



Community Connections

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Did You Know?

If your family member needs counseling, call our ACCESS Center at 569-0239 for an appt.

iMentor is seeking adult volunteers. Call 383-6900 x41359 for more information.

Teens get a golf lesson at our annual Golf Tournament each year.

Find more information about FSA at www.fsasj.org

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Meet FSA's New President

"Being the president of Family Service Association is a dream job for me" says Cindy Herdman-Ivins. "It is the job I've worked toward my entire career." Indeed, if her resume tells us anything about her, we are the lucky ones Ms. Herdman-Ivins comes to Family Services Association with a wealth of knowledge and experience. She holds two Bachelor's degrees from Rutgers University and a Masters of Education in Counseling Psychology from Boston University. She has worked in direct care providing clinical services as a therapist, evaluating programs, and has implemented quality improvement programs throughout the state. Her most recent posts

were with Family Service Association, the statewide advocacy agency, where she worked diligently to strengthen statewide



contracting and advocated on behalf of all family service agencies, and as Director of Division of Prevention in the NJ Department of Children and Family Services and Community Partnerships, where she imple-

mented programs to strengthen families and communities..

"Family Service Association has always been an agency I've admired. Since coming here in January, I've come to realize what wonderful services we offer and what qualified people make up our staff. I am even more excited to be in this position now that I know the organization."

Cindy has certainly made positive changes so far in her tenure: two new programs have been added, the two buildings' roofs have been replaced, and renovations are in full swing at the Absecon facility! Stand by for more!

Bank of America gives FSA grant of \$35,000.



Cathy Livingston BOA, presents check to Cindy Herdman Ivins, as Nick White, and Peter Tadros BOA, look on.

BANK OF AMERICA has given a grant of \$35,000 to Family Service Association for use in the agency's many programs. Family Service Association offers a number of programs that serve individuals and families. These include outpatient services, two

Family Success Centers, the Family Life Center, Family Preservation Services, two School-Based Youth Services programs, adult and children's partial care programming, an adult case management program, a volunteer program, a Juvenile Job Readiness and Financial Literacy Program, as well as Youth Case Management, HEDS Case Management, Rainbow Place, Safe Harbor, and the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Project. These programs collectively serve

approximately 15,000 children, youth and families a year, and result in positive outcomes for 85% of them. "Our goal is to address the needs of the community as they become evident," says Cindy Herdman Ivins, FSA, President and CEO, "We are delighted that Bank of America has chosen to partner with us in this important mission." For more information about FSA programs visit www.fsasj.org.

Youth having a gold lesson at the 7th Annual FSA Golf Tournament



It was a beautiful sunny day, the players were ready and at 12:00pm they teed-off in the 7th Annual Family Service Association Golf Tournament and Youth Clinic held on Friday,

June 10, 2011. Seventy-two adults and 20 youth played in the 18 hole tournament that was held at the Mays Landing Golf Course. The annual tournament raises funds to support the programs offered to children and youth. "We are deeply grateful to the players, the sponsors, and the golf pros who teach the youth each year," said Cindy Herdman Ivins, President & CEO. "The funds we raise are important to keeping our programs

running, but the learning experience of the youth is far more important. They always have lots of fun." This year, the tournament and sponsorships raised \$20,000. These donations will help fund our programs that support families in the local community.

Our 8th Annual Golf Tournament and Youth Clinic will be held in May 2012 at the Mays Landing Golf Course.

FSA HAS OVER 300 VOLUNTEERS THAT CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN 10,000 HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO THE AGENCY EACH YEAR!

Sun Bank Volunteers Make A Big Difference

They were dirty, hot and tired but at the end of the day the Sun Bank volunteers were still smiling when they gathered for their photo. Twelve dedicated Sun Bank employees came to Family Service Association on October 14, 2011 to help clean and sort at the agency's Bargain Boutique. "We are really grateful for their help"

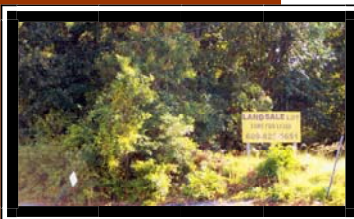
said Nick White, Boutique Manager. "The help of our volunteers allows us to run the Bar-

gain Boutique and offer 'gently used' goods to consumers at a great discount. More and more families are coming to the Bargain Boutique as the economy worsens. Many thanks to the folks at Sun Bank for helping us provide a good alternative to department stores for



Mr. & Mrs. Piekin donate Land to FSA!

