.

**Emergency Services** - Dedicated to serving older adults and their caregivers so they may lead rich fulfilling and productive lives.

**New Heights** - An out-of-school program that encourages positive youth development by offering a wide range of risk prevention and confidence-building activities for teens during a crucial juncture in their lives—the transition from childhood to adulthood. (*See listing under N's*)

**Psychiatry/Psychology Services** – Ten Board Certified psychiatrists and three Registered Nurses perform Psychiatric Evaluations, Medication Monitoring & Hospital Consultations.

*Portsmouth office 431-6703; Exeter office 772-2710 [www.smhc-nh.org](http://www.smhc-nh.org)*

### **Support Groups**

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month***

6:30 - 8:30 pm Bipolar Support Group  
Community Campus (Lower Level)  
100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth, NH  
CONTACT: Diane Cyr, (603) 431-6703  
ex. 3167 [dcyr@smhc-nh.org](mailto:dcyr@smhc-nh.org)

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month*** 7 – 9 pm

Seacoast Chapter of NAMI - NH  
Community Campus (Library – 1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth, NH  
CONTACT: Jackie Ellis, (603) 431-1512  
Don Moore, (603) 436-3264

#### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month*** 1 – 2pm

Schizophrenia Support Group

Community Campus Board Room  
1 Campus Drive, Portsmouth, NH 03801  
CONTACT: Diane Cyr, (603) 431-6703 ex.  
3167 [dcyr@smhc-nh.org](mailto:dcyr@smhc-nh.org)

#### ***Every Friday***

7 – 8:30 PM Greater NH Seacoast area  
Chapter of DBSA (Depression and Bipolar  
Support Group), Exeter Hospital  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room #1  
Contact: 778-3160

#### ***Every Monday***

7 – 8:30 pm Depression and Bipolar  
Support Alliance  
Wentworth Douglas Hospital

### **Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS)**

The summer of 2008 has been a time of growth for SASS. We have spent a lot of time in the community, out and about connecting with local residents. We have also been involved in innovative trainings for the NH National Guard, the Birth Center of Wentworth Douglass Hospital and other various groups around the seacoast. It has been a brilliant season full of progressive steps. As fall approaches, we will be extending our connection efforts back to all the wonderful past volunteers to invite them back for a Volunteer Appreciation Night which will be held on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Masonic Temple in Portsmouth 351 Middle St. This event will also help us kick off our 30-year anniversary of serving survivors in the seacoast area. If you are interested in volunteering or attending this event please contact Olivia at 603.436.4107.

**Our Mission:** Sexual Assault Support Services is dedicated to supporting victims/survivors in their effort to heal from the trauma of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse, and stalking, while striving to prevent the occurrence of sexual violence in local communities and in society at large.

**Our services:**

- \* Confidential 24-hour sexual assault crisis hotline
- \* 24-hour advocacy and support at police stations, hospital emergency rooms and the courts
- \* Support groups for rape survivors, sexual abuse survivors, parents, and others affected by sexual violence
- \* Professional training and consultation to police departments, hospitals, schools and others in the community
- \* Sexual abuse and sexual assault prevention education in the schools for children, teens and parents

HOTLINE 1-888-747-7070

[www.sassnh.org](http://www.sassnh.org)

### **Sight Services for Independent Living**

Sight Services for Independent Living (SSIL) is a comprehensive program for people, aged 55 and older with vision loss who live at home. SSIL provides information, adaptive aids, training and support at no cost. Services include the areas of low vision, personal and household management, independent travel, benefits planning, communication and community integration.

SSIL sponsors peer support group meetings at many locations throughout the state which provide an outlet for the visually impaired person to find support and understanding from persons with similar conditions who live in their geographic areas.

To be eligible for SSIL, a New Hampshire resident must be 55 or older and have a significant visual loss.

