

The Family Resource Network, Inc.
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The Family Resource Network is Expanding Our Team!

The Family Resource Network is searching for a Per Diem Family Peer Advocate to join our team! Position offers \$13.00 per hour, plus mileage reimbursement.

You must be a parent who is/or has been a caregiver of a child with a mental health or developmental disability. "Lived experience" is extremely valuable when working with families in need of resources, support and advocacy.

Applicant must:

- *Possess excellent organizational and communication skills
- *Complete progress notes in a timely manner
- *Conduct home visits with families to identify need
- *Submit to a background/fingerprint check (at no cost to applicant)
- *Have experience advocating within the service systems (i.e. Mental Health, Education, DSS, Juvenile Justice, SPOA)
- *Have working knowledge of Microsoft Office software

All applicants should submit a resume with a cover letter describing your personal lived experience of being a caretaker of a child with a mental health or developmental disability. Resumes and cover letters can be emailed to executivedirector@familyrn.org, mailed to FRN at 46 Oneida Street, Oneonta, NY 13820 or dropped off at the FRN office.

High School Diploma or Equivalent required.

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“Growing Communities, One Family at a Time”

Summer is here and the Family Resource Network is very excited about all the fun events and activities we have planned for the upcoming months! In June we held our Third Annual Duck Derby Family Fun Day in Neahwa Park and it was a huge success! We are very grateful that so many members of our communities have come out for the past 3 years to support our cause. In addition we love being able to provide an event to the community where families are able to come together and enjoy various activities at the park from spin art and other crafts to face painting and games. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time and we look forward to holding this event for years to come!



This July the Family Resource Network will be hosting our Summer Picnic where our Support Group, Teen Scene and Dragon Dates families have an opportunity to mingle and participate in a variety of fun outdoor activities. This will be our first year holding the event at Wilber Park and we are excited to take advantage of the pool and playground!

Finally, we are thrilled to be co-hosting our Third Annual Community Softball Game with the Oneonta Job Corps Academy on Friday, August 24th at Damaschke Field in Neahwa Park! This free family event is open to the whole community. Come down and watch FRN youth and staff play the youth and staff of the Oneonta Job Corps Academy in a fun, friendly game of softball! In addition to the ballgame there will be fun contests, prizes, a fabulous fireworks show and local agencies will be set up sharing information about the programs and services they provide in our community. We hope to see you there!

The Family Resource Network, Inc. Mission & Purpose

Mission Statement:

Individuals with special needs deserve every opportunity to achieve their unique potential. The Family Resource Network was founded by parents to enhance the lives of individuals with special needs and their families, empowering them to lead productive independent lives within the community.

Purpose:

We want to make our community a better place through education and the enlisting of our citizens to bring services to those in need. We accomplish our mission through our core values.

We have been a vital part of our community for a number of years. We were founded to serve a growing segment of our community in need of inaccessible services. We have continued to grow with the help of our donors and volunteers that make our mission possible. Through all these years our purpose still remains the same: bring services to those in need.

Family Resource Network Staff:

Executive Director: Michelle Zuk



OPWDD Program:

Resource Center Coordinator: Kristin Winn

FSS Program Supervisor/Education Advocate: Robin Piefer

Service Access Liaison: Renee Walker

Youth Programing:

Program Coordinator: Blake Stensland

RFPS Program:

Senior Family Advocate/RFPS Program Supervisor:

Barbara Finkelstein

Residential Family Peer Support Partner:

Valerie Harris

CCSI Program:

Senior Family Advocate/CCSI Program Supervisor:

Barbara Finkelstein

Otsego Parent Partner: Jessica Morton

Chenango/Delaware Parent Partner: Terry DiLuzio



Families Together in NYS Credentialed Family Peer Advocates:

Michelle Zuk

Terry DiLuzio

Barbara Finkelstein

Valerie Harris

Renee Walker

Jessica Morton



United States Department of Agriculture

School's Out!

POWER UP for Summer Fun!



Did you know there are free activities and meals available in your community for your kids and teens this summer?

Find a site near you!

Call: 1-866-348-6479

Visit: www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks

Text: "Summer Meals" to 97779

No cost or enrollment required.
Open to all children under 18.



Attention Families with OPWDD Eligibility who Utilize FRN Services:

OPWDD (Office for People with Developmental Disabilities) has recently changed the requirements for individuals who are self-directing and using our services. If you have a self-direction budget and have attended any of the following programs through the Family Resource Network:

Trainings

Dragon Dates

or contacted one of our **Education Advocates**

this year please call our office at (607)432-0001. Our staff will talk to you about the new requirements. Thank you!

OPWDD Front Door Information Sessions

Please join the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) for a general information session about the Front Door! This course is an introduction to OPWDD's Front Door Process. Please contact the Front Door Facilitator listed for the upcoming session that you wish to attend. Seats are limited and registration is required.

