

Family Education Collaborative

Newsletter Summer 2010

A collaboration between the [YWCA New Hampshire](#), [UNH Cooperative Extension](#), [UNH Manchester](#), and [Child and Family Services](#) for the purpose of strengthening families in Manchester and New Hampshire.

Groups and programs currently offered:

For more information, visit www.ywcanh.org

Circle of Parents/ Playgroup *Attend one or both*

Every Wednesday 10am—12:15pm

At YWCA, 72 Concord Street, Manchester

Domestic Violence Support Group For Women

Every Monday 6pm—7:30pm

At YWCA, 72 Concord Street, Manchester

Sexual Violence Support Group for Women

Every Monday 6pm—7:30pm

At YWCA, 72 Concord Street, Manchester

Sexual Violence Support Group for Men

Every Wednesday 6pm—7pm

At 141 Union Street, Manchester, NH 03104

Spanish Domestic Violence Support Group for Women

Every Thursday 6pm—7:30pm

At YWCA, 72 Concord Street, Manchester

Circle of Parents and Playgroup Combine to Form New Group

Circle of Parents and the Playgroup, previously held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings respectively, have combined to form a new group held Wednesday mornings. This change, which began in June, hoped to encourage more families and parents to attend both groups. As a new initiative, families attending the playgroup will be entered into a raffle. Each time a family attends the group, their name will be entered in the raffle. Specifics for the raffle have not yet been determined, but check the YWCA's website or the new flyer for more information.

The new schedule for the Circle of Parents/ Playgroup will be: Circle of Parents from 10 am-11:15 am, snack with children from 11:15 am-11:30 am, and then Playgroup from 11:30 am– 12:15 pm. This schedule allows parents to come only for Circle of Parents or Playgroup, or stay for both groups. Susan Morse is the new facilitator of the group; she can be reached at morses@cfsnh.org for information.

Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) Support Group Summer Change

RAPP meetings will change for the summer. Bi-weekly groups will be replaced with a game and ice cream event. Date and time are still to be determined, but check the YWCA's website for more information and for a fall schedule.

Bullying Bill Update

Nearly 400 educators, administrators, social workers, and human service professionals attended four "Understanding Bullying" trainings that were held during the month of May at four locations across New Hampshire. The trainings were a joint project of the Family Education Collaborative and UNH Cooperative Extension with support from all of the Collaborative members. Dr. Malcolm Smith provided attendees with the latest research-based data about the national bullying epidemic and gave each attendee a comprehensive training packet that they will use to conduct parent education sessions throughout the state. Dr. Smith was joined by students from Coheco Arts Academy in Dover who gave personal testimony to participants about their experiences with bullying and by a variety of Extension staff who provided up to date information about cyber-bullying.

When Work Works

When Work Works, a national initiative, has 8 finalists for 2010. They are: **The Nagler Group, MediaMate, LLC, Northeast Delta Dental, Millyard Communications, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, Inc., Student Conservation Association, Meeting Matrix International, Inc., and YWCA New Hampshire.** For more information regarding Round II of the Alfred P. Sloan Award or the When Work Works initiative, visit <http://www.whenworkworks.org/>.