The Land Grant



Mr. and Mrs. Norman Piekin were looking for a reputable charity to make a donation when they saw an article on Family Service Association in the Glenn Insurance newsletter. What impressed

them was the range of services offered by FSA. After they attended our 2010 Open House and meeting a few Board members, the Piekens reached out to FSA to offer the

donation of land—two lots on Route 30 in Absecon, valued at \$223,000. Many thanks to the Piekens and Glenn Insurance Agency. You never know how the message will get across!

Outpatient Department Offers New Services



The Outpatient Department of Family Service Association is one of the agency's largest branches, operating at three sites in the county and serving more than 10,000 persons per year. . Outpatient offers a range of mental health services for individuals, couples, families and groups. The staff include licensed clinicians, certified nurse practitioners, and

psychiatrists. "A person coming to the Outpatient Department for counseling services can expect to receive the same quality care that they would get from a private therapist", says Miriam Britt, Outpatient Department Manager. "Our staff are highly qualified and well trained. In addition, we offer several specialty services with a staff who have a range of experience and education." The Outpatient Department offers general counseling services, psychiatric services, medication monitoring, and group counseling.

Outpatient also offers specific services for victims of abuse, people who have eating disorders, persons who have serious mental illness, as well as groups for persons who are lesbian/gay; and those who want to address anger management, inter-personal skills, and parent-child conflicts."

Outpatient services can be arranged by calling our Access Center at (609) 569-0239 or online at www.fsasj.org. Qualified therapists and psychiatrists are available by appointment on a sliding fee scale. Most insurances are accepted.

iMentor Now In Its Second



One year ago our Egg Harbor Township School Based Youth Services Program began a project to pair trained adult volunteers with youth in a mentor relationship through cyberspace.

iMentor's purpose is to use computer technology to help adults mentor youth through their high school years to promote academic achievement. In the first year, twenty five youth and twenty five adults were trained and matched and it was a great success! Each week the matched pairs would spend time online in mentoring interactions. Mentor pairs also spent time together each month

to get to know each other face to face. "The program has been really good for the kids," says Corey James, Program Manager. "Sometimes it's a little hard to tell with them, but it has really meant something." 23 youth and mentors will continue into the program's second year. We still need a couple of new mentors." Call 383-6900 ext. 41359 for more information about iMentoring.

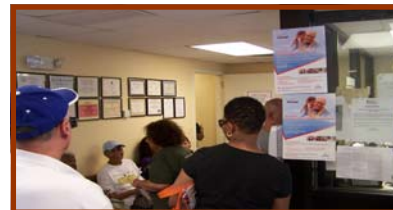
iMentor uses computer technology to pair caring adult mentors with teens in a supportive relationship.

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER ACTS AS A FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF SITE AFTER HURRICANE IRENE

Hurricane Irene struck the New Jersey shore this summer with a vengeance and Family Service Association was there to help by becoming a federal disaster relief site. The Egg Harbor Township Family Success Center hosted food stamps enrollment for Atlantic County residents from September 13th -

20th, 2011. The Center also provided services such as respite care and help with applications for emergency assistance. "Thousands of people came through our doors .We used a difficult situation to let families know more about the Family Success Centers and to invite them to participate

regularly," said Dawn Belimarch, Program Manager. "We're here to help families any way we can. We have regular Family Dinners that all families are invited to attend. We welcome all families to use the Family Success Center as a resource." The EHT Family Success Cen-



ter is located at 3050 Spruce Ave in Egg Harbor Township. Find out more about the Family Success Centers at www.fsasj.org.



*Strengthening Individuals and Families,
One Life at a Time*

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Family Service Association is a multi-service agency that helps over 22,000 people each year. The agency was founded in 1909 and has been a community partner that addresses the needs of children, families, individuals, and senior citizens since that time. The organization's mission is to strengthen individuals and families. FSA currently offers 16 programs at seven locations in Southern New Jersey to address our mission.

Family Service Association is a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. The agency is funded through grants from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, the New Jersey Department of Mental Health & Addictions, Atlantic County Youth Services Commission, private foundations, donations, and fundraising. For more information about us, please visit our website at www.fsasj.org.



OPERATION BACKPACK HELPS KIDS GET READY FOR SCHOOL

For many school-age children, the end of summer signals a fun time to get ready for school by picking out new school supplies. Other children aren't so lucky. "Unfortunately as school budgets have been reduced and the economy has gotten worse, families are being asked to contribute more toward the cost of school supplies at a time when they may

not be able to afford it." says Nick White, Development Coordinator at FSA. The agency works in close collaboration with banks, businesses, and local government to coordinate the back drive and make sure that any kid who needs school supplies is ready to go to school. This year we were able to equip 125 children with backpacks



and other school necessities. Many thanks to all who contributed.