County	Date	Time	Training Location	To Register and Obtain Further Information Please Call:
Broome	7/5/2018	1-2:30pm	Broome Regional Office 229-231 State Street Binghamton, NY 13901	Julie Parker Phone: (607)273-0811 Ext. 246
Broome/ Chenango/ Delaware/ Otsego/ Tioga/Tompkins	7/18/18	5-6:30pm	Phone Conference Call	Carol Armstrong Phone: (607)771-7784 Ext. 109
Otsego	8/2/18	5-6:30pm	Otsego ARC 35 Academy Street Oneonta, NY 13820	Sara Hanlon Phone: (607)433-8417 Partner Kelly Dean
Broome/ Chenango/ Delaware/ Otsego/ Tioga/Tompkins	8/15/18	5-6:30pm	Phone Conference Call	Dee Osier Phone: (607)771-7784 Ext. 112

Teen Scene:

Teen Scene is a group of youth, ages 12-19, who meet once a month and participate in a variety of activities. Discussion topics can include dealing with bullying, dating, conflict resolution, communication, and leadership. The group also attends community events and participates in community service projects.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Monday, July 23rd 3:30-7:30pm @ Wilber Park

Family Fun Day and Picnic in conjunction with FRN Support Group and Dragon Dates Social Skills Group. Pool admission and dinner at the upper level Large pavilion will be provided. Families are encouraged to bring outdoor games for the group to participate in!

Picnic will include a fun practice for any youth interested in participating in our Community Softball Game again Oneonta Job Corps in August

Tuesday, August 7th 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Wilber Park Large Pavilion

Softball Practice. This will provide another opportunity for any youth interested in participating in our Community Softball Game to attend a practice. All teens interested in playing in our Annual Community Softball Game against Oneonta Job Corps Academy **must attend one of the two practices FRN is holding during the summer.** Dinner will be provided.

Friday, August 25th 6:30pm @ Damaschke Field in Oneonta

Third Annual Community Softball Game. FRN youth and staff play the youth and staff of the Oneonta Job Corps Academy in a fun, friendly game of softball! In addition to the ballgame there will be door prizes, contests and fireworks at dusk! Each youth will receive up to 2 meal vouchers to use at the Oneonta Outlaws concession stand. **Please contact Blake at 607-432-0001 if you are interested in participating in the softball game to get registered as a player and to sign up for one of the 2 required practices.**

Dinner is provided so **please RSVP** by the day before the group. Want more information on Teen Scene? Contact FRN at 607-432-0001. To register, e-mail Blake at **bstensland@familyrn.org** with your contact information in the body of the email.

Family Resource Network Support Group:

The FRN Support Group works to support and empower families. Dinner is provided, as well as childcare (if requested before the meeting). Various workshops are given as well, when the group requests.

Upcoming Meeting:

Monday, July 23rd 3:30-7:30pm @ Wilber Park

Family Fun Day and Picnic in conjunction with Teen Scene and Dragon Dates Social Skills Group. Pool admission and dinner at the upper level Large pavilion will be provided. Families are encouraged to bring outdoor games for the group to participate in!

****Parent/Responsible adult must attend****

As always, please register prior to the date so we can ensure dinner will be provided for all attendees! To register, call Barbara Finkelstein at 432-0001 or e-mail **bfinkelstein@familyrn.org**

Please join the Family Resource Network and the Oneonta Job Corps Academy for our third annual

Community Softball Game

Friday, August 24th
Doors open @ 6:30pm
Damaschke Field
15 James Georgeson Ave
Oneonta, NY

Watch FRN youth and staff play the Oneonta Job Corps Academy youth and staff in a fun, friendly game of softball!

**FUN CONTESTS
BETWEEN
INNINGS!**

**BASE RUN WITH
OJCA MASCOT BOB
THE BULLDOG!!**



FIREWORKS!!

**DOOR PRIZES AND
GIVEAWAYS!!**

In addition to the ballgame, fun contests, prizes and fireworks, local agencies will be set up sharing information about the programs and services they provide in our community.

If you would like more information about this event or to find out how you can participate please contact Kristin at the Family Resource Network by calling 607-432-0001 or via email at kwinn@familyrn.org. **All players must be 12 years of age and older.**

The Family Resource Network invites our Support Group, Teen Scene and Dragon Dates Families to Join Us for Our Annual Summer Picnic and Family Fun Day!

Monday, July 23rd
3:30pm-7:30pm
Large Pavilion at Wilber Park (Upper Level)
Albert Morris Dr
Oneonta, NY 13820

There will be swimming, tie dying, softball practice and dinner! Families are encouraged to bring outdoor games for the group to participate in and there is a playground near the pavilion for families to enjoy as well!

