

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

5/21/10 Meeting



A Safe Place

The mission of A Safe Place – [Domestic Abuse Support Services](#) - is to break the cycle of domestic abuse by providing crisis intervention, support services, education and advocacy to survivors, their families, and the community. We [serve all of Rockingham and Strafford Counties](#) and have outreach offices [in Salem and Rochester](#). We also have a 24 hour hotline and a 24 hour emergency shelter in a confidential location. Our advocates provide support in the courts for Restraining orders, Divorce and Custody issues, and assist victims in obtaining legal services and provide advocacy with various social service agencies. We also have weekly support groups [in each of our office locations](#). All the services A Safe Place provides are FREE and Confidential. Seeking help is the first step for victims of domestic abuse who want to take back their lives and journey forward from victim to survivor!"

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): 1.800.854.3552

Website: www.asafelacenh.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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Tuck Learning Campus

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The Birchtree Center

Our nonprofit organization improves the quality of life for children and youth with autism and their families through nurturing relationships, therapeutic programming and specialized education. Our center in Newington offers a year-round special educational day program for students with autism aged 2-21 years. Our Outreach Program provides consultation, training, direct services and support for students, families, schools and community agencies in New

Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont. The Birchtree Center moved last month from a small building in Portsmouth to a larger, custom-renovated facility in Newington.

The Birchtree Center

2064 Woodbury Avenue, Suite 204

Newington, New Hampshire 03801-2808

603-433-4192; www.birchtreecenter.org

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.

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Child and Family Services Seacoast 2010 **ADOPTION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD**



- **Adoption Services**— Unbiased, confidential counseling for parents facing unplanned pregnancy; expert adoption planning services available. Home studies for domestic and international adoptions; consultation and mediation. Post-adoption search and reunion coordination including counseling and support for birth parents, adoptees and siblings.
- **Early Supports & Services/Early Intervention**—Provides family-centered early supports and services and therapies to infants and toddlers who have developmental disabilities, developmental delays, or who are at risk of developmental delays. Birth to three. Services are provided in the child's natural environment.

•**Healthy Families Home Visiting Program**—Serves pregnant women through an array of services that work to ensure good prenatal care, successful birth outcomes, positive early parent/child relationships and optimal early childhood development.



TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

•**Student Assistance Program**—An array of school based programs dedicated to ensuring positive academic and social outcomes for students. Focuses on substance abuse prevention, violence prevention, successful home-school partnerships, positive peer leadership, goal development and life skills training. Provides individual, family and/or group counseling and case management.

•**Transitional Living Program** —Safe, stable housing and supportive services provided to homeless youth ages 18-21. Services include mentoring, life skills training that helps with cooking, laundry, budgeting, educational support and more.

•**Street Outreach**—Assistance to street youth, homeless youth and those at risk of homelessness. Provides direct relief and opportunities for runaway and homeless youth to stay safe while finding stable home environment.

•**Housing Support Program**—Works to re-house young adults who are at risk of becoming homeless. Provides security deposits, subsidizes utility bills, assists with employment and building independent living skills and covers rent while individual becomes self-sufficient.

COUNSELING

Therapeutic counseling for children, youth and adults, couples and families. Help with child behaviors, problems in school, divorce and step-family adjustment, family violence, relationship conflicts, emotional complaints, stress, self-defeating behaviors, addictive behaviors, loss and trauma, anxiety, phobias, compulsions.

► Clinicians can also provide services within local elementary schools. Most insurances accepted. Generous sliding fee scale available.

FAMILY SUPPORT

•**Permanency Solutions/Foster Care**—Multi-faceted program that tailors a spectrum of therapeutic, social and community services to the specific needs of a child and his/her family. Facilitates permanence through family stabilization or reunification. Includes foster care services such as placement, foster parent training and family support.

•**Integrated Home Based Services**—A 90-day service designed to restore positive family functioning by providing intensive support and intervention. Includes family therapy, tracking and/or parent support.

•**Turnabout**— Intensive tracking, supervision and/or mentoring of adjudicated youth (age 11-17). Community based.

