



NEWS & VIEWS

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The mission of Family Enrichment Network is to provide supportive services for the optimal development of children, adults, and families.

The vision is that all children, adults and families in our service area have the opportunity to grow and develop to their full potential.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director



Darrell Newvine

It's hard to believe that 2020 is here and as you look back at 2019, it was a roller coaster year. The Network completed another great year of growth, development and financial stability.

We have completed our upgrades to Fayette Street and now serve preschool aged children at that site through Head Start and Special Education Services; we have also added a chair lift to make the first floor wheelchair accessible and are thankful to local foundations that supported this. In the spring we have secured funds to "point" the exterior brick mortar to increase its life span.

This next year we will continue to develop our Housing Services and have our HHAP contract for 19 apartments in place with an anticipated ground breaking by April 1 and a completion date by the end of August. We will actively pursue affordable housing for low and moderate income families. We believe we have several partners that will work with us in this pursuit.

We continue to look at ways to develop additional revenue to assist us in meeting the many programmatic and Agency needs we have. Grant writing and program development will continue to be a major focus for the next couple of years. Other areas we are exploring include: ADHD programming; support for elderly services, the homeless, and those struggling with food insecurity. We are still looking at enhancing our services to children with disabilities; we hope to increase those services in Chenango County and are looking at developing those services in Tioga County.

Every year at this time we start to look to the future and what we need to do. We must continue to find a way to increase staff salaries and fringe benefits to attract quality staff.

We need to review our Strategic Plan and see what we have accomplished. That plan and our annual community assessment will help us streamline our program development.

We could not do that without the support of the staff, the Governing Board and the entire community. Our staff continues has worked tirelessly to assist us in moving this Agency forward and meet the needs of children and families. We thank you for your past support of our Agency and look forward to future partnership opportunities.

WIC helps caregivers too.

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Family Enrichment Network

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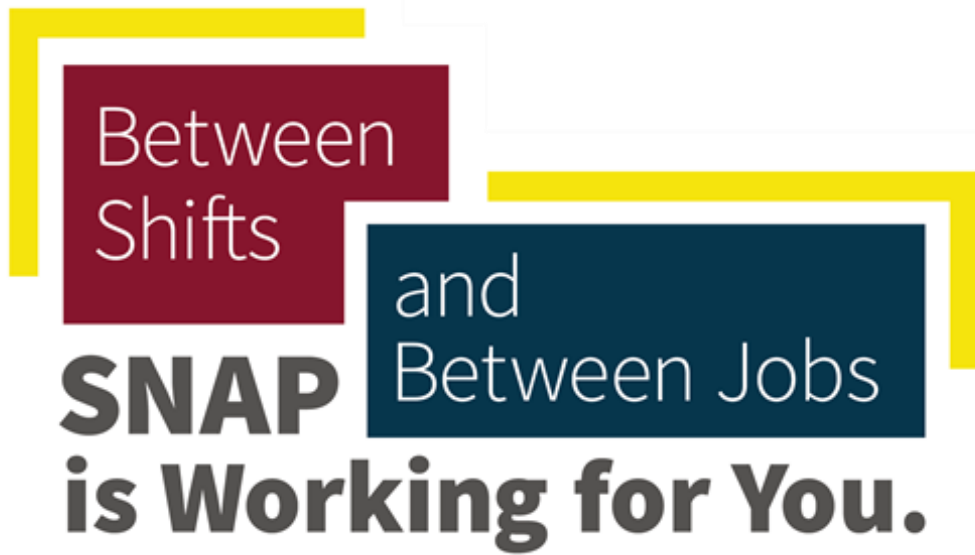
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Head Start/Early Head Start 2020 **Policy Council Executive Committee**

Federal Program Performance Standards require annually that Head Start and Early Head Start programs recruit and elect members to serve as representatives. At November's Parent Committee Meetings, a new Policy Council was elected for 2020, and they began serving their one year term at the December 10th Policy Council Meeting. At that meeting, a new Policy Council Executive Committee was elected; Executive Committee members include: Chairperson, Sonya Herter; Vice Chair Person, Takicia Mitchell; Treasurer, Denise Lee; Recording Secretary, Carrie Bates; and Corresponding Secretary, Kerry O'Brien. Executive Committee Elections were conducted by the Nominating Committee which was directed by Christina Rodriguez.

