

SALEM H.O.P.E.

Human Organization Partnership Effort

**Networking Breakfast Meeting
Thursday, JUNE 9, 2016
9:00 A.M. Sharp**

Hosted by:

**Anchor To Windward
74 Atlantic Ave., Marblehead, MA**

All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.

PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO

Carol: carolhawthorne@mac.com or call 781-990-3056

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Judi Jacobi, President
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 IV. 87th Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in August)
*E-mail your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for September through December to jguy@salem.com – Deadline 8/11/16*
- V. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*Thursday, September 8, 2016 – Salem Council on Aging
Thursday, December 8, 2016 – Seeking host agency
Thursday, March 9, 2017 – 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.*

*Persons with special needs should contact the host agency for reasonable accommodation
and should provide ample time for the request to be arranged.*

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~ A newsletter for social service agencies ~

May, 2016

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Pinelli, Myra Caldeira, and Jennifer Laudani. Present were Jane Guy and Naomi Francisco of the City of Salem DPCD, Yvette Garcia and Keshia DeLeon of North Shore CDC, Carol Hawthorne of Anchor to Windward, Anne-Marie O'Keefe of North Shore Youth Career Center, Joyce Legan of Morgan Memorial Goodwill, Charlene Snow, Sandra Efstratiou and Alex Rose of North Shore Career Center, Maureen Fiore and Ariel Wallen of Aspire Developmental Services, Inc., Debra Wonson of Salem CFCE, Katina Polemenako of Salvation Army, Jasmine Graddy of YouthBuild Northshore, Philip Hayes of Bass River, Mary Margaret Moore and Grant Murphy of the Independent Living Center, Matthew Castiglione of Deaf, Inc., Deric LePard of NSCAP and Anne-Marie D'Angelo-Florent of MassHealth.

Ms. Marte welcomed the attendees and stated that MRC is a federally funded agency that helps persons with disabilities get back to work. Persons can call in or get referrals including high school students. There is currently a one month waiting list. Eligibility is determined and then an individual work plan is created. They provide vocational assessment, job placement and job coaching, as well as long term support. They have pre-employment services for high school students and are contracted with Northeast ARC for all students on the North Shore. They provide job readiness in the summer and also provide psychological assessments.

March Meeting Hosted by Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

The March, 2016 Salem HOPE meeting was hosted by [Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission \(MRC\)](#). Representing the agency were Teury Mate, Patricia Bongiorno, Stephanie Jackson, Paula DiStefano, Devin Devasto, Mackenzie Dezieck, Barbara

Reasonable Accommodation

If you are a Salem HOPE participant and require reasonable accommodation at a quarterly Salem HOPE meeting, please contact the meeting host location and make your request as soon as possible, but no later than close of day on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Salem HOPE hosts information on reasonable accommodation

Once you have committed to hosting a Salem HOPE meeting, you are encouraged to contact Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing to request an American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter at least two weeks prior to the meeting date. If you do not get any requests for ASL interpreters by close of day on the Monday prior to the meeting, you can cancel the request by 9:00 on the Tuesday prior to the meeting.

The website to request an interpreter is <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mcdhh/request-an-interpreter.html>. Their phone number is 617-740-1600 or 1-800-882-1155.

Ms. Caldeira stated that MRC provides assistive technology and workplace accommodations, including resume assistance, interview skills and soft-skills training, such as how to interact with co-workers. They provide two types of vocational assessments and can outsource as needed.

Ms. Laudani stated that at MRC, the job readiness group transitions to other groups.

Ms. Moore stated that the [Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann, Inc.](#) serves any person of any age and any type of disability in 25 communities. They are attending a meeting at the State House to talk with State legislators along with 10 other independent living centers. They are having their 29th legislative breakfast at the Waterfront Hotel on May 6th.

Mr. Rose stated that the [North Shore Career Center](#) is having an upcoming job fair in Gloucester. There will be an advanced manufacturing program May through August at a to-be-determined vocational school for training to be an entry level machinist.

Ms. O'Keefe of the [North Shore Youth Career Center](#) stated that their F1rst Jobs Program is for organizations that would like to hire youth for the summer.

Ms. Wonson of [Coordinated Family and Community Engagement \(CFCE\)](#) stated that CFCE coordinators recently got recognition at the State House. The agency has fathers' groups, play groups and an ELL group.

