



News & Views

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The mission of Family Enrichment Network is to provide supportive services for the optimal development of children 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
Family Enrichment Network
Executive Director*

It's hard to believe the new school year has started and children are blessing our hallways - it just seems we were getting ready for summer. With the new season upon us it continues to be a challenging and exciting time at the Agency. The Family Enrichment Network continues to grow and change.

The economy is picking up, but families continue to struggle. We do not see that trend changing any time in the near future. We continue to be active in our grant writing and program development to meet community needs based on our Community Assessment and Strategic Plan. We are near completion of our 2018-2021 Strategic Plan.

We have spent much of our time and resources developing our Housing, OPWDD Waiver Service, and TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) programs. That effort will continue for the future. We appreciate the effort, input, and support. We are looking at state and federal funding for a new multi-unit, homeless and low income housing project in the near future. We are working on the application and should have it ready for submission this fall. We will keep everyone apprised of our progress.

As I have said before, we can no longer just assume the programs we are currently being funded for will be there tomorrow. Quality and accountability are expected. We will be facing several significant challenges in the near future to include the ability to provide full transportation service for our Head Start programs.

The lack of funding for buses and staff is an issue. Staffing Agency-wide is also an issue and low salaries are a contributing factor. I can't remember when we were fully staffed across the Agency. It is becoming increasingly difficult to attract staff. In addition to low salaries, we face burdensome regulations and competition with state/federal agencies for employees. Staffing is an issue state-wide.

In our Special Services program, Early Intervention continues to be an issue as it is everywhere in the state. Services are available, but funding and lack of providers continue to be challenging. We value this program, but when we look at the financial viability, it is very difficult if not impossible to provide those services. We continue to advocate for this and other programs.

We thank the entire community for their continued support to our Agency and the people we support. We look forward to the coming year.

A Message from our Head Start Director

Orientation to Head Start

As summer turns to fall, Family Enrichment Network Head Start staff are busy preparing for children and families who are entering the 2017-2018 program, and one of our objectives is to ensure a successful transition to the program for each child participating in our programs in Broome and Tioga Counties.

Prior to their first day at Head Start, all families are offered an opportunity to participate in an orientation event. Each family is invited to ride the Head Start bus, spend time in their child's classroom with their child, and learn more about the what to expect from their child's Head Start experience. Head Start staff provide information on child development, literacy, health, nutrition, mental health, dental, transportation, family partnership, and parent involvement opportunities that families will participate in throughout the program year. This orientation event assists families as they transition into the program. For children and parents who have never experienced preschool, it gives them an opportunity to begin that journey together, while alleviating the anxiety that can be a part of their new experience. Additionally, families receive a program calendar and handbook at their enrollment visits, and their Family Advocates review the information contained in both during their first home visits.

Meaningful transitions are an important part of the Head Start experience, and throughout the program year, each transition that families experience occurs with preparation and planning to ensure that they are meaningful to both the child and family.

If you are interested in learning more about the Head Start program please call Network offices at 723-8313.

A Message from the Court House

Fun Time from The Courthouse Children's Center

The Courthouse Children's Center is located at Broome County Family Court and provides free drop-in child care for those who have business in Drug or Family Court. The Children's Center is open 8:45 am to 4:15 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:45 am to 12 noon on Fridays. **For more information please call (607) 240-5818.**

Here is a fun and easy activity from the Courthouse Children's Center Staff.

Easy Octopus

This is an easy craft that uses up something we all have around the house, toilet paper rolls! Save a few from the recycling bin and make an earth friendly craft.

Gather your materials. You will need some markers, 2 googly eyes (if you have them), scissors, glue and a toilet paper roll.

Start by letting your child decorate the toilet roll. You can use crayons, colored markers or paint. Just let any paint dry before you cut the roll.

Cut from the bottom of the roll up so you have 8 tentacles. Cut a little more than half way up.

Glue on big googly eyes and let dry, OR draw big eyes with markers or crayons.

When the glue is dry bend the tentacles up and you have your own octopus!



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FEN Participating in Community Garden

Family Enrichment Network, in partnership with VINES, is building a Community Garden at 52 Sherman Street on Saturday, October 21st from 9am - 4pm. Volunteers will be needed to support this project. No experience is needed to assist with this community project and training will be provided. In Spring 2018, garden beds will be rented for a nominal fee, with scholarships available, and free educational trainings and workshops through VINES to empower the community to grow, care for and harvest a local garden. Please support this project by volunteering a portion of your day to FEN & VINES as we revitalize the space at 52 Sherman, where we can grow food, and grow community.

