

SALEM H.O.P.E.

Human Organization Partnership Effort

Networking Breakfast Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2009

9:00 A.M. Sharp

Hosted by:

**North Shore Community College Adult Learning Center
100 Cummings Center, Suite 121E, Seminar Room, Beverly**

All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.

**PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO SONYA SNOW-PARRISH AT 978-236-1227 OR
SSNOWPAR@NORTHSHORE.EDU**

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Gloria Lopez, Assistant Dean of Special Programs
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 V. 61st Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in February)
*Bring in your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for March, April, May, June - or e-mail them to
jguy@saalem.com – Deadline 1/28/10*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*Thursday, March 11, 2010 – Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc.
Thursday, June 10, 2010 – HealthQuarters
Thursday, September 9, 2010 - Seeking host agency
Please email jguy@saalem.com if you are interested in hosting an upcoming meeting!*

Networking & Refreshments

*If you no longer wish to receive emails for Salem HOPE,
please send an email to jguy@saalem.com asking to be removed from this distribution list.*

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~ A newsletter for social service agencies ~

November, 2009

Fall Meeting Hosted by Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Shore/N. S. Infant & Toddler Program

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The September, 2009 Salem HOPE meeting was hosted by Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Shore/N. S. Infant & Toddler Program. Representing the agency was Executive Director Andrew Baumgartner, along with Bridget Delaney Messana and Maureen Fiore. Present were Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Kathy O'Brien of the Independent Living Center, Maureen McDonagh of the Family Self-Sufficiency Center, Sonya Snow-Parrish of NSCC/Adult Learning Center, Roz Hurwitz of Goodwill Industries, Jacqui Williams of the Department of Public Health, Kim Alford and Kathy Adams of Citizens for Adequate Housing, Tom Savage and Janine Lang of the Social Security Administration, Teury Marte of MassRehab, Mike Havey of Anchor to Windward, Robin LaConte of HealthQuarters, Lily Varon and Bethany Hoffman of NSCAP and Kimberly Jones of the North Shore Career Center.

Mr. Baumgartner welcomed the group and stated that the agency was started by parents after World War II in 1950. They have been in Massachusetts since 1975. He stated that cerebral palsy is brain damage that effects muscle activity. The agency provides early intervention, have a pre-school, have an adult program with job placement, provide advocacy and maintain 16 units of housing at the former Phillips School property.

Ms. Messana stated that Cerebral Palsy Association has one of eight Early Intervention Partnership Programs in the state, working with women at high risk for poor births. They have offices in Lynn and Salem and take referrals from anywhere.

Ms. Williams stated that the Department of Public Health's Community Health Network gives out scholarships to agencies (i.e. for diversity and obesity).

Ms. Alford stated that the Inn Transition is the sister shelter of Citizens for Adequate Housing and serves 14 homeless families – 8 recovering from addiction and 6 emergency. She stated that they will have 5-6 openings in the next couple months.

Ms. Snow-Parrish stated that she is the Coordinator of the NSCC Adult Learning Center, which offers GED classes and those 16+. They are located at the Cummings Center in Beverly. They have an adult literacy program for those reading below 6th grade level, as well as a transitions math program in the Lynn office for those preparing for the Accuplacer. Classes are free.

Ms. Jones stated that she is the Outreach Specialist for North Shore Career Center, which has offices in Salem, Lynn and Gloucester. They are a one-stop career center offering free services, including development workshops, for people with or without jobs or in transition and at any skill level. They have funds available for certificates (CNA, HHA). They offer youth services for those 14-21 and the youth career center is in the Lynn office.

Mr. Savage stated that he is the manager of the Social Security Administration Salem office. He stated that under SSI there is a requirement to report on a monthly basis and that reports can now be provided by phone. They have a telephone work reporting program so there is no need to send in pay stubs. He stated that he is willing to visit agencies to explain SSA programs.

Ms. Lang stated that she is the Operation Supervisor for the Social Security Administration Salem office.

Ms. Hoffman stated that at NSCAP she is the Housing Advocate for individuals in Danvers, Peabody, Salem and Beverly. She helps find subsidized or low income housing.

Ms. Marte stated that MassRehab will help with training and placement for employment for those from high school and up. They provide funds for transportation.

Ms. Hurwitz stated that the Salem Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries office is a satellite of the Boston office. They serve people with disabilities and have a training center to do subcontract services jobs, such as mailings and packaging, which provides a piece rate wage. They offer case management, job placement and job readiness to gain independence through employment.

Mr. Havey stated that Anchor To Windward is celebrating its 20th anniversary. They mostly run social and recreational programs for adults with mental disabilities. They also have a independent living component.

Ms. LaConte stated that she works in the Education Department of HealthQuarters Beverly office. They offer pregnancy prevention education and will work with foster parents.

Ms. McDonagh stated that at the Family Self Sufficiency Center's her primary activity is ESL evening classes and working with Catholic Charities in the GED program. She stated that Bruce Menin is the new Executive Director.

Ms. Varon stated that she works in NSCAP's advocacy department. NSCAP provides funds for utilities, rental arrearages, security deposits, provides fuel assistance, and offers elderly home care, ESOL, tax preparation and transition to work programs.

Ms. Hoffman stated that NSCAP has a sister program, N. S. Housing Action Group, which has various emergency funds.