Ms. Hawthorne stated that [Anchor to Windward](#) is a social club for adults 18+ with disabilities.

Ms. Fiore stated that she is the Assistant Program Director and that [Cerebral Palsy of the North Shore](#) is changing their log and name to [Aspire Developmental Services, Inc.](#) They have a new log and a new acting Executive Director. The agency serves zero to three year olds with developmental delays including home visits, parent/child groups and toddler groups.

Ms. Wallen stated that the Early Intervention Partnerships Program of Aspire supports women who are pregnant through 8 months after birth. It helps to provide community resources they needed including emotional support, breast feeding support and postpartum depression assistance.

Ms. Bongiorno stated that MRC works in collaboration with employers and to let her know about available jobs.

Mr. Hayes stated that [Bass River](#) works with persons with developmental disabilities. They have a new vocation center on Bridge Street in Salem to provide a food service training program.

Ms. D'Angelo-Florent stated that she is a member education representative for [MassHealth](#). She can visit agencies to provide education. She noted that the income guidelines went up on March 1st and that they are redesigning the MassHealth website.

Mr. Polemenako stated that she is the Director of Social Service Programs at [Salvation Army](#). Their Bridging the Gap program serves at risk youth ages 12 to 17 who are usually first time offenders through juvenile diversion, but can also take referrals. They are starting a mom and me group. They have 6 to 12 overnight camp slots open in Sharon, MA.

Ms. Legan stated that she is a job specialist at [Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries](#) . They provide job development and training as well as mobile work crews.

Mr. LePard stated that [NSCAP](#) provides fuel assistance and a home care program helping persons stay in their home independently. They have funds for utility assistance, rental arrearages and start-up funds. He was asked by [Catholic Charities](#) to say that they have rent and utility assistance funds for Salem residents.

Ms. Francisco stated that she is the Housing Coordinator for the [City of Salem](#). The housing programs are provided on the [City's website](#). They include a First Time Homebuyer Program and Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program which can be used for handicap accessibility improvements and building code violations.

Ms. Snow stated that she is a Business Service Representative at North Shore Career Center. They are having two job events in the Spring in Gloucester and Lynn.

Mr. Castiglione stated that he is the Regional Representative for Independent Living Services at [Deaf, Inc.](#) and services the New England Region. They provide services to those who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind and late-deafened. They help to provide communication access.

Ms. Graddy stated that she is a Case Manager at [YouthBuild North Shore](#). It is for those aged 16 to 24 who are high school drop outs or on the verge of dropping out. Participants will get their high school diploma or GED. They are taking applications.

Ms. DeLeon stated that she is the Community Engagement Coordinator for [North Shore CDC](#). They are having an event on March 31st for Point residents called Thursdays Together in order to bring the community together.

Ms. Garcia stated that North Shore CDC is partnering with Salem Recycles to have a community swap at Salem Common on May 7th.

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

MRC is responsible for Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Community Living Services, and eligibility determination for the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) federal benefits programs. MRC promotes equality, empowerment and independence of individuals with disabilities. We assist individuals of all disabilities to go to work. If you are unemployed or underemployed, you may be able to benefit from vocational services. All VR consumers must reside in Massachusetts and be eligible to work in the United States. **The Salem Office serves Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Ipswich, Lynn, Magnolia, Manchester By The Sea, Marblehead, Middleton, Nahant, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Swampscott, Topsfield, and Wenham.**

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<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/mrc/> or
<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/disability-services/vocational-rehab/vr-area-offices/salem.html>

Ms. Guy stated that the CDBG Action Plan's 30 day comment period will begin on March 23rd and that there will be a public hearing on April 7th.

Information Worth Knowing

Cerebral Palsy Association of Eastern
Massachusetts, Inc. is now:



Lynn office: 103 Johnson St.
Phone: 781-593-2727

Salem office: 275 Lafayette St.
Phone: 978-744-7037

<http://www.aspiredevelopmental.org/>

Joshua Freitas

Author of the *Dementia Project* (2015)

hosted by North Shore Elder Services

**Wednesday June 10th
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

His book is a caregiver's guide to improving life for those with Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia.

More Info: [Facebook Event](#)

Free Registration: [Constant Contact](#)

For information, contact NSES Information Services, info@nselder.org or 978 750 4540.

