

Notes from the Navigator....

A Monthly Newsletter about Serving Customers with Disabilities in the One-Stop System

HIGHLIGHT: The Family Service League—Vocational Programs

Family Service League is a not-for-profit community-based human service agency serving individuals from infancy through adulthood. Today more than 50 programs are offered in over 22 locations. These include:

Journey House

This is a consumer-driven, social and vocational program, based on the “Clubhouse” model, supports and empowers individuals who are recovering from serious mental illness as they pursue productive and satisfying lifestyles. The philosophy of the program is that rehabilitation involves the whole person in a process of gradual acceptance, as well as opportunity and involvement in the community. Services are customized to assist each member maximize his or her potential.

Flexible Employment Program

Assists individuals, through training and job placement, whose lives have been disrupted by serious mental illness or other disabilities, to attain vocationally and socially productive lives in the community. Employment opportunities are offered at various levels of responsibility, independence and stress. This enables the worker to begin work and maintain productivity in work situations that match personal skills and capabilities.

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WORKPlus

Assists low income employable Suffolk County residents with attaining needed job skills to become self-sufficient. A Computerized Career Laboratory offers computerized workstations, that afford youth and adults the opportunity to conduct post-secondary educational planning, resume building and job searches. Other services include; vocational assessments and counseling, career development workshops, job training etc.

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