

# ENRICHING THE COMMUNITY

A monthly publication for friends of Family Enrichment Network

## Community Services

Community Services, here at Family Enrichment, involves being aware of the needs in our community and finding ways to meet those needs. Currently, through Hunger Solutions of New York, we are able to provide a Nutrition Outreach and Education Program known as NOEP. This grant enables us to help people facing food insecurity learn about and apply for SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps). We are available to help answer questions about the application process, determine potential eligibility for individuals and families, and provide resources to locate local food pantries and mobile food trucks. If you are interested, please call us at (607) 723-8313, ext. 827. We would be glad to help.

We also have the wonderful privilege of providing Community Habilitation (Com Hab) and Community Based Prevocational (Prevoc) services for adults with developmental disabilities. This falls under Waiver Services through OPWDD. Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) are hired to provide these services. Those adults interested in Com Hab services are looking to become more involved in their community life. This happens in many different ways such as: volunteer opportunities, walking clubs, taking classes in cooking, guitar, art, and crafting just to name a few. Those who have a desire to work are able to be involved in unpaid work experiences, developing skills that will help towards employability with Prevoc. We focus on the abilities, not the disability. If you are interested in becoming a Direct Support Professional, applications are available on our website and job training is available.

In the summer, we have the Summer Youth Program which enables young people to have an opportunity to develop important work skills in various positions such as working in the kitchen or with maintenance here at FEN, working at the Humane Society, as well as clerical opportunities. These are teaching and learning opportunities that provide the requirements needed to be successful in not only getting a job in the community, but knowing how to keep it.

For more information about Family Enrichment Network Programs, please visit us at [www.familyenrichment.org](http://www.familyenrichment.org) or call (607) 723-8313.



*The mission of Family Enrichment Network is to provide supportive services for the optimal development of children and families. We believe in coordinating children and family services using a comprehensive and collaborative approach to improve their quality of life while ensuring the greatest value for our investment in child, adult, and parent development.*