

SALEM H.O.P.E.

Human Organization Partnership Effort

Networking Breakfast Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2010

9:00 A.M. Sharp

Hosted by:

Salem Social Security

10 Federal Street, Suite 406, Salem, MA

Note: Parking is in the municipal lot or garage or at street meters.
There is **NO** visitor parking permitted in the lot surrounding the building.

All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.

PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO 978-745-0648

OR MA.FO.SALEM@SSA.GOV

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Thomas Savage, District Manager
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 V. 64th Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in November)
*Bring in your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for November, December, January and February - or e-mail them to
jguy@salem.com – Deadline 10/28/10*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*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

*If you no longer wish to receive emails for Salem HOPE,
please send an email to jguy@salem.com asking to be removed from this distribution list.*

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~ A newsletter for social service agencies ~

September, 2010

HealthQuarters Hosted Summer Meeting

The June, 2010 Salem HOPE meeting was hosted by HealthQuarters. Representing the agency was Michele Chausse, Director of Development and Communications, along with Sarah McPhee and Sarah Kennedy. Present were Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Bill Foley of North Shore Elder Services, Katie Fleet of the Children's Law Center of MA, Kate Benashski of NSCAP, Kimberly Jones of the North Shore Career Center, Sandra Sabo of Wellspring House/MediClerk Program and Yvonne Carter of Salem DTA.

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Ms. Chausse welcomed the group and stated that HealthQuarters has been around for 40 years and that their administrative offices and clinic are here, with separate entrances. She stated that no one is turned away based on ability to pay.

Ms. McPhee stated that Beverly is the main office and that they offer reproductive and sexual health services. They also have a Salem State College Health Center. The agency provides services for men, women and teens, including gynecological exams, STD testing and treatment, emergency contraception, pregnancy testing and counseling, free condoms and cervical screening. They take insurance and most Commonwealth care plans, including Blue Cross, Tufts and Harvard Pilgrim. For teens who want to be seen confidentially, there are sliding scale fees. Agency funding is primarily through the Federal government (Title 10), State funds, United Way and other grants and fees.

Ms. Kennedy stated that the agency provides outreach including presentations at community based organizations, schools and social service agencies. They have youth development programs, which includes teen outreach and pregnancy prevention. They have developed an education program to target youth, their parents and the professionals that work with them, called "Healthy Conversations". They have a professional training program called "Meeting Teens Where They're At", which is offered evenings in Beverly, Danvers and Lawrence for 2 ½ hours, including materials, dinner and CE credits. She added that the agency is the only one in the area to do rapid HIV testing.

Ms. Chausse stated that HIV results can be obtained in 10-15 minutes. If tested positive, they follow up with a confirmation test. They can do confidential and anonymous testing.

Mr. Foley stated that North Shore Elder Services is the regional agency for elder services, including home care. He is a Benefits Specialist, who helps elders understand the benefits they are eligible for. He is also a Shine Counselor.

Ms. Sabo stated that the MediClerk Program is accepting applications for the Fall program to train participants to work clerical jobs in the medical field.

Ms. Fleet stated that the Children's Law Center provides representation for children. They have a new staff attorney working on a "Children's Behavioral Health Initiative" to youth under 21 who are experiencing mental health, behavioral, emotional or substance abuse issues. Their office is located in Lynn.

Ms. Jones stated that she is an Outreach Specialist at North Shore Career Center, which has offices in Salem, Lynn and Gloucester. Her key role is to educate people on career development services. They provide presentations for community partners.

Ms. Carter stated that she is a Vocational Specialist at Salem DTA. Her primary function is to identify barriers to employment. They provide referrals and there is an employment ready workshop once per week.

Ms. Benashski stated that she is the Director of the Riverhouse Shelter in Beverly, which is under the umbrella of NSCAP. They have had success with the ARRA funded Rapid Rehousing. The shelter is for men only and noted that housing and jobs are the largest issues they face. There is an SRO above the shelter. They are funded with city grants, private donations, private foundations and fundraising.

Ms. Guy of the [City of Salem](#) Department of Planning & Community Development stated that Salem's Farmer's Market is open on Thursday's at 3:00 at Derby Square, that the Salem Ferry is running and that the Salem Harborwalk Grand Opening will be July 15th. There is a Living Green and Renewable Energy Fair on June 19th. 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.



Health Quarters is a provider of confidential reproductive health care, prevention, and education services for women, men, and teens in Northeastern Massachusetts. At health centers in Beverly, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lynn, and Reading, we offer high quality:

- gynecological and testicular exams;
- birth control and emergency contraception;
- cervical and breast cancer screening;
- STD testing and treatment; and,
- HIV and pregnancy testing and counseling,

regardless of our clients' ability to pay. Health Quarters also serves a 60-community service area as a trusted source of up-to-date and accurate information on reproductive and sexual health through its education programming. For the HealthQuarters agency brochure, <http://healthq.org/Downloads/HQServices06.pdf>.

Think Before You Send

The District Attorney's Office is pleased to announce the availability of "Think Before You Send!", a presentation on how to use digital communication responsibly. It covers the topics of cyberbullying, sexting, digital dating abuse and predators. For those who attended the joint domestic violence roundtable meeting in May, Carrie Kimball Monahan from the DA's Office presented the information that you will find in this presentation.

If you are interested in a copy, please contact **Debbie MacGregor, Essex District Attorney's Office, 978-745-6610 x5081** or Debra.Macgregor@state.ma.us



think
before you send!
Using Digital Communication Responsibly

Presentation Overview

This presentation covers:

- Privacy/disclosure of your personal information.
- Predators.
- Cyberbullying.
- Digital dating abuse.
- Sexting.
- Legal consequences.



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Employment Xpress

is off and running!!

The North Shore Career Center/Workforce Investment Board (NoSCC/WIB) is pleased to announce that thanks to a new grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the Federal Transit Administration, **Employment Xpress** is now accepting applications for employment transportation services. Employment Xpress is a new transportation service that will enable many disabled and low income North Shore residents to secure employment opportunities (retail, food service, lodging, manufacturing, etc.) that are clustered along Rt. 1 and Rt. 114 in the Peabody-Danvers area. The service will provide guaranteed transportation from home to work and back.

"We are very excited that this transportation assistance project is underway! We are looking forward to having our first customer ride just this week", reports Mobility Manager, Sandra Efstratiou. A great deal of team planning and effort has gone into this grant-funded project thus far and qualified job seekers, who previously struggled with limited transportation options, can now secure jobs in the Rt. 114 and Rt. 1 corridors. Norm Ketola, also a Mobility Manager, states "Getting job seekers to areas not served by public transportation, such as the Rt. 114 corridor, will benefit businesses, individuals as well as boost the local economy".

Services:

Eligible customers transported to employment locations
within Danvers, Peabody and Salem

Mobility Managers help customers with travel planning

Transportation is provided by GLSS (Greater Lynn Senior Services)

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Meetings & Events, Etc.

- Wednesday,, September 8, Noon – Salem FV Roundtable – Salem Police Station (*Kristen Homan from Children's Friend and Family Services will give an overview and then focus on Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.*) For more information, contact Debbie MacGregor at the Essex District Attorney's Office at 978-745-6610 x5081 or Debra.Macgregor@state.ma.us .
- Thursday, September 9, 2010, 9:00 am – Salem HOPE Fall Meeting – Social Security Administration
- Friday, September 10, 2010, 10:00 am – Workshop: Job Fair Preparation – North Shore Career Center, Salem
- 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, Danvers, MA
- Thursday, March 10, 2011 – Salem HOPE Spring Meeting – NSCAP, Peabody, MA
- 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.