•**Parent Aide (Child Health Support Services)**— Provides supervised visits between parents and children and offers practical help with parenting and household management.

•**Deployment Cycle Support Program**—A military-civilian partnership designed to assist service members and their families before, during and after deployment.

Care coordinators work with families to provide anything from mental health counseling, home-based family support, transportation, housing, emergency financial assistance, counseling for children at home and school, child care and respite services, employment assistance, help with accessing and navigating the healthcare system, and more.

SUMMER CAMP

•**Camp Spaulding**—An overnight summer camp for boys and girls ages 8-14. Activities include an equine program, arts & crafts, archery, canoeing, fishing, swimming lessons, hiking, field trips, activity days, campfires, a wilderness camp program and high and low ropes courses. Four 2-week sessions each summer.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH

•**ParentLine**—Free and confidential parenting advice that is accessible by emailing parentline@cfsnh.org or by calling a toll-free warm-line, 1-800-640-6486.

ADVOCACY

•**NH Children's Lobby**—Improving the lives of children and families through legislative, judicial, and public policy initiatives. Members receive newsletter and action alerts during legislative session.

1-800-640-6486 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, all inclusive classrooms, 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. For more information, visit www.communitychildcarenh.org or contact: Catherine Edison email: 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. Visit us on the web at 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.

Service area encompasses the greater Manchester, Nashua & Seacoast areas of NH. You may reach them at: 603-887-7878 or 1-888-887-0688, or on the web at: 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.

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?

► CRN runs on dues/donations from participating agencies/organizations. We need fiscal help to be able to continue networking and learning from each other in these changing times. See the CRN website www.crnnh.org for a donation form or contact: Susan Turner sturner@rcaction.org Cell: 969-5318

► Does your organization or committee need help pulling a group together to work on an identified need – call Susan at the RCCRN and see how we can help organize/facilitate the efforts.

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

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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.

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www.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

The Epping/Newmarket Coalition for Youth and Families has been established to bring quality evidence based programs, training and prevention materials and resources to the communities of Epping and Newmarket with the goal of providing healthy and positive living choices for our youth and families.

Established in the fall of 2008, the coalition - managed by the advisory board panel, has diligently been working to develop a solid foundation that will enable the coalition to grow and sustain the goals laid out in the mission statement:

The Epping/Newmarket Coalition for Youth and Families is a collaborative organization dedicated to empowering our youth to make healthy and positive lifestyle choices through awareness campaigns, education, coordinated activities, and resources.

Currently funded under the NH Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) State Incentive Grant (SIG) and a member of the Allies in Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) coalition, the Epping/Newmarket coalition for Youth and Families is actively promoting the goals of the coalition, recruiting members and financial sponsors and working to establish baseline working relationships with the businesses and providers that serve our two communities.

The coalition is reaching out to the community to invite all to join us at an upcoming monthly meeting. Join us to learn more details regarding the work we are seeking to do, the community support we feel is vital and learn how your input and involvement will have a positive impact on our youth and community.

Monthly meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of each month. For times and locations call: 603.686.6844 or check out our web site @ www.eppingnewmarketcoalition.org or email us @ connect@eppingnewmarketcoalition.org

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. we don't sign the checks of course. We 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.

We start with an initial complimentary consultation, helping potential clients develop a plan that fits their individual needs and budgets. Call today to see how we can help!

Dianne McMillen (c) 603-801-5210
3 Gage Street, Dover, NH 03820



Exeter Adult Education **

•Summer Class Registration

GED, Adult Basic Education, Monday, May 24 at 9:00 AM or 6:30 PM

English (ESOL) class registration, Monday, June 14 at 9:00 AM or 6:30 PM.

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.

•Summer schedule for basic skills and GED (until July 28th):

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

EVENINGS: Monday & Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM

ESOL classes are also held during the summer both day and evening.