Activity Schedule:

Open Swim at the Wilber Park pool from 3:30pm-5:00pm

Dinner and tie dying t-shirts 5:00pm-6:30pm

Practice for Annual Community Softball Game 6:30pm-7:30pm

Entry into the pool, dinner and one t-shirt for tie dye activity will be provided for each individual that attends

This event is free but registration is required. When registering please be ready to provide t-shirt sizes for all attendees.

For questions or to register please contact Blake by phone: 607-432-0001 or by email: bstensland@familyrn.org.

All youth that are interested in playing in our upcoming Community Softball Game against the Oneonta Job Corps Academy must attend one of two practices that FRN will be holding.

Softball Game Practice Schedule

Monday, July 23rd from 6:30pm-7:30pm at Wilber Park

Tuesday, August 7th from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Wilber Park

Please contact Blake at 607-432-0001 if you are interested in participating in the softball game to get registered as a player and to sign up for one of the two required practices.

Thank You Shelley!!



The Family Resource Network would like to express our deepest appreciation to Shelley Hubal for 10 years of amazing service. She has worked to ensure that the agency lives up to its mission to “enhance the lives of individuals with special needs and their families, empowering them to lead productive independent lives within the community.” While she is turning the page on this chapter of her career, we wish her the very best and offer the thanks of a grateful community for the many trainings, workshops and countless hours of education advocacy that she has provided. The Family Resource Network staff, board of directors and families we serve are much more informed and knowledgeable because of the time she has dedicated to the agency and its mission. We know that Shelley will continue to be a passionate advocate for individuals with special needs and their families.

The Family Resource Network, Inc., is looking for a brand new logo to celebrate our 25th year of service to our community!

The launch date of the logo would be in January of 2019.

Who better to create the logo for our agency than the individuals who know the agency and who support and love us?

The contest will be open until November 1st, 2018. If a logo is chosen from the submissions that contestant will receive a **\$100 Amazon gift card**.

If you are interested in submitting a logo, feel free to contact Blake for more information or to receive our contest release form and guidelines.

Blake Stensland: 607-432-0001 or bstensland@familyrn.org

Join the Family Resource Network, Inc. for Our Upcoming Dragon Dates Events:

**Wilber Park
Large Pavilion (Upper Level)
Albert Morris Dr
Oneonta, NY**



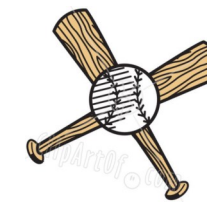
**Monday, July 23rd
3:30pm-7:30pm**

Family Resource Network will provide entry into the Wilber Park Pool. Enjoy a picnic dinner under the Large pavilion and a tie-dying activity with the social skills group.

Wilber Park has a swimming pool, playground, nature trails and more for families to enjoy while visiting the park.

Please register by July 19th.

**Damaschke Field
15 James Georgeson Avenue
Oneonta, NY**



**Friday, August 24th
6:30pm-9:00pm**

Join the Family Resource Network and the Oneonta Job Corps Academy for our third annual Community Softball Game! Please let FRN know if you would like to play! In addition to the game there will be fun contests, door prizes and other giveaways. The game will be followed by a fantastic fireworks show! FRN will provide up to 4 meal vouchers to the Outlaws concession stand per family.

Please register by August 20th

These FREE events are for individuals with OPWDD eligibility living in the family home in Broome, Chenango, Otsego, Delaware, Tioga or Tompkins County. Parents/Caregivers must attend the events. Siblings are encouraged to come too!

Registration for both events is required.

To register please call Blake at (607)432-0001. Please have name, age, and TABS# of the individual with OPWDD eligibility, and total number of participants joining us. If leaving a message please provide a phone number that we can contact you at.

Family Resource Network, Inc. is not responsible for supervision.

The Family Resource Network deeply appreciates the many local businesses, agencies, and individuals that helped to make our Third Annual Duck Derby such a successful community event and fundraiser! We know how often these businesses and individuals are asked for donations, not only of the tangible items and goods that they provide to the community, but also of their time and efforts that go on behind the scenes. This being said, we are honored that everyone who contributed felt our cause was worthy of their support!

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Special thanks to Community Bank, N.A., Oneonta Job Corps Academy, Miller Financial Services, Munson's TrueValue, Holiday Inn of Oneonta, Circulars Unlimited, Scholet Furniture and Losie's Gun Shop for sponsoring the event, Patrick Dewey for being an amazing DJ throughout the afternoon, and Stewart's Shops for donating all the supplies for the Ice Cream Social!

Thank you to the following agencies for participating and preparing awesome activities for the children and youth who attended:

Fidelis Care
Lori Spicer and Friends
Otsego County Adult Behavioral Health Services Clinic
Head Start and Early Head Start of Otsego County
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Ainsley's Angels
Amanda Rivers and Ashlyn Derrick-Face Painting

We would also like to acknowledge all of the family members who volunteered their time to help make the event so successful!