Congratulations to our new Policy Council. The Head Start and Early Head Start program wish them the best as they begin their work with the program.



SNAP helps many working families in New York buy food. The **Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP)** can help you learn if you may be eligible for SNAP. NOEP can also help you complete and submit your application. Call today. It is free and confidential.

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Employee Spotlight

Hi, my name is Sarah Dornblaser. I work in the Waiver Services department as a Prevocational Specialist. As a Prevocational Specialist, I work with individuals with developmental disabilities in the community where they volunteer, develop job skills and gain work experience. I have been with Family Enrichment for almost a year and absolutely love my job as well as all of the amazing staff and individuals that I work with on a daily basis! I have been in this field of work for 13 years. I started in residential, moved to day hab and am now working in the community. I graduated from Newark Valley High School in 2004. I live in Owego with my husband and our 4 fur babies. In my spare time, you can find me riding my four wheeler or sitting in my tree stand during deer season. I love the outdoors and being active. I absolutely love being a Family Enrichment Network employee!



Years of Service

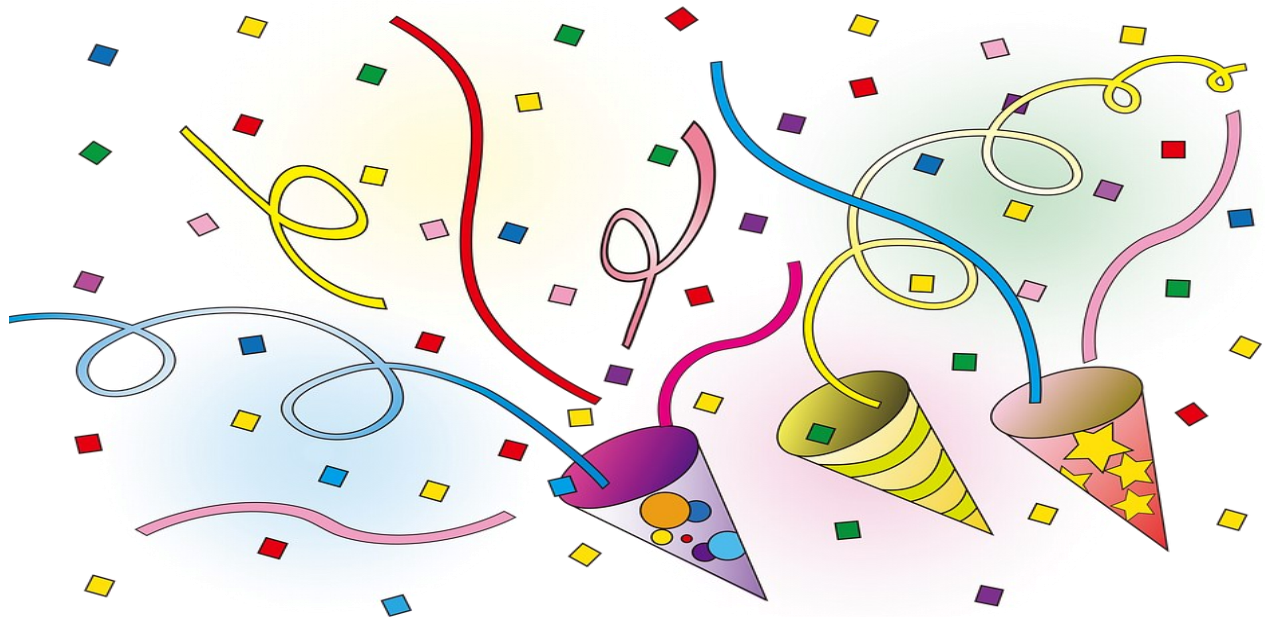


Lori Kropp, 10 years, Center Director

Dan Lesch, 10 years, Fatherhood Coordinator

Julia Fenton, 10 years, EHS Teacher

Shari Neuberger, 20 years, Accountant



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