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.saul6.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.
- **T. Elliott Young Lecture Series:** Community outreach is a very important part of our mission. That is why we invite our community to attend the T. Elliott Young Health and Wellness Lecture Series. This series of 12 lectures, 6 held in the Fall and 6 in the Spring, touch on a variety of health-related topics often recommended by our community members. Lectures are held in the Exeter Hospital North Conference Rooms on various Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. Health professionals and educators in attendance will receive 1.8 contact hours when they complete an evaluation of the lecture; contact hours are awarded the night of the lecture. Registration is \$5 and is used to assist HealthReach Community Education in continuing to offer free outreach services to our community. For calendar information, or to reserve a seat, please call the HealthReach Information Center at 603-580-6668 or visit us on the web at www.exeterhospital.com.

Families First Health and Support Center



Located at the Community Campus in Portsmouth, Families First is the Seacoast’s community health center, providing 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. For more information on the Health Center, call 603-422-8208 ext. 1.

●**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. In addition to regular hours, 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. For more details, contact Cindy Bishop 603-422-8208 ext. 138.

●**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. Co-Parenting, a four-week series offered to separated or divorced parents, is offered four times a year.

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

The Mother-to-Mother Postpartum Group runs Tuesday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 beginning October 13 for mothers experiencing depression or anxiety following childbirth. Those interested in attending can call Liz Gaudette at 207-363-1379 x-2. Or, to refer a client, call Joanna at 603-422-8208 x-123.

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.

●**Professional Development** is available to groups on a variety of child and family topics. The cost is \$150 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, and assistance completing applications for NH Healthy Kids, SeaCare and housing. Call 603-422-8208 ext. 125.

●**Mobile health care for people who are homeless.** Mobile health teams travel in two vans to sites in Portsmouth, Hampton, Dover, Rochester, and Farmington 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.

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 2nd 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 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

POB 456 436-7588

559 Portsmouth Avenue

Greenland NH 03840

Email: mail@fhc-p.org website: www.fhc-p.org

Greenleaf Woods Counseling sees clients with issues of anxiety, depression, sexual abuse, substance abuse, relationship imbalance, sexual orientation, and trauma. Both Peg Correia, M.Ed., M.L.A.D.C., and Sally Wool, M.Ed., M.L.A.D.C. offer After Care to those who have completed an Impaired Driver Intervention Program and are seeking reinstatement of their Driver's Licenses. We also offer a sliding fee scale and accept some insurances.

427-5392 s_g_wool@yahoo.com

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



Home Instead Senior Care

Home Instead Senior Care is the world's trusted source of non-medical home care services for seniors. The foundation of the company is a trusted franchise network of more than 800 independently owned offices in the United States and around the world. Locally, our office has been serving seniors on the Seacoast and in Southern New Hampshire since 2002. Our approach to senior care is personalized for each client and family. Our goal is to promote quality of life and independence. Website: homeinstead.com/scnh

Carey Fitzgerald, Community Liaison - careyfitzgerald@homeinstead.com - 603.433.5959

In Home Senior Services, Inc. **

In-Home Senior Services, Inc. was established in 1993. We were one of the first Home Care agencies in the area. The company employs on average 45 Personal Care Attendants or Personal Support Specialists – all of whom are certified in Personal Care. We service the Greater Portland area, York County and the Rockingham and Strafford county areas of New Hampshire. Our service provides the elderly an opportunity to live independently in their own homes. The duties of a PCA/PSS range from light housecleaning, laundry, meal prep, to assisting with bathing, dressing and respite for the primary caregiver. Our service can cover a 2 hour period once a week and go up to a 24-hour period seven days a week. We take great pride in our attendants and the work that they perform and feel each client/attendant relationship is like adding someone to their family.

658 Main St
Gorham, ME 04038
207-856-1212
1-800-689-4311

Lamprey Health Care **

Lamprey Health Care is a non-profit community health care center that provides prenatal through geriatric healthcare services regardless of a person's 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 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

Providing Support for Elders and People with Disabilities

Living Innovations is a mission-driven agency dedicated to the belief that we all deserve lives of quality and dignity at home and in the community. A company with strong local roots, we have grown from one small, seacoast New Hampshire office to a network of over ten locations that provide compassionate, competent care to hundreds of elderly and disabled people living in New Hampshire, Maine and northeastern Massachusetts.

