

# **SALEM H.O.P.E.**

*Human Organization Partnership Effort*

**Networking Breakfast Meeting**

**Thursday, March 11, 2010**

**9:00 A.M. Sharp**

*Hosted by:*

**Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc.**

**Inn Transition Family Sober Living Programs**

**42 Washington Street, Peabody (Community Room)**

*All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.*

**PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO KIM ALFORD AT 978-531-9951 OR [KB\\_ALFORD@CAHNS.ORG](mailto:KB_ALFORD@CAHNS.ORG)**

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## AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Kim Alford, Program Director
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please  
*Bring any new brochures!*
- 9:55 V. 62<sup>nd</sup> Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in May)  
*Bring in your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.  
for May, June, July & August - or e-mail them to  
[jguy@salem.com](mailto:jguy@salem.com) – Deadline 4/29/10*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):  
*Thursday, June 10, 2010 – HealthQuarters  
Thursday, September 9, 2010 - Seeking host agency  
Thursday, December 9, 2010 – Seeking host agency  
Please email [jguy@salem.com](mailto:jguy@salem.com) if you are interested in hosting an upcoming meeting!*

## *Networking & Refreshments*

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please send an email to [jguy@salem.com](mailto:jguy@salem.com) asking to be removed from this distribution list.*

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February, 2010

## North Shore Community College Adult Learning Center Hosted Winter Meeting

The December, 2009 Salem HOPE meeting was hosted by North Shore Community College's [Adult Learning Center](#). Representing the agency was Coordinator Sonya Snow Parrish. Present were Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Kathy O'Brien of the Independent Living Center, Bruce Menin and Laura Koumarios of the Family Self-Sufficiency Center, Roz Hurwitz and Gail Kelley of Goodwill Industries, Teury Marte of MassRehab, Barbara Reeder of NSCAP, Kathy Adams of Inn Between, Sandy Sabo and Linda Beaver of Wellspring House, Bill Foley and Kathy Perrella of North Shore Elder Services, Katie Fleet and Amanda Richard of the Children's Law Center, Adria Leach of Salem State College and Jen Davis of North Shore Youth Career Center.

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Sonya Snow Parrish welcomed the group and stated that the Adult Learning Center (ALC) offers free GED three days per week from 9:00am to noon, as well as a nighttime fast track class twice a week. The ALC has been at the Cummings Center in Beverly for five years and typically has 70 to 80 students at a time, age 16 to 50s. The program is free and there is a waiting list of up to six months. This adult education program includes GED and pre-GED. Participants get a North Shore Community College student id and have student privileges (i.e. tutoring). Participants sign a contract and must maintain an 80% attendance rate.

Bruce Menin stated that the [Family Self-Sufficiency Center](#) has been around for 15 years. They identify gaps in services and get families the services they need to make them self-sufficient. Programs include ESL, GED program with Catholic Charities, work readiness, conflict resolution, problem solving, financial literacy and consumer literacy.

Sandy Sabo stated that she works in the education department of the [Wellspring House](#). They offer a MediClerk Training Program which provides education in the office setting of the medical profession. Wellspring House also offers a GED program in Gloucester and an ESOL program.

Roz Hurwitz stated that she is a Job Specialist with [Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries](#). All clients have a disability. The agency provides job readiness, assessment and placement, along with a day-hab program of simulated work. The agency undertakes contract work such as mailings.

Gail Kelley stated that she is a new Job Specialist with Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries.

Adria Leach stated that she works for Salem State College's [Center for Civic Engagement](#). They are looking for community partners.

Kathy O'Brien stated that the Independent Living Center is run by and for people with disabilities. They offer free services for persons of any age. They recently completed a [yellow pages](#) of resources.

Kathy Adams stated that the [Inn Between](#) has added 5 scattered sites in Salem.

Teury Marte stated that she is a Rehabilitation Councillor with [Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission](#), which works with persons with disabilities, whether psychiatric, emotional, behavioral or physical. They provide vocation services. She noted that if an individual qualifies for a tuition letter, they do not have to pay for any public school in Massachusetts.

Kathy Perrella stated that [North Shore Elder Services](#) has a Family Caregiver Support Program with support groups and has a Benefits Checkup Program.

Bill Foley stated that he is a Commonwealth Care Volunteer with North Shore Elder Services.

Katie Fleet stated that she is an AmeriCorps Vista with the Children's Law Center.