Please click on this link if you would like to volunteer.

<https://goo.gl/forms/sSK0IawAagP4vVdK2>



**SAT.
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9-4 PM**

COMMUNITY GARDEN BUILD DAY

Family Enrichment Network, in partnership with Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments (VINES), will be building a community garden at 52 Sherman Street. Garden beds will be affordable for residents and neighbors, and gardeners will have access to free educational trainings, seeds and more!

JOIN US: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST FROM 9 AM - 4PM

VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OR TWO SHIFTS: 9AM - 12 PM, OR 12:30 - 4 PM.

For more information please contact VINES at 607-205-8108

Employee Spotlight

One of our “New Pathways for Fathers” Fatherhood Specialists is Mr. Andrew Morrison. Mr. Morrison has worked for Family Enrichment Network since January, 2016. Prior to coming to Family Enrichment Network, Mr. Morrison spent 35 years in Corporate America - between IBM and Lockheed Martin. As one of our Fatherhood facilitators, he provides information to our participants through creative instruction, with a focus on the importance of Presence, Balance, Legacy and Community, within the family unit. Mr. Morrison was the prime developer of the intervention program, Boys II Men, which we have with the Children’s Home and Jennie F. Snapp Middle School. Mr. Morrison is also an active recruiter for our Fatherhood Program attending various community outreach events, designing marketing tools, and connecting with various community organizations. When not working at FEN, Andrew is an avid reader, and over the years, has written poetry. He loves Gospel music and has sung at several churches in the area. Mr. Morrison is originally from Philadelphia and is a graduate of Delaware State University in Dover, Delaware, where he played football and has a Degree in Education.



Going Above and Beyond

2017 Chenango County

Fall Conference

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Morrisville State College

20 Conkey Ave, Norwich

7:30am-4:00pm



New Providers:

Chenango Family Child Care:

Kathleen Turner

Stacey Mowatt

Broome Group Family Child Care:

Debra Rickenback

Tioga Group Family Child Care:

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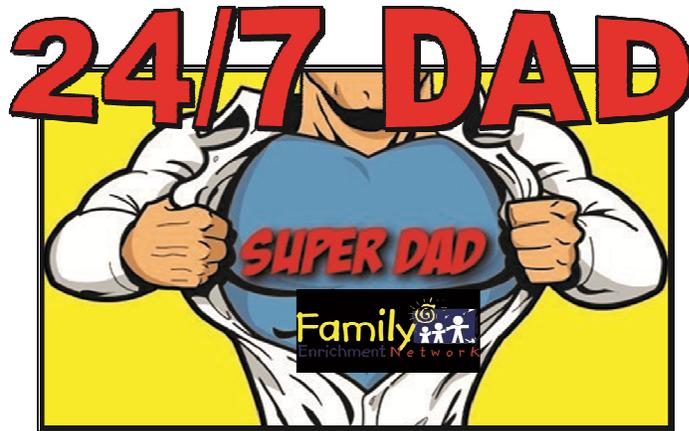
Broome Child Care Center:

Family Enrichment Network - Linnaeus W. West School

Broome Family Child Care:

Yvette Barron

New Pathways for Fathers Program



A wonderful experience for fathers and families! Get guidance and support for parenting (less stress), relationships (get on the same page), and your finances (“cha-ching”).

All workshops are FREE and provide a MEAL, CHILDCARE, and TRANSPORTATION.

Tuesdays from 10:30am-1:00pm (October 10—December 19, 2017)

Wednesdays from 5:30pm-8:00pm (October 11—December 20, 2017)

24 Cherry St., Johnson City, NY 13790

Thursdays from 5:00pm-7:00pm (October 12—December 21, 2017)

1277 Taylor Rd., Owego, NY 13827

Fridays from 10:00am-12:00pm (October 13—December 15, 2017)

12 Cooper St, Waverly, NY 14892

Call Dan Lesch to register, 607-723-8313, ext. 838

fatherhood@familyenrichment.org

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These services are available to all eligible persons, regardless of race, gender, age, disability, or religion.



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please call Laura at (607) 723-8313 Ext. 815.