



NEWS & VIEWS

FALL 2020

The mission of Family Enrichment Network is to provide supportive services for the optimal development of children, adults, and families.

The vision is that all children, adults and families in our service area have the opportunity to grow and develop to their full potential.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director



Darrell Newvine

Fall is upon us, the weather is changing and the leaves are turning colors. A lot has happened this past year, some good and some not so good. It's hard to believe the new school year has started; it just seems like we were getting ready for summer. With all that, it continues to be an exciting time at the agency. The Family Enrichment Network continues to grow and change.

Our biggest challenge is obviously the coronavirus and its impact on our staff, and the families and children we serve on a daily basis. We survived the spring, ran a summer program, and prepared for the fall. We are back and serving as many children and families we can in as safe a manner as we can. We realize there will be bumps in the road but we have shown we can rise to the challenge.

The economy remains uncertain and families continue to struggle and we do not see that trend changing any time in the near future. We continue to be active in our grant writing and program development to meet community needs, based on our community assessment and strategic plan. We appreciate the effort, and input, and support.

Our HHAP homeless housing project is in full swing. The construction should be completed on or about December 1st with move-in coming in January 2021. In the next few weeks, we should be hiring the support staff. We continue to look for grants and other opportunities available to meet our community needs and we are already looking at our next housing project.

Election season is a few weeks out. Make your voices and vote count. Everything we do or not do makes a difference. We continue to be in an ok funding cycle with Early Childhood Development. We need to be forward-looking, assertive bordering on aggressive in terms of future program development. The children and families of this community need it and deserve it.

We have built an organization and a staff structure that has placed us in a great position for the future. In the past, we have been able to weather the funding challenges and continue to be in a good position.

We could not do so without the support of the staff, the Governing Board, and the entire community. Our staff this past year has worked tirelessly to assist us in moving this agency forward and to meet the needs of children and families. We thank you for your past support of our Agency and look forward to future partnership opportunities.

CCR&R Chenango County Social-Emotional Support

Chenango United Way provided funding to CCR&R to support child care providers with social emotional education and resources for the children attending child care during COVID-19.

We were able to make calming bags for 39 child care programs throughout Chenango County. Items included children’s books, pinwheels, fidget toys and stress balls, sensory bottles, white noise machine, and teacher resources cards/posters, all aimed at helping children use calming skills during stressful times.

Thank you to Chenango United Way and the community for their support of healthy child care!



Struggling to buy groceries due to Covid- 19?

Monthly Gross Income Guidelines:

Households Unearned Income ONLY	Households with Earned Income	Households 60+ OR Paying Adult/ Child Care OR Disabled
<i>130% FPL</i>	<i>150% FPL</i>	<i>200% FPL</i>
1 \$1,354	\$1,562	\$2,082
2 \$1,832	\$2,114	\$2,818
3 \$2,311	\$2,667	\$3,555
4 \$2,790	\$3,219	\$4,292
5 \$3,269	\$3,772	\$5,028
6 \$3,748	\$4,324	\$5,765
7 \$4,227	\$4,877	\$6,502
8 \$4,705	\$5,429	\$7,328
+\$479	+\$553	+\$737

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NEW PATHWAYS FOR FATHERS BY THE NUMBERS (2016-2020)

**99% SAY THE
PROGRAM HAS
HELPED "SOME"
OR "A LOT"***

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**New Pathways for Fathers
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960

number of people served*

862

number of responsible
fatherhood workshops offered*

1939

hours of responsible fatherhood
workshops offered*

2522

client surveys completed*

6271

individual service contacts*

1610

referrals given to community
services*

*=based on nFORM & attendance
data since program started on
July 1, 2016

A Message from Head Start

It is an ever changing world, and our program is faced with many challenges due to COVID-19. We operated summer programming for 71 Head Start children in Broome and Tioga. We reopened Early Head Start to all enrolled children in both counties. We learned many things through this process, including: increased sanitizing practices; child wellness screening; staff wellness screening; ratios of teacher to children to ensure social distancing happens; changes to food services from family style dining to staff assembling meals for children.

We are preparing for the new program year that begins on September 1st for Early Head Start children and their families and September 9th for Head Start children and their families. Program will look different, and many program activities that were previously held in person will be offered remotely; these include Program Orientation, home visits, parent site committee meetings, teacher home visits, and parents/teacher conferences. Classrooms will be reduced to ten Head Start and six Early Head Start participants, and the other children will participate virtually. Some centers will have hybrid classrooms that are a combination of in person and virtual for their in person children.

As we move through this program year, we will remain open to shifting and changing as we need to, so that our children, families, and staff are healthy and safe.

For more information about the Head Start and Head Start program, please contact us at (607) 723-8313.



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