



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

“Working to Keep Fathers and Families Together”

Program and Service Activities 2003 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 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. Paid memberships of