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From the Desk of the Executive Director

It's hard to believe the new school year is only one week away; weren't we just getting ready for summer? It continues to be an exciting time at the agency and Family Enrichment Network continues to grow and change.

Last year at this time we essentially were in maintenance mode - just trying to keep what we had. We had purchased our first family unit to start addressing Housing needs. Our Special Services efforts in Chenango County were ongoing.

Over the past six months, there was a great deal of activity on the federal level; Early Childhood Development was a big winner with a significant increase in funding for Head Start. We will be able to bring back all the slots and cuts we were forced to make last year and also give a small cost of living increase for staff.

New York State made a significant financial commitment to full day Universal Pre-Kindergarten for all four year olds. We saw some of that last year and will see more in the near future as we continue to strengthen our relationships with the local school districts.

Since that time, we've realized that we have been very successful in our grant writing and Program Development. We have been awarded a five year county contract to assist in identifying mental health issues in children and young adults and make referrals to appropriate providers. We have been awarded the NOEP (food stamp) contract for Tioga County, the Head Start/Early Head Start program for Tioga County, and many other opportunities.

We will be applying to provide Early Head Start services in Chenango County. Over the next year, we will be aggressively looking at services for people with disabilities and opportunities to enhance our housing programming. These efforts will continue our agency philosophy of sustained quality Program Development.

Again, none of this could have happened without our hard working staff, a supportive community, and our strong Policy Council and Governing Board.

Thanks to all of you.

Darrell R. Newvine,
Executive Director

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BUILDING LITERACY EVERY DAY

Excerpted from Read Together, Talk Together™: A Dialogic Reading Program for Young Children.

Every time you read a book, write a note, sort the laundry, check the TV listings, or recount the day's happenings, you are using skills young children need to have to be ready to learn to read and write. Here are some simple activities you and your child can do together.

Learning New Words

Name Games

Play simple naming games with your child. You can ask, "What is This?" or "Where is he/she going?" when you go to the grocery store, go on a walk, or sit and look out the window.

Everyday Words

Talk to your child as you do everyday tasks such as sorting the laundry or thinking about what to cook. Explain the piles of laundry, for example, "Here are the dark clothes and here are the white clothes." Show your child the ingredients you have for making a meal and name them together.



Read

Read and reread books about topics your child is interested in. Learn the names of animals, vehicles, plants, and games together.

Field Trips

Take your child on short trips to new places, such as a florist shop or a park. Talk about what you see along the way and what you see when you get there. When you get home, have your child draw a picture of something he or she saw. Write a caption for the picture.

Job Talk

Go to a familiar place and look for the people who work there. What jobs do they do? What tools do they use?

Listening for Letters and Sounds

Nursery Rhymes

Read, sing, or say nursery rhymes from your childhood. Help your child learn them. Point out the parts that rhyme or have words you like to say or hear.

Beginning Sounds

Point out ways words begin or end. Compare words that start with the same sound, for example, tomato and taco. Ask: "Tomatoes and tacos begin in the same way. Can you hear the t in tomatoes and tacos?"

Rhyming Books

Read books with rhyming words, such as those by Dr. Seuss. Let your child fill in the words as you read them again and again.

Rhyming Riddles

Make up riddles and guessing games using words that rhyme or words that start with the same sounds. For example, "What kind of cake would a snake make? He might make a lake cake." The rhymes can be silly and fun and will get your child thinking about words and listening for rhymes.



Special Education Services

Beginning Reading and Writing

Letter Search

Point out words on signs and in stores. Begin a search for the letter that begins your child's name. Read the stop signs and the other traffic signs aloud when you are driving with your child. Find letters on products, on signs, and on television. Match the letters with the child's first or last name. Play "letter of the day," in which you decide on a letter and go on a hunt for it.

Labels

Label a few belongings with your child's name, for example, a cup or a favorite book. Read the labels together.

Notes

Write simple notes to your child. For example, write "I love you" or "Let's take a walk." Your child can "write" notes back to you using words or pictures. Take turns reading the notes to each other.

More Reading and Writing Ideas

Shopping Lists

Write shopping lists and to-do lists while sitting next to your child. Provide paper and pencil so the child can make his or her own list. Then, take the list to the grocery store and use it as you shop to show the words on your list have meaning.

Make Words

Make magnetic letters available and play with them on a surface such as the refrigerator. Spell simple words for your child and have him or her repeat them.

Picture Menus

With your child, cut out pictures of food and paste them on sheets of paper to make a menu. You might make pages for breakfast, lunch, and foods. Have your child "read" the menu.

