



Community Partnerships

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Working together to improve the well-being of children and families

Happy Holidays *The Local Management Board would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. We appreciate the continued support of our mission to create nurturing, stable environments for the county's children. Our board members, volunteers, and partnering organizations give selflessly to make our initiatives work. Thank you for a successful 2006.*



LMB Board and Staff at Savage River Lodge for the Annual Retreat
From left, back row: Leslie Colbrese, Rick Collins, Rev. Edward Chapman, Mary Biery, Wayne Sloan, Mary Lynn Pegg, Dr. William AuMiller, Lesa Diehl, Matt Shipway, Harry Grove, Dr. Richard Paulman, Lynn Pecoraro, David Goad, Dr. Sue Raver, and Sheree Witt
From left, front row: Jennifer Ward, Sara-Beth James, Kathy Delaney, Robin Summerfield, and Laura Witt

New Members Come Aboard

The newly elected Board members recently met for the New Member Orientation Luncheon at the LMB office. The new members are Reverend Edward Chapman representing the Faith Community. Rev. Chapman is the rector at Emmanuel Parish. Richard Collins represents the Business Community and is CEO of Mel's Business Systems. Matthew Shipway from the Division of Rehabilitation Services provides representation for the Disabilities Community. Harry Grove has been a long time member of the board through his work with DJS. He now represents the At-large Community. Lastly Mary Lynn Pegg, also a previous member of the Board, represents the Caregivers/Special Needs Community.

Over lunch the new members were introduced to the Local Management Board. An informative discussion then took place. The topics covered included the history of LMBs; non-profit operating procedures; board member responsibilities and duties; and current activities and initiatives of the LMB.

The new members are greatly diversified in their experiences and interests. They have much to offer as the LMB begins Community Partnership Planning.

Grant writing workshop pays off

Jeannie Wilson, of the Salvation Army recently notified the LMB office about her experiences with grant writing. "I just wanted to let you know that I wrote my first grant in April of this year after taking the class with George Zocklein and was awarded the funding. It was a HUD grant for 197,000.00!!! Thanks for providing the resources such as grant writing!!"

The materials she obtained at the seminar were a constant reference for her during the two weeks it took to write the grant. The funds will be used to replace two 28 year old existing elevators at the Booth Tower location. Renovations will begin as soon as the funds are available, most likely this month. Congratulations!

Jeannie attended the Grant Writing and Resource Development Workshop sponsored by the LMB in April. If you are interested in learning more about grant writing please attend a Grant Workgroup held the first Wednesday of every month at the Queen City Creamery at 8:30am.



JUDY CENTER EXPANDS TO WESTERNPORT

With the assistance of a grant from the LMB, the Judy Center is expanding into Westernport Elementary School. The Judy Center has been housed in Beall Elementary School for six years. The goal of the Allegany County Public School System's Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Center (The Judy Center) is to improve the school readiness skills of children ages birth to five by providing comprehensive early childhood services for children and their families. A Judy Center is a partnership of many community agencies working together to empower parents as they prepare their young children for school. Research shows that the quality of care young children receive through child care, public school programs, Head Start, etc. is critical to a child's development and future school success. Judy Centers assure high quality early care for all children birth through 5 years of age.

Some of the programs that the Judy Center will be offering in the Westernport school are GED classes, family literacy activities, and the WIC clinic. Behavioral support programs will also be offered for children with social and/or emotional issues. The center is also looking into several additional programs that would benefit families. As the needs of the children and families change, the programs offered by the Judy Center will also change. Any community agency that would like to consider offering family services in the Westernport school is invited to call Deb Kolb, Judy Center Coordinator, 301-689-8489

www.judycenter.allconet.org

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