Sight Services for Independent Living

21 South Fruit St. Suite 20

Concord NH 03301

1-800-581-6881

<http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/doe/organization/adultlearning/vr/SSIL.htm>

### **Squamscott Community Commons**

CRN Fall 2009

Robin Drunic, Executive Director  
PO Box 521, Exeter NH 03833  
Phone: 603-778-4722 Cell: 603-978-1436  
[robbing@squamscott.org](mailto:robbing@squamscott.org)    [www.squamscott.org](http://www.squamscott.org)

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) Exeter Conference is affiliated with St. Michael's Catholic Community and is a non-profit organization. St. Michael's Parish has three (3) Outreach Programs that helps the Stratham, Exeter, Brentwood, East Kingston, Newfields and Kensington people who are struggling just to make ends meet. These programs are:

- **Back to School** where each child is provided a backpack, school supplies according to their grade, a shirt, pants, socks, underwear and sometimes gift cards for shoes.
- **Thanksgiving Baskets**, each family is provided with a Turkey and all the trimmings that go with a Thanksgiving feast.
- **Christmas Basket**, each child receives 3 gifts that each gift is \$50 or less, a shirt, pants, socks and sweatshirt. The family receives a Christmas dinner basket.

We have several churches in the SAU-16 District area step in and help us with the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets along with the Exeter Fire Department for gifts. Please list St. Michael's Parish for these programs so that we can help as many people that we can in our area.

Leah Grant, Pastoral Minister 603-772-3916 ext. 12    [www.svdpexeter.com](http://www.svdpexeter.com)  
Herb Salls, SVdP Client Services Volunteer 603-772-3916 Ext 15  
11 Linden Street  
Exeter, NH 03833

### **The Homemakers Health Services**

We are A Homecare Agency, located at 215 Rochester Hill Road, in Rochester, The Homemakers, is a full service, charitable health care agency which provides comprehensive, quality, and cost effective home health, home support and adult medical day care services. When dealing with difficulties due to aging, chronic illness, or getting back on your feet after a hospital stay, the professional, knowledgeable staff The Homemakers Health Services can help make your life easier.    [www.TheHomemakers.org](http://www.TheHomemakers.org)

Contact: René J. Philpott, 603.335.1770, [rphilpott@thehomemakers.org](mailto:rphilpott@thehomemakers.org);

### **The Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Major Joy Emmons, MA  
The Salvation Army Portsmouth, NH  
Middle Street  
Office Phone 603-436-2606 Laura O'Brien - Secretary for appointments

### **United Way of the Greater Seacoast**

United Way of the Greater Seacoast is working to advance the common good by focusing on education, income and health. These are the building blocks for a good life—a head start on quality education that leads to success in future jobs, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place.

### ***Our vision for the Greater Seacoast:***

- Families who could not otherwise afford it accessing safe, high-quality early learning opportunities.
- City planners, developers, conservationists and community members working together to create new zoning ordinances that provide incentives for the creation of affordable housing.
- Working lower-income families claiming the tax credit dollars they deserve, increasing their income and providing them with better opportunities to save money and build assets.
- Creating opportunities for access to healthcare through better transportation options and medical services for the un- and underinsured donated by medical professionals.
- Supporting healthy kids and communities through substance abuse prevention.

The United Way ***Volunteer Action Center*** provides Volunteer Management Resources to area nonprofits including:

Volunteer Management training and consultation , On-line volunteer recruitment , GoodsMatch product donation program , BoardMatch referral program , Promotion of volunteerism through a weekly Herald column, Fosters on-line, volunteer fairs , Spirit of the Seacoast quarterly volunteer award.

Robin Albert, Director

Volunteer Action Center

112 Corporate Dr., Portsmouth, NH 03801

Office: 603.436.5554 x 136 Fax: 603.436.6349

[www.uwgs.org](http://www.uwgs.org)

### **University of NH Cooperative Extension**

UNH Cooperative Extension provides programs and resources for families and youth in the following areas:

● **Family and Consumer Resources** programs are in the areas of parenting, stepfamilies, money management, media literacy, food safety and healthy lifestyles. Contact Claudia Boozer-Blasco, M.Ed. or Karen Blass, M.Ed., Extension Educators in Family and Consumer Resources, at [claudia.boozer-blasco@unh.edu](mailto:claudia.boozer-blasco@unh.edu) or [karyn.blass@unh.edu](mailto:karyn.blass@unh.edu).