Ms. O'Brien stated that Independent Living Center works with people with disabilities with regard to housing, social recreation, advocacy and referrals. They help persons get the supports needed so they can stay in their homes. They have a Long Term Care Options Program.

Ms. Adams stated that Inn Between is the sister shelter to Inn Transition, with the parent being Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc. The Inn Between serves 6 families (5 emergency and 1 not qualified by DTA). They offer case management, (budgeting, medical, legal) and housing search and stabilization. The scattered sites program is new and they have 5 scattered sites in Salem for large families. They are looking for agencies to come in and provide education and workshops in the evenings for the families.

Ms. Jones stated that the [Jobquest](#) site is a place for employers to post jobs for free.

Ms. Guy of the City of Salem Department of Planning & Community Development reminded the group to forward event notices, job openings, etc. to her and she will either forward them on to the Salem HOPE email distribution list or include it in an upcoming newsletter. She stated that as part of the development of the 5 year Consolidated Plan, the City will be providing 10 public presentations, including a public hearing. A flyer will be forwarded to the Salem HOPE agencies.

North Shore Infant & Toddler Early Intervention Program

Early Intervention (EI) is a program available to children between birth and three years of age who have, or are at risk of having, developmental delays due to biological or environmental factors. This includes children who:

- Are not reaching development milestones such as crawling, walking, speaking
- Have behavioral, emotional or attention difficulties
- Have vision, hearing or feeding difficulties
- Were born prematurely or with low birth weight
- Have a diagnosed medical, physical or developmental condition
- Are at-risk for delays due to environmental factors

The program includes a service coordinator, working with a team of professionals, providing home visits, parent/child or toddler groups, and specialty services such as feeding, physical therapy,

occupational therapy, or speech therapy. Families may be asked to pay an annual participation fee based on family size and income. Communities served are Danvers, Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Middleton, Peabody, Salem, Saugus and Swampscott. No doctor referral is required.

For more information call:
North Shore Infant & Toddler Program
Operated by: C P of Eastern Massachusetts, Inc.
103 Johnson St., Lynn, MA 01902
800-454-2727 or 978-744-7037
Para mas informacion, llamar al 781-593-2727

Meetings & Events, Etc.

- Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 8:30 am – [Non Profit: Measuring Outcomes Workshop](#) – Enterprise Center @ Salem State College, 121 Loring Ave.
- Friday, December 4, 2009, 6:30 pm – Raising the Roof Gala & Auction to benefit Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc. – Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, Danvers
- Friday, January 22, 2010, 11:00 am – [Independent Living Center Luncheon @ Fantasy Island](#), 516 Loring Avenue
- Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:00 am – Salem HOPE Spring Meeting – Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc.
- Thursday, June 10, 2010, 9:00 am – Salem HOPE Summer Meeting – HealthQuarters
- Thursday, September 9, 2010, 9:00 am – Salem HOPE Fall Meeting - Seeking host agency

www.salem.com has [links to social service agencies](#), as well as information on [housing programs](#) and [foreclosure prevention and legal resources](#).

What is Salem H.O.P.E. ?

Salem H.O.P.E. is a networking group of human service agencies that serve Salem residents. It is a free forum for agencies to learn about the services being provided by other agencies in order to fill in gaps, coordinate efforts and avoid the duplication of services. All human service agency representatives are welcome to attend the quarterly breakfast meetings held at rotating locations.

We need your announcements, notices and articles for this newsletter. Share your resources; advertise a job opening; seek out agencies to collaborate on a grant application; announce new programs; publicize your events, etc. Please e-mail your submissions or requests to be added to the newsletter e-mail distribution list to jguy@salem.com. Newsletter printed four times per year. However, information that needs to be disseminated in a more timely manner will be forwarded to the listserv upon receipt.

The Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter is prepared and distributed by Jane Guy of the Department of Planning & Community Development of the City of Salem, Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor.



Children's Law Center Of Massachusetts, Inc.

The Children's Law Center of Massachusetts, Inc. (CLCM) is a not-for-profit agency that provides a range of legal services to low-income children in Massachusetts, with an emphasis on Essex County.

Free Help-Line: 781-581-1977 or toll-free at 1-888-KID-LAW8

Our free statewide help-line provides information and assistance to parents, children in crisis, attorneys, and helping professionals.

Free Legal Trainings:

In addition to providing direct representation to children in Essex County, the Law Center also provides free trainings and technical assistance pertaining to children's rights that serve to strengthen advocacy skills for helping professionals, parents, and youth. Most trainings are facilitated by experienced attorneys and are available in both English and Spanish.

Training topics include but are not limited to:

- Basic Introduction to CLCM and Services
- Basic Overview of Education Law
- Rights of Disabled or Special Education Students
- Preparing for a IEP Team Meeting
- How to Read an Individualized Education Plan
- School Discipline (Suspension and Expulsion)
- School Discipline for Special Education Students
- Education Rights of Homeless Students
- "Know Your Rights" for Youth
- Understanding the Department of Children and Families
- Understanding CHINS (Children in Need of Services)
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Restraint and Seclusion
- Abuse and Neglect

For further
information:

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Lynn, MA 01903

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781-598-9364 (fax)

www.clcm.org

For more information regarding free trainings please contact:

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