



The Coalition of Fathers and Families NY, Inc.
an affiliate of the American Coalition of Fathers and Children

"Working to Keep Fathers and Families Together"

Program and Service Activities of the Coalition of Fathers and Families NY, Inc.

The Coalition of Fathers and Families NY, Inc. (FaFNY), a not-for-profit NY corporation, is committed to providing services to the communities to foster healthy families and work to keep fathers and families together. We are a member supported Association which uses no paid staff or fund raisers and that uses all volunteers to provide services to families in need. FaFNY has provided the following services to the community.

FaFNY has extended membership to 1500 persons in New York State free of charge for the year 2002 to foster a grass roots network of people committed to building healthy families. Membership development is a tool used to identify persons with an interest in families and to recruit volunteers to aid families in need by supporting the association in its efforts to provide services by contributing their time and money.

FaFNY maintains contact to the public and the community through a local phone/fax number (518-383-8202), electronic mailing address (DadLobby@localnet.com) and a physical mailing address (PO Box 782, Clifton Park, NY 12065). Contact is also maintained and NY referrals received through our national affiliate, the American Coalition of Fathers and Children by phone (1-800-978-Dads) or their web site (ACFC.org). [FaFNY.org web site is currently under development expected completion date of June 2003]. Requests for information are handled by volunteers who direct or provide individuals to educational materials as needed for their case.

FaFNY conducts monthly public presentations on various topics related to families presented by experts in that field. In addition to the presentation individuals needs are met on a case by case basis through peer support and counseling and distribution of educational materials. Presentations and meetings are centrally located at the confluence of several major highways in the City of Saratoga Springs and the Saratoga Springs Public Library. Meetings are free and open to the public without discrimination and are widely publicized through local media.

FaFNY does not have paid staff or case managers. We do receive requests for assistance from other non profit agencies who have clients in need of family education materials and we respond to their needs with information as requested. We are developing a referral network of program service providers and persons who initiate contact with FaFNY who are in need of other program services are triaged to the appropriate agency for assistance. We are in the initial stages of program development to train case managers in other programs on the needs of families in crisis and how they can immediately address that families needs. Target program completion date is in January 2004.



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FaFNY is publishing and distributing the “Capital News”, an 8 page quadrennial newsletter covering issues of interest to families in New York. Capital News contains opinion pieces and articles reporting on the most current and up to date research on fathers and families.

FaFNY has devoted 300 man hours on the development of informational flyers on various topics related to fathers and families. The organizational flyer is complete and in limited production and distribution. Specific topic flyers are in various stages of completion and are expected to be produced and distributed throughout 2003.

FaFNY has devoted over 1500 volunteer man hours into social research on policies, programs and societal perceptions and misconceptions that have an impact on families in New York. Research areas included, but were not limited to domestic violence, child poverty, child abuse and neglect, legal barriers to healthy families, marriage benefits to children and families and the value of healthy families to society at large.

In addition to “Capital News” FaFNY has devoted over 200 man hours on the development and distribution of articles and opinion pieces on the societal value of families to communities. This included the development of public relations contacts in the popular media and the distribution of materials to these outlets. Additionally we responded to media inquiries for information on various topics related to families.

FaFNY provided educational and research information and support to all three branches of government. Contact areas included the Chief Administrative Judge for matrimonial matters with the NY Unified Court System; family policy staff members with Governor Pataki’s Office; legislative staff and legislator meetings with both the Senate and Assembly majority and minority leaders; Commissioners Staff with the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance; and contact with numerous others within government. The aforementioned was conducted to aid and assist government in their functions and to lessen the burdens of government in relation to building healthy families.

FaFNY conducted background work towards the opening of a Fatherhood Institute to provide a physical location for providing services and public outreach to the community. Oral commitments were secured for space at Hudson Valley Community College and funding through a grant with the Office of Children and Family Services was applied for with the application pending.

FaFNY continues research into the needs of families and communities, government and the private sector in New York State and continues to strive to develop information and programs to meet those needs.