Living Innovations Home Care is focused on the particular needs of elders and their families. We believe that each person, and each situation, is unique and we strive to develop individualized care plans and make strong caregiver matches that optimize the client's ability to stay happy, healthy, and safe at home. What does this mean?

Living Innovations Home Care has:

- Developed care plans of as little as two hours per week of homemaking services for those needing help with light housekeeping, shopping and transportation
- Developed care plans to help with bathing, dressing and hygiene as well as homemaking and meal preparation
- Developed 24/7 care plans for frail seniors who wish to "age in place" and require comprehensive care to remain in their home
- Developed care plans for those needing medication reminders and even for those requiring skilled nursing services in their home

At *Living Innovations Home Care*, we value our elders and the richness they bring to our lives. We know that every caregiver is a companion as well and we look for that special blend of compassion and competence in every member of our staff. Please look for us online at www.Livinginnovations.com or call us at 866-665-9778 for a free in-home care assessment.

LSS In-Home Care **

LSS In-Home Care is a Licensed Home Health Care Agency dedicated to providing quality nonmedical paraprofessional home care services to residents of New Hampshire and Maine. Each day we help over 500 people meet their daily needs, remain in their homes, and preserve their independence. Our services include:

- Light housekeeping tasks
- Meal assistance
- Grocery shopping and other errands
- Transportation to appointments
- Neighborhood or community outings
- Mail assistance and organization
- Bathing, and other personal care assistance
- Medical reminders
- And more.....

Please visit us online at www.lssinhomecare.org, call 603-224-8111, or call toll free 800-244-8119.

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 Email: lmader@nationalable.org

997 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101 Web: www.nationalable.org

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

New England Emergency Response Systems **

NEERS is a locally based provider of personal emergency response systems (commonly called help buttons, or Lifelines, or medi-alerts) for people who are elderly, disabled or in some way at risk. If these people want to stay at home safely, we provide a personal emergency response system which allows them to access help instantly, 24/7, 365 days a year. A trained operator will check on them whenever they send in a signal by pushing the button; if help is needed, it will be dispatched immediately. The service is surprisingly affordable, \$39 to set it up and \$39 per month with discounts available for Senior Friends members. For information or to order service call: 1-800-888-0338. www.neers.com/

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

Phone/Fax 603.436.4989

www.newgennh.org

Program Coordinator, LPN, BS

P O Box 676/568 Portsmouth Avenue

Greenland, NH 03840

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:

McGreal Sight Center	OR	Denise Caruso, Low Vision/Rehabilitation Therapist
25 Walker Street		127 Parrott Avenue
Concord, NH 03301		Portsmouth, NH 03801
1-800-464-3075		603-431-9401ext.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 or visit website: 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 throughout 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

New Hampshire Employment Security

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

www.nh.gov/nhes

New Hampshire Healthy Kids

New Hampshire Healthy Kids is a private non-profit organization working in partnership with the NH Department of Health and Human Services, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, and Northeast Delta Dental to provide access to low-cost or free health & dental coverage to NH's uninsured children and low-income pregnant women.

Just a few of the services covered by the Healthy Kids program are:

- Hospital services
- Doctor visits
- Dental Care
- Prescriptions

NH Healthy Kids, 1 Pillsbury St.

Concord, NH 03301

1-877-464-2447

www.nhhealthykids.com



New Hampshire Legal Assistance

New Hampshire Legal Assistance represents low-income and elderly people in civil cases involving housing, health care, public benefits, consumer problems, and domestic violence.

Three attorneys, two secretaries, and two paralegals are based in Portsmouth.

Normal business hours of 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday.

