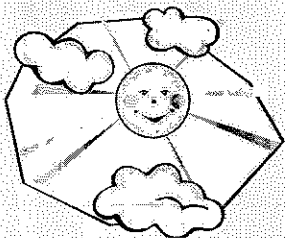


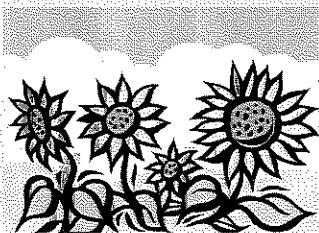
HCBS Newsletter

June

2011



June reimbursement checks (for expenses submitted on blue sheets) will be issued & mailed on 6/23/11. This will only include expenses that were submitted before 6/15/11.



The HCBS Department is:

Phone number 643-0297

Tammy Jones, Assistant Director,
x204

Coordinators:

Elayne Mosher Campoli, x202

Nate Furman, x203

Felicia Weaver, x206

Lisa Vargas, Administrative
Assistant, x201

Tammy Jones

We are holding a lunch and learn for staff who is interested in pursuing purchasing their own home. This is a program through OPW and USDA to assist employees with purchasing a home. This luncheon will be held June 15th and it is open to staff members who work with individuals who have disabilities. If you are interested in attending please call 607-286-7171 ext 318.

We are in the process of hiring another coordinator to work as part of our team. We are very excited about our potential new member and we will keep you posted as to when this new person will be starting.

NYS Access Pass

A New York State Access Pass allows individuals with qualifying disabilities to get into state parks and some other facilities for free. State parks provide many opportunities for recreation, swimming (where available), hiking, and appreciation of our beautiful natural surroundings. Some of our local state parks include: Gilbert Lake (Laurens), Glimmerglass (Cooperstown), Bowman Lake (Oxford), Oquagua (Bainbridge).

More information and Access Pass applications can be found online at:
<http://www.nysparks.com/admission/access-pass/default.aspx>

Information about each of the parks is also on the website.

Community Recreation Program with Diane Bookhout

New this month! There are choices of activities on different weeknights with varied times.

June 9th – Skate at Interskate 88, 6:30-8:30.

June 15th – Fun with Food, 5:00-7:00.

June 21st – Science & Nature Seekers, 5:30-7:30.

For more info & to RSVP please contact Diane Bookhout at 286-7171 x281 or email bookhoutd@springbrookny.org.

Current Openings

Please contact the coordinator listed to find out more!

Felicia: Morris, Otego, Unadilla, Oneonta, Cooperstown.

Nate: Bloomville, Cherry Valley, Hartwick, Delhi, Oneonta, Sidney, Walton, Gilboa

Elayne: Afton, Bainbridge, Guilford, Otego, New Berlin, New Lisbon, Norwich, Oneonta, West Edmeston

Felicia's Forum

The Jill E. Mattice Memorial "HOPE" Run will take place Saturday June 11th, 2011. There is a 10k, 5k and a 2 mile walk. The race begins at 10:30am. Kids run free. Proceeds from the Jill E. Mattice Memorial "HOPE" Run help to fund annual scholarships to be awarded to students from the schools where Jill served as an SRO: Unadilla Valley and Franklin Central School. For more information visit the website for this event http://www.troopermatticehoperun.com/Event_Details.html

Spotlights

- This month we are spotlighting HCBS aide **Sharon Clute**. Sharon works with a young man named Will who has recently made a successful transition from living at home to living in one of our community residences. Sharon has worked with him throughout this exciting period in his life. She has helped to enable Will to blossom in his performing abilities – Will's talents include singing & playing keyboard. She has also been very good at collaborating with multiple providers to bring the best possible services to life for this young man. Sharon can often be found around the HUB with Will, where they are always joking around with everyone. She has developed a wonderful rapport with Will, and often only needs to use a word or two to keep him reminded of something important. Thanks for all of the wonderful moments you have brought to Will & our programs Sharon!!
- On June 30th, don't miss Phrogs Blues Band playing in Neawah Park at 7pm! One of our program participants, Whitney Webster, told us about this local band a few months ago. Wendy Slicer, an HCBS aide, is a member of the band.
- The HCBS office is on the move again! Our department will be relocating in mid-August, and we will keep you informed of the plans as we know more. The Country Club site where we are currently located will be used for expanding the Day Hab programs located in the same building.

Elayne's Exchange

Oneonta Community Concert Band presents a FREE Fathers' Day Concert

On Fathers' Day June 19 at 3pm, the Oneonta Community Concert Band will present a free rain or shine concert of summertime Concert Band music, marches, overtures, waltzes, show tunes and more.

For info: 607-432-7977

E-mail: prinsr@oneonta.edu



Nate's Notes

With the warm weather season starting I suggest that everyone review the Participant Protection Guidelines and talk with Individuals or parents of who you're working with to make sure everyone's on the same page with precautions with the heat. The hot weather can be very draining, make sure to stay hydrated, use sun screen, and get in the shade or air conditioning when possible. Also this is a great opportunity to take advantage of your local village or city pool.