

SALEM H.O.P.E.

Human Organization Partnership Effort

Networking Breakfast Meeting

Thursday, June 17, 2010

9:00 A.M. Sharp

Hosted by:

HealthQuarters

19 Broadway, Beverly

All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.

PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO MICHELLE CHAUSSE AT 978-927-9824 x2108

OR michelec@healthq.org

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Michele Chausse, Director, Development and Communications
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 V. 63rd Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in August)
*Bring in your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for August, September, October & November - or e-mail them to
jguy@salem.com – Deadline 7/29/10*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*Thursday, September 9, 2010 – Social Security Administration
Thursday, December 9, 2010 – North Shore Elder Services
Thursday, March 10, 2011 – NSCAP
Thursday, June 9, 2011 - Seeking host agency
Please email jguy@salem.com if you are interested in hosting an upcoming meeting!*

Networking & Refreshments

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~ A newsletter for social service agencies ~

May, 2010

Spring Meeting Hosted by Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc.

The March, 2010 Salem HOPE meeting was hosted by Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc., which includes the Inn Between and Inn Transition. Representing the agency was Program Director Kim Alford, along with Kathy Adams, Carol Hood, Nicole Gilligan, Brenda Dailey and Betsy Leeman. Present were Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Kathy O'Brien of the Independent Living Center, Laura Koumarianos of the Family Self-Sufficiency Center, Teury Marte and Jane Williamson of MassRehab, Holly Brauner of NSCAP, Adria Leach of Salem State College, Charlene Snow and Kimberly Jones of the North Shore Career Center, Yvonne Carter of Salem DTA, Thomas Savage of the Social Security Administration, Ray Comeau of St. Joseph's Food Pantry, Captain Scott and Nora McNeil of the Salvation Army, Ali Egan of Training Resources, Mary Sholds of the Salem YMCA and Jen Davis of North Shore Youth Career Center.

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Ms. Alford welcomed the group and stated that Citizens for Adequate Housing is the mother agency that originated in 1983 to help combat homelessness. They have a community land trust and 16 apartment units for low-income families. They have a sober living program. They also have a housing search and stabilization program with five scattered sites in Salem. There are a total of 30 families receiving services including 14 at the Inn Transition and 6 at the Inn Between. Families can receive substance abuse treatment and attend a homeless recover group, a relapse prevention group or a parenting program. The Inn Between is an emergency shelter. They are

working on developing a new playground. They get referrals from DTA, DHCD and the Institute for Health and Recovery in Cambridge.

Ms. Davis stated that youth ages 14 to 24 who are looking for summer employment should be referred to the North Shore Career Center's Lynn office. The North Shore Career Center serves the North Shore.

Ms. Leach stated that Salem State College is developing a Center for Civic Engagement. They are looking for summer jobs for students.

Capt. Scott McNeil stated that the Salvation Army has started a program for at-risk teens with the District Attorney's Office. It introduces them to life skills, while wiping their record clean. They have a residential camp in Sharon and are looking for youth to attend. They offer a parenting wisely class and an Alcohol 101 Program.

Mr. Savage stated that he is the District Manager for the Social Security Administration and that they have an [Online Claims & Services webpage](#) which can be used to apply for benefits. He noted that the SSI program is not online yet.

Mr. Comeau stated that he is a volunteer with St. Joseph's Food Pantry and stated he was concerned with a new Massachusetts law that went into effect on March 1st regarding identity protection, for which the fines could result in shutting down of non-profit agencies.

Ms. Koumarios stated that the Family Self-Sufficiency Center is recruiting for its ESL classes, including very basic and entry level.

Ms. Snow stated that the North Shore Career Center's Business Services will be holding a job fair in the Cape Ann area on April 7th and in Lynnfield on May 19th.

Ms. Jones stated that as an Outreach Specialist for the North Shore Career Center, she educates clients on services offered to help people get back to work. They do large and small community events and specialty workshops, including those at public libraries.

Ms. Brauner stated that NSCAP offers a family emergency shelter program. They have 37 units of scattered sites in Beverly, Danvers, Peabody and Salem. They have a free tax preparation program and a Ready To Work Program (6 weeks at 20 hours per week).

Ms. Williamson stated that she is a vocational counselor at MassRehab to help persons with disabilities get work.

Ms. O'Brien stated that Independent Living Center is run by and for people with disabilities. They offer [workshops](#) (housing, weather emergency, etc.) and host an annual legislative breakfast.

Ms. Sholds stated that the Salem YMCA has financial assistance available for memberships and they have a child care program.

Ms. Marte stated that the Lynn Housing Authority has an open lottery for Section 8 until March 12th.

Ms. Hood stated that she is a house mother at the Inn Between.

Ms. Adams stated that the Inn Between has 5 families receiving emergency assistance and 1 community unit for a homeless family that was denied assistance from the State.

Ms. Egan stated that the Training Resources of America has a free Young Parents Program for which they are looking for referrals. It is for those pregnant or parenting, ages 14-21 with the goal of getting their GED. It includes job readiness, life skills and parenting.