Alphabet Books

Make a book that has a page for each letter of the alphabet. The child can draw or find a picture for each letter and paste it on the page. Write the letter on the page for the child or let him or her do it. Staple the pages together to make a book. Read the book from time to time.

Book Time

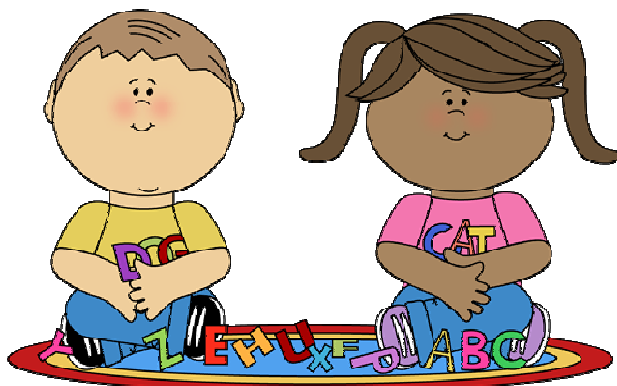
Read with your child every day. Start by setting aside 5 or 10 minutes each day. Then gradually increase the time to 30 minutes. Go to the library together. Choose books that go along with the seasons, family holidays, or subjects your child is interested in.

Dramatizing

Help your child make cutouts of favorite storybook characters. Your child can use them to dramatize the story as you read and reread it.

Sharing

Share what you read with your child. Read aloud a portion of the newspaper or a book you are reading. Talk about why reading interests you.



You're Invited!



CORE

Core Building Materials 2nd Annual Charity Golf Outing Traditions at the Glen

Thursday, October 9th 2014

10:30AM REGISTRATION

12:00PM SHOTGUN START

\$100/Person--\$400/Team

Includes Golf, Lunch on the turn, Dinner, Beer and Prizes!

Proceeds to Benefit:



Community and Public Relations



We want to thank everyone who helped to make this year's golf tournament such a success! Please check out our Facebook page for pictures and updates about this event!

If you weren't able to attend this tournament...you are not too late to join in the fun!

We are excited to announce that Core Building Supplies has chosen Family Enrichment Network to be the recipient of the funds raised from their annual charity tournament. The tournament will be held at Traditions on the Glen on October 9th. This will be a fun filled fall day of golf. The proceeds from this tournament will help us to buy some much needed playground equipment for both our Cherry Street and Tioga County Head Start and Early Head Start playgrounds.

Please feel free to contact Kelly Weiss at (607) 723-8313 Ext. 847 for more information about this tournament.

We would also like to thank Hilton and Homewood Suites for helping us to revitalize our library. The children will enjoy this room for years to come!!! Thank You again!



Coats for Kids and Adopt-a-Family are coming soon so please hang on to your gently used coats so that we might help local children and their families to stay warm.

For further information about our events please contact Kelly Weiss at (607) 723-8313 Ext 847.



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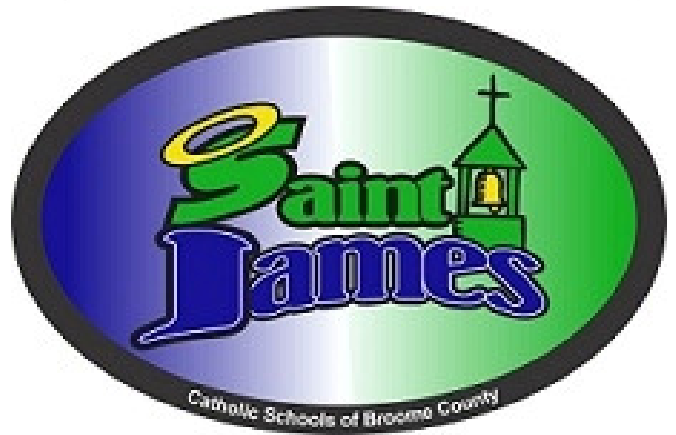


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Nutrition Outreach and Education Program



Success Starts With School Breakfast



A healthy breakfast can help all students get ready to learn and succeed—that's why schools across New York provide breakfast for free or at a reduced price.

Contact your NOEP Coordinator today to learn about what's available at your child's school. It's free and confidential.

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Child Care Resource and Referral



Chenango County Fall Conference “Creating a Healthy Child Care Program”

Saturday, September 13, 2013

8:00am-3:30pm

Morrisville State College, Norwich Campus

Registration Fee: \$100

Call (607) 723-8313 Ext. 829 to register

Or visit our website www.familyenrichment.cc for more information.