Amanda Richard stated that at the [Children's Law Center](#), lawyers provide direct representation to children in the greater Essex area. There is a free in-state hotline for free information and resources. They offer free trainings on children's law to groups.

Barbara Reeder stated that [NSCAP](#) offers ESOL classes for students transitioning to higher education. They partner with Training Resources of American and NSCC's Adult Learning Center. They have waiting lists for all 3 levels. They offer tutoring to help students get into level 1. There are 12-14 students per class. They also have citizenship classes for existing students and a Next Steps class.

Jane 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 provided 10 public presentations, including a public hearing and expects the draft plan to be available to the public in March.

## NSCC Adult Learning Center Program

**FREE** basic literacy and GED prep courses to help you pursue further education and job training.

The Adult Learning Center offers students three levels of classes, from basic literacy through GED preparation. Professional instructors, assisted by experienced volunteers, teach the small-sized classes. Students progress at their own pace.



*Where & when are the classes held?*

The Adult Learning Center at North Shore Community College is located at the [Cummings Center](#) in Beverly, MA. Classes meet three mornings a week from September to June. A Fast-Track GED class is also offered two evenings per week.

*How can I enroll?*

Anyone who has not completed high school, is at least 16 years old, and is not currently in school can enroll.

1. Call (978) 236-1227 to schedule an appointment with a program counselor.
2. Take an assessment test.
3. Add your name to the wait list for the class that will fit your needs.

*What skills are taught in our classes?*

- **Oral Communication** - English language skills
- **Reading** - Vocabulary skills to reading comprehension
- **Writing** - Grammar, punctuation and essay/report writing
- **Math** - Basic arithmetic to algebra and geometry
- **GED Preparation** - Preparation for each of the five areas in the GED test: math, literature, science, social studies and writing

For more information, contact us at (978) 236-1227 or [ssnowpar@northshore.edu](mailto:ssnowpar@northshore.edu). TTY phone (978) 236-1231.

For volunteer opportunities, contact Irene Christ Kirkpatrick at (978) 236-1226.

The Adult Learning Center is funded by the Department of Education.

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## Tax Preparation

### Tax Assistance at the Salem Council on Aging

The TAX season is here! If you need assistance in preparing your income tax return, the RSVP/AARP Volunteers will be at the Salem Council on Aging to assist you on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Contact the COA Receptionist at 978-744-0924, to schedule an appointment.** This service is for seniors, low income individuals and those who are under and 60 disabled.

### NSCAP Offers Tax Prep Services for Low Income Households

North Shore Community Action Programs in Peabody provides **free** tax preparation services for low-income households. We will screen clients for the earned income credit, child tax credit, child care credit, educational credits, etc. We are opening a new office at 50 Main St. in Peabody (across from Walgreens). It is handicap accessible with parking in the rear off Wallis St. Make an appointment by calling: 978-531-0767 x222.

For the English flyer, [click here](#).

For the Spanish flyer, [click here](#).

For the Portuguese flyer, [click here](#).

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## Meetings & Events, Etc.

- Wednesday, February 10, 2010, noon – Salem Domestic Violence Roundtable – Salem Police Station
- Thursday, February 11, 2010, 5:30pm – [Practice and Polish your Elevator Pitch Workshop](#) – Enterprise Center at Salem State College
- Friday, February 12, 2010, 5:15pm - [Pizza & a Movie](#) – Independent Living Center
- Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 8:30am – [How to Find a Job in 90 Days](#) Workshop – Enterprise Center at Salem State College
- Friday, February 26, 2010, 1:30pm - [What Are My Options For Long Term Care Workshop](#) – Independent Living Center
- Thursday, March 4, 2010, 8:30am – [Latest Trends in Social Media: Creating Online Communities to Drive Business Workshop](#) – Enterprise Center at Salem State College
- Thursday, March 11, 2010, 8:30am – [Internet Marketing Basics Workshop](#) – Enterprise Center at Salem State College
- Thursday, March 11, 2010, 9:00 am – Salem HOPE Spring Meeting – Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc.

- Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 8:30am - [Principles of Effective E-mail Marketing Workshop](#) - Enterprise Center at Salem State College
- Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 8:30am – [Mobile Marketing Primer Workshop](#) – Enterprise Center at Salem State College
- 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
- Thursday, December 9, 2010, 9:00 am – Salem HOPE Winter Meeting – Seeking host agency

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

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

Salem H.O.P.E. is a networking group of human service agencies that provide programs and services to 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](mailto: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.

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*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.*

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