Ms. Leeman stated that she is the Director of Development and that they work with families to try to empower them so that they can sustain and maintain housing.

Ms. Carter stated that she is the Vocational Specialist with the Institute of Community Inclusion of the Department of Transitional Assistance in Salem, which identifies barriers and directs people to resources. They offer job readiness workshops, career counseling and vocational placement, while identifying barriers that may be preventing a client from keeping a job.

Ms. Guy of the [City of Salem](#) Department of Planning & Community Development stated that as part of the development of the 5 year Consolidated Plan and FY11 Action Plan, there will be a public hearing on the Draft plans on 4/15/10 and a 30-day comment period from 4/1-4/30/10. She 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

Employment Ready Workshop

4 part series

- *Learn job ready skills*
- *Practice Interview skills*
- *Learn job retention tips*

**Wednesdays, 10-11:30am
Salem DTA**

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Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc. Programs

Inn Between ~ Inn Transition ~ In Homes

Every family deserves a place to call home; to have shelter from the weather, to heal when they are sick, to share meals, continuity and a place to grow and flourish. For 25 years [Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc.](#) has worked toward ending homelessness, providing a temporary home for homeless families and permanent affordable housing to low income families. Our mission calls us to support families with dignity and respect, as they live in either our emergency shelter, the [Inn Between](#), or in our sober living transitional housing shelter, the [Inn Transition](#); or in one of our affordable housing apartments offered through our [Communities Land Trust](#).

Our immediate focus; family stabilization, the restoration of hope and dignity of each family, fostering self sufficiency through advocacy, education, life skills training, permanent housing and the hope for a lifetime without homelessness.

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Training Resources of America, Inc.

currently operates the following programs in the Salem/North Shore are:

Adult Basic Education – Meets the specific educational needs of adult students who have limited basic reading, language and math skills and/or limited English proficiency.

Automated Office Systems/Medical – Provides a variety of classroom and hands-on training in job readiness, general office, clerical/computer software, and medical secretary skills.

Career Prep - Provides short-term training in job readiness and workplace success skills with mini-skills computer courses.

Customer Service - Provides short-term training in job readiness and customer service job skills.

Education to Work - Provides training in job readiness, reading at work, math at work, writing at work, and basic education skills.

English for Speakers of Other Languages – Assists adult students who have limited English proficiency by meeting their specific educational needs.

English for Speakers of Other Languages to Work - Offers adult students with limited English proficiency education in job readiness and English for Speakers of Other Languages, focusing on workplace preparation.

Fast Track GED - Assists students with 10th grade reading level in attaining their GED with prep courses in math, reading, writing, social studies and science.

Office Careers – Provides short term training consisting of a combination of basic office/customer service skills, and job readiness and Navigating Computers.

Young Parents – Offers pregnant and parenting out-of-school youth, aged 14-21, who have not achieved a high school diploma with a variety of educational and life skills training.

For more information on the North Shore sites and the programs offered, contact Linnea Rego, Regional Manager, lrego@tra-inc.org.

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Bridging the Gap

The Salvation Army is offering a life skills program for teens who have been involved with the court system or who have displayed at-risk behaviors. The program is designed to support and strengthen youth in making good choices, understanding and experiencing life skills, strengthening the family unit and guidance for open communication in a positive, trusting environment that is conducive to honest sharing in a non-judgmental group. Participants meet for 12 weeks, twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6:00pm. Topics include self-esteem, peer pressure, communication, morals, anger management, rights and responsibilities, money management, culture and diversity, addiction, relationships and HIV/STDs. For more information contact:



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Meetings & Events, Etc.

- Thursday, June 10, 2010, 9:00 am – Salem HOPE Summer Meeting – HealthQuarters
- Thursday, June 24, 2010, 8:30-10:30am – Action Plans & Budgets: Turning vision into Reality for Non-Profits Workshop – [Enterprise Center at Salem State College](#), 121 Loring Avenue
- Friday, July 30, 2010, 12-2:00pm – Independent Living Center Annual Membership BBQ & Celebration of 20th Anniversary of ADA – Winter Island Function Hall
- Thursday, September 9, 2010, 9:00 am – Salem HOPE Fall Meeting – Social Security Administration
- Friday, September 24, 2010 – 9:00am-2:00pm - 4th Annual Conference Choice for Change: Accessible Transportation for All – Salem Waterfront Hotel & Suites
- Thursday, December 9, 2010, 9:00 am – Salem HOPE Winter Meeting – North Shore Elder Services
- Thursday, March 10, 2011 – Salem HOPE Spring Meeting – NSCAP
- Thursday, June 9, 2011 – Salem HOPE Summer Meeting - Seeking host agency

Please also check the City of Salem's [Meetings Calendar](#) and [Events Calendar](#), as well as the [Destination, Culture, Activities & Events](#) page.

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 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. 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.