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. The newsletter is printed four times per year. However, information that needs to be disseminated in a timelier 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.*

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

What is F1rstJobs?

F1rstJobs is a summer employment program designed to provide quality first time summer employment opportunities for youth between the ages of 14 - 21 for 8 weeks during July and August.

Youth are recruited and trained by F1rstjobs for their first employment opportunity. We then connect local area businesses needing summer help with youth looking for employment. Nonprofits and Municipal offices may submit proposals to hire youth with subsidized wages. **View the [2016 F1rstJobs RFP](#)**

Private employers may contact our staff to submit job orders and hire our teens! The cost is low-\$1,600 to hire a teen to work 20 hours per week for 8 weeks at minimum wage. (\$10/hour).

Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to the program if you are interested in participating but are unable to hire a teen directly. Donations allows us to place teens at non-profits on the North Shore. 96% of your contribution will go directly to youth wages.

Donations can be made through [The Essex County Community Foundation's online donations page](#).

Nonprofits- for questions on the F1rstJobs RFP contact:

David McDonald
Director of Administration and Grants
[\(978\) 741-3805](tel:(978)741-3805)
dmcdonald@northshorewib.com

Private Companies: To learn more about F1rstJobs or to participate in F1rstJobs 2016 contact:

Bob Fraizer
Youth Job Specialist
BFraizer@nscareers.org
[\(781\) 691-7437](tel:(781)691-7437)

View our [F1rstJobs Report 2015](#) on our website. There is also a [one page summary](#) of the F1rstJobs report.



WHAT:

Pathways Presents Sonia Manzano



“Maria” on Sesame Street and Author

Join us for a discussion on reading readiness, children and television, featuring Sonia Manzano. Followed by a cocktail reception.

WHEN:

June 8, 2016, 5:00 – 8:30pm

WHERE:

The Walter J. Manninen Center for the Arts
Endicott College • Beverly, MA

HOW:

Tickets \$25 each, available at www.pw4c.org

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A new **"Mommy and Me"** group for
moms and their children 18 months to 4years old

When: Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m

Where: The Salvation Army

93 North St., Salem, MA

What to expect for you and your child:

- Weekly learning themes including:
Crafts, games, music and reading
- Opportunities to make new friends
- A safe, kid friendly environment!!!

*For more information please contact : Captain Susan Knight or
Katina Polemenako@ (978) 744-5181*



Are you pregnant?

Do you have a new baby at home?

Early Intervention Partnerships Program
offers **FREE** support in **YOUR** home!!

**A caring team of professional home visitors
can help you learn about:**

- Community resources
- Having a healthy pregnancy and family
- Breastfeeding
- Preparing for labor and birth
- Infant care
- Coping with stress
- Applying for assistance programs
- Post-partum depression
- Parent support groups and education
- Nutrition
- Infant growth and development
- And much more.....



**For questions, referrals or to schedule a home
visit please call Ariel Wallen, LCSW**

781-593-2727 x2200

awallen@aspiredevelopmental.org

**If you are under 21 and having your FIRST baby, contact
Susan d'Hemecourt at the Healthy Families program at
781-593-2312 x229**

**A program of Aspire Developmental Services, Inc.
Formerly known as Cerebral Palsy Association of Eastern Massachusetts, Inc.**

¿Estas embarazada o tienes un bebe nuevo en el hogar?



Early Intervention Partnerships Program

Ofrece apoyo gratis en su hogar

**Un grupo de profesionales pueden
ayudarte aprender:**

- **Recursos de la comunidad.**
- **Tener un embarazo y una familia saludable.**
- **Amamantar.**
- **Preparacion para el parto.**
- **Cuidado del bebe.**
- **Aliviar el estres.**
- **Aplicar para programas de asistencia.**
- **Depresión despues del parto.**
- **Grupo de apoyo para padres y educacion.**
- **Nutricion.**
- **Desarrollo del infante.**
- **Y mucho mas.....**



**Para preguntas, referidos y citas favor de llamar
Ingrid Aristy CHW al 781-593-2727 ex 2240**

**Si eres menor de 21 años y vas a tener tu primer bebe , favor de llamar
a Susan d'Hemecourt a Healthy Family al 781-593-2312 ex 229**

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