● **Nutrition Connections** brings nutrition knowledge and food skills to limited-resource people of all ages. Instruction is available through small group instruction, in-home visits, newsletters and correspondence courses, and youth programs. Contact Terri Schoppmeyer, B.S., Educational Program Coordinator, Food and Nutrition at [terri.schoppmeyer@unh.edu](mailto:terri.schoppmeyer@unh.edu).

● **4-H Youth Development** provides opportunities for youth to enhance their skills and abilities in a wide variety of interest areas and offers expertise in community youth development. Contact Rick Alleva, Ed.D, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, [rick.alleva@unh.edu](mailto:rick.alleva@unh.edu).

UNH Cooperative Extension also provides programming through **Agricultural Resources, Forestry Resources, Marine Resources, and Land and Water Conservation**. For more information, contact UNH Cooperative Extension, Rockingham County, 113 North Rd., Brentwood, NH 03833, 603-679-5616 or visit our web site at [www.extension.unh.edu](http://www.extension.unh.edu).

### **The VA Medical Center: Healthcare for Homeless Veteran's Program**

The healthcare for homeless veterans (HCHV) staff engages homeless veterans through outreach and linkage to a full range of services that can facilitate a break in the cycle of homelessness.

The HCHV program provides outreach to shelters or referrals to transitional housing programs along with referrals to physical and psychiatric examinations with follow up for

primary, psychiatry, and specialty care. Homeless veterans with mental health and chemical dependency problems may also receive ongoing case management.

The ultimate goal is to link veterans to VA services as well as to services provided by other community agencies serving the homeless; the HCHV program has three components: 1. outreach and referral services 2. grant and per diem programs 3. supported housing services. All of which are important parts of the seamless system of care.

To make a referral or for additional information, please contact:

Lisa Winn, Homeless Coordinator [Lisa.winn@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.winn@va.gov)

VA Medical Center, 718 Smyth Road, Manchester, NH 03104

603.624.4366 x 3622 (office) 603.657.5613 (cell)

### **Victims, Inc**

Victims, Inc. Spring Training coming up for Trauma Intervention Volunteers in Strafford and Rockingham Counties. Check the website.

Call 335-7777 for more information.

<http://www.victimsinc.org>

### **Wentworth Connections**

The Seacoast area is fortunate to have a wide range of high quality services for seniors, offered by many area enterprises and agencies. Two of those agencies, **The Portsmouth Senior Center and Compass Care adult day**, have undergone a management transition that became effective on January 5. The change relates to the fact that **Parrott Avenue Place** and the above mentioned programs are now a part of the **Mark Wentworth Home** – a non-profit nursing home and assisted living community that has been serving the Portsmouth area for nearly a hundred years, and has long had a vision of extending services out into the community. The services provided will continue to be based at Parrott Avenue and will now be known as **Wentworth Connections**. This transition was agreed to by the boards of directors of all of the agencies involved, with the expectation that by bringing the services together under a single management that some efficiencies can be gained and that the whole will become greater than the sum of its parts.

The management of Wentworth Connections will be handled by **Living Innovations**.

Cindi Shanley, is the hands on Director

For further information:

Cindi Shanley at 430-0070

Neal Ouellett, CEO of Living Innovations at 422-7308

Perry Blas, Community Liaison - 603-436-1586 [pblas@livinginnovations.com](mailto:pblas@livinginnovations.com)

### **Women Supporting Women**

The Women Supporting Women Center is a wellness and enrichment center, open for more than 13 years, now serving both women and men. WSW offers lectures, workshops, support groups, a lending library, and psychotherapy, all aimed at the emotional, spiritual and personal growth of adults. A quarterly newsletter details the 15-25 different programs offered each cycle, as does the web site, [www.wswcenter.com](http://www.wswcenter.com).