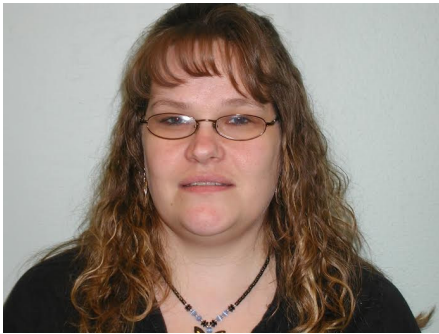
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Employee Spotlight



Melanie Manwarren

Melanie Manwarren has worked as the Chenango Legally Exempt Specialist since the former Chenango County Child Care Coordinating Council (6 Cs) merged with Family Enrichment Network in April 2012. She worked for the former 6 Cs also doing legally

exempt child care enrollment since October 2006. Melanie helps coordinate the Child Passenger Safety grant in Chenango County. As a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, she conducts child passenger seat check and installation events making sure children in Chenango County are safe. Each month, Melanie holds a child passenger seat fitting station in the Family Enrichment Network Norwich office where parents or caregivers can make an appointment to ensure their car seat is not outdated and is installed correctly. Melanie is passionate about car seat safety for children.

When not working at Family Enrichment Network, Melanie loves being a mother. Living in Bainbridge with her fiancé Ray, Melanie is raising 4 children of her own; Richard, 18, Kristen, 16, Amber, 14, and Shelbie, 12. She is also a foster mother to 2 sons; Richy, 6, and Homer, 2. Melanie likes flower gardening, arts and crafts, and baking in her spare time.



Tioga Nutrition Outreach and Education Program

Tioga County Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP)

Family Enrichment Network is excited to announce that we are now able to provide assistance to anyone in Tioga County who is interested in applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (SNAP is the new name for food stamps).

We now have a Tioga County based NOEP Coordinator who can:

- Prescreen you over the phone or in person to determine SNAP eligibility
- Assist you with the application process
- Copy any of your required documents
- Answer your questions
- Provide follow up calls to make sure you are receiving the correct amount of benefits
- Help you recertify for food stamps
- Meet you in a convenient location

If you are a Tioga resident (or know someone who is) and are

- Not sure if you are eligible for SNAP or
- Planning on applying for SNAP or
- Already receiving SNAP but are not sure about your benefits

Please call the Tioga County NOEP Coordinator [Kathi Latson at 607-201-5678](tel:607-201-5678) and she will be happy to assist you.

DID YOU KNOW...

- o The Summer Lunch Program ran from June 30th to August 27th and was, again, a great success feeding 1625 children and 423 parent/adult family members
- o In conjunction with the Lunch Program, library books were loaned to children to encourage reading during the summer
- o FEN held our annual Backpack Giveaway from August 25th-28th; local children received backpacks and supplies to start school in September
- o Our annual Don Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Vestal Hills on September 12th; we had a great day and look forward to 2015; this is a wonderful "fun-raiser" for FEN
- o We're gearing up for our fall events: Coats for Kids and Adopt-a-Family; stay tuned for more info

That's how we're Growing Tomorrow's Leaders... Today



Calendar of Events

Key
Head Start
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Other

September Events

9	6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Policy Council	Cherry St., JC	18	6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Evaluating Your Child Care Program	Taylor Rd., Owego
12	11 AM Shotgun Start	Golf Tournament	Vestal Hills Country Club	24	6:30 pm-7:30 pm	Small Talk:	Cherry St., JC
13	8:00 am-3:30 pm	Chenango Fall Conference	S. Broad St., Norwich	25	8:00 am-4:00 pm	Financial Literacy	Cherry St., JC
16	6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Mom2b Group	Cherry St., JC	30	6:30 pm-8:30 pm	FDC/GFDC Food Safety	Taylor Rd., Owego
17	6:30 pm-9:00 pm	Eco-Healthy Child Care	Cherry St., JC				

October Events

7	6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Just Moms Group	Cherry St., JC	23	6:30 pm-9:00 pm	CDA Class	Cherry St., JC
14	6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Policy Council	Cherry St., JC	27	6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Fathers Group	Cherry St., JC
15	6:30 pm-9:00 pm	Shakin' & Groovin'	Cherry St., JC	28	6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Fathers Group	Cherry St., JC
16	6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Caring and Sharing: Literacy	Taylor Rd., Owego	28	6:30 pm-9:00 pm	CDA Class	Cherry St., JC
21	6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Mom2b Group	Cherry St., JC	29	6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Fathers Group	Cherry St., JC
21	6:30 pm-9:00 pm	CDA Class	Cherry St., JC	30	6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Fathers Group	Cherry St., JC
22	6:30pm-7:30 pm	Small Talk	Cherry St., JC	30	6:30 pm-9:00 pm	CDA Class	Cherry St., JC





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