We can be reached at 431-7411 or 1-800-334-3135

154 High Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Kay E. Drought, Litigation Director

Tel. 603-431-7411, extension 2503

Fax 603-431-8025

KDROUGHT@NHCLA.ORG

New Heights Teen Center

An innovative out-of-school program in Portsmouth, New Heights serves more than 550 Seacoast youth between the ages of 11 and 18 annually. In support of its mission *to assist Seacoast youth in developing the competence, character, confidence, and resiliency necessary for a healthy and successful adulthood*, New Heights offers a wide array of quality, experiential learning activities. Some of these activities, like *Sages of RPG*, encourage problem solving and gamesmanship through unique gaming mediums such as board, card, and role-playing games, while others are athletic in nature such as *Sports Club* for basketball, softball, and floor hockey. Additional activities include arts and crafts, *Cooking Club*, and the popular *Adventure Program*,

which offers rock climbing, mountain biking, skiing, sledding, hiking and other outdoor-related opportunities.

New Height also offers a formal **Mentor Program**, which provides tangible structure and guidance to its participants. Led by highly qualified and trained staff, this portion of New Heights' programming is crucial to its long-term success and ability to help youth successfully negotiate the pressures of adolescence. Partnering with additional agencies from across the region, New Heights seeks to promote the following protective factors in the lives of its participants:

- Positive attitudes, values or beliefs
- Conflict resolution and problem-solving skills
- Good mental, physical, spiritual and emotional health
- Positive self-esteem
- Success at school
- Strong social supports
- Community Engagement

New Heights is located within the Community Campus at 100 Campus Drive, Suite 23, Portsmouth, NH 03801. For more information, call Meghan Basile, Assistant Director, at (603) 422-8235 x 106, email: mbasile@newheightsonline.org, or visit www.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.

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

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
Our fax number is (603) 436-4622

Positive Pathways to Prevention

Positive Pathways to Prevention has been established to bring quality evidence based programs, training and prevention materials and resources to the Greater Portsmouth communities. Established in the summer of 2008 this coalition - managed by an oversight board of directors made up of parents, business owners, school and police personnel - has been meeting monthly working to develop a solid foundation that will enable the coalition to grow and sustain the goals laid out in the mission statement:

This partnership will actively engage the entire Greater Portsmouth area through collaboration of community resources, to ensure that members are making healthy choices and held accountable for their actions to reduce risk and harm related to substance use.

Please get involved and contact Stacy Kramer for more information at (603)617-0085 or at skramer@portsmouth.k12.nh.us.

Also, check out our site at www.positivepathwaystoprevention.ning.com.

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 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 or contact Celeste Clark, Executive Director 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, call the Center at 778-8193, or email Pat Sue Spear, Program Coordinator at pspear@richiemcfarland.org or Sue Ford, Intake and Enrollment Coordinator at 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 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.

Rockingham Community Action  please go to: www.rcaction.org for detailed info on each program

► **Community Action Centers** provide the following services to income-eligible individuals and families in need: Homeless prevention (utility/rent/mortgage), security deposit/rent assistance, emergency food, supplemental food/personal care products, IDA (Individual Development Accounts), 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: Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, North Hampton, Rye, Seabrook, South Hampton, and Stratham.
1-800-979-3507

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. 1-800 974-2303

The Greater Salem Action Center (893-9172) serves the following communities: Atkinson, Auburn, Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Newton, Plaistow, Salem, and Sandown.
1-800 939-9172

► **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 heather Weste, Asset Building Coordinator, Rockingham Community Action, 7 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801, (603) 431-2911, hweste@rcaction.org.

Rockingham Community Action Child Care Services (RCA CCS)

► Our program provides **Child Care Resource and Referral Services (CCR&R)** and we sponsor the **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**. We provide both services in both Rockingham and Strafford counties.

The CCR&R services include supplying families in Rockingham and Strafford counties with names of local child care programs, providing tips for families on evaluating and selecting quality child care and providing information to families on child care resources, including financial assistance.

We also provide ongoing training, visits and telephone consultations to support the professional development of child care providers in Rockingham and Strafford counties.