WSW began opening some of our groups to men for the first time this year. The programs offered run the gamut from important informational groups (ie, legal aspects of divorce, financial literacy, etc) to topical support groups, book and movie discussion groups, uplifting community builders (wine and food tasting, introductory watercolor class), spiritual (personal purpose, divine identity, energy healing), personal growth (communication skills, forgiveness, journaling) and whimsical angel and fairy classes.

WSW is also a safe, supportive place for women to learn and practice leadership skills, following the 12-hour leadership training class offered. New leaders are encouraged and assisted in their conception, development and implementation of a topic they want to offer a class in. The WSW philosophy is informed by the empowering work of the co-counseling community, incorporating such concepts as No Advice Giving, One Person Speaks at a Time (for about the same amount of time), speak from your own experience, etc. The typical participant ranges in age from 30-something to 70-something. It is a model for well people; those needing more specific attention are directed to the fine agencies in our community already doing crisis work and offering emergency services.

Claire Houston, Director, MS, LCMHC, Lic. Psychotherapist (603) 772-0799

111 Water St

Exeter, NH 03833

[www.wswcenter.com](http://www.wswcenter.com)

### **Working Futures**

Working Futures is a transitional job readiness program crafted especially for NHEP participants. A four-week intensive program, Working Futures is designed to assist with building the soft skills required by today's employers. The program includes modules on: job survival skills, self development, and job searching, as well as individual modules that allow participants to focus their learning. Program graduates will have: job readiness skills, effective workplace behavior, improved self-esteem and confidence, and effective job search tools. All that in four (intensive!) weeks.

David Phreaner, D.Mn.,

Career Development Specialist Working Futures

Rochester Office

150 Wakefield Street, Suite 4

603-335-6847

### **Workplace Success**

*Workplace Success* is a work experience and training program that provides participants in the NH Employment Program with the skills, knowledge, and support to obtain unsubsidized employment. The Workplace Success concept comprises two components: community work experience and onsite volunteer activities and skills training, all of which develop and polish job skills needed by participants to enter or reenter the workforce. We have two offices in Rockingham County: Portsmouth and Salem.

Contact: Tracy Heine or Lee Mulcahey 766-0166

[theine@reaction.org](mailto:theine@reaction.org)

[www.reaction.org](http://www.reaction.org)

### **Other Service Providers supporting CRN**

#### **Greenleaf Woods Counseling**

Greenleaf Woods Counseling - Peg Correia and Sally Wool, both L.A.D.C., see clients with anxiety, depression, sexual orientation, family and relationship issues - use a Sliding Fee Scale, do Substance Abuse Evaluations, work with the court system, Families First, Aids Response Seacoast, SeaCare - ongoing groups include medical professionals, aftercare, and anger management for women.

6 Greenleaf Woods Drive, Suite 202

Phone 427-5392 –Sally Wool email: [s\\_g\\_wool@yahoo.com](mailto:s_g_wool@yahoo.com)

**Tammy Svenson and Judith Palais**

Take time for yourself and practice good self-care - attend a caregiver support group! Join Judith Palais, LICSW, and Tammy Svenson, LICSW, in a bi-weekly caregiver support group on Thursdays Sept. 10, 24, Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 5, 19 (every other Thursday) 6-7.30 pm.

Attend all or drop in when you can! This meeting is open to anyone caring for another who needs support, encouragement, resources, education, an opportunity to share their experiences, and/or in need of a break in a relaxing space.

Fee can be paid by insurances and copay or \$20/session private pay.

Meetings will be held at Whole Life Health Care, 100 Shattuck Way, Newington, NH 03801 (off Woodbury Ave. behind Great Bay Services and the Great Buffet II).

For more information or to register, please call Tammy Svenson @603.431.6677 x303 or [tammy.svenson@gmail.com](mailto:tammy.svenson@gmail.com).