As a sponsor of the CACFP, we help to improve the health and eating habits of children. Children in participating family child care homes and child care centers receive nutritious meals which help keep them healthy and growing. The CACFP is a federal program that partially reimburses child care providers for the meals served to the children in their care. The programs we sponsor are located in Rockingham, Strafford and Hillsborough counties.

Rockingham Community Action Child Care Services

8 Centerville Drive

Salem, NH 03079

(603) 893-8446; ccs@rcaction.org

652F Central Avenue

Dover, NH 03820

(603) 516-1190; crr@rcaction.org

► **Families @ Work** provides newly employed parents with financial assistance, access to community resources, and employment coaching services that will enable them to keep working and contribute to their family's overall well-being. Abby Cooper, Work Resource Specialist
Phone: 603 817-3452 Fax - 603 766-0168 email: acooper@rcaction.org

► **HEAD START** is now recruiting and accepting applications for the 2010-2011 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. 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 for low-income children (birth to 5th 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

(RCCRN/CRN thanks RCA for their fiscal sponsorship and support)

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 promotes and supports individual, family and community well being in all the interdependent dimensions of wellness: physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, social, cultural, occupational, financial/material, and environmental. RCCRN can play a specific role in bringing entities together to find solutions to the issues facing our region.

The RCCRN partners are currently working in coalitions on Mental Health Integration, Prevention and Wellness, Health Care for the Homeless, and Suicide Prevention.

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

Susan Turner Cell: 969-5318 sturner@rcaaction.org www.crnnh.org

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

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

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 Food Pantry 436-0641

Diane Giese, Executive Director dgiese13@comcast.net Office 436-6161

Margie Parker, Assistant Executive Director

Fax 1-866-388-1582

Seacoast Family Promise **

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

sihnh@comcast.net

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

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

10 Hampton Road, Exeter

www.seacoasthospice.org

Phone: 603 778-7391 Fax 603 418-0040

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.

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

Support Groups

2nd 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

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month 7 – 9 pm

Seacoast Chapter of NAMI - NH

Community Campus (Library – 1st floor)

100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth, NH

CONTACT: Jackie Ellis, (603) 431-1512
Don Moore, (603) 436-3264

3rd 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

Every Friday

7 – 8:30 PM Greater NH Seacoast area
Chapter of DBSA (Depression and Bipolar
Support Group), Exeter Hospital

3rd Floor Conference Room #1

Contact: 778-3160

Every Monday

7 – 8:30 pm Depression and Bipolar
Support Alliance

Wentworth Douglas Hospital

789 Central Ave, Dover, NH 03801

Contact: Joe “Jay” Breakfield 603-280-4411

Senior Community Service Employment Program

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) assists NH residents 55 years old and over, on limited incomes with developing job skills, obtaining part-time, paid opportunities in government or non-profit organizations, and finding future unsubsidized jobs as required.

Benefits include paid holidays, vision care, and more. We are currently recruiting in Belknap, Merrimack and Rockingham Counties. For more information, please call us at 1-800-856-5525, SCSEP is a program of Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., P.O. Box 1016, Concord, NH 03302-1016.

Candace Whittemore, Program Manager
Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.
2 Industrial Park Dr., PO Box 1016, Concord, NH 03302-1016
603-225-3295 603-228-1898 Fax

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 30th 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

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

Robin Drunsic, Executive Director
PO Box 521, Exeter NH 03833
Phone: 603-778-4722 Cell: 603-978-1436
robbing@squamscott.org 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
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
Contact: René J. Philpott, 603.335.1770, 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.

New Captain coming in June. Major Joy and Chet Emmons will be leaving the seacoast.
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.

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

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 or 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.

● **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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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
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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. Rochester Office: 150 Wakefield Street, Suite 4
Career Development Specialist Working Futures
603-335-6847

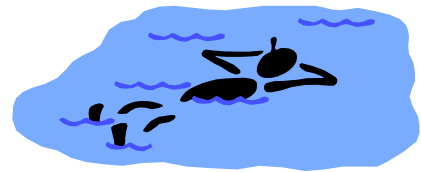
Workplace Success

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: Megan Dix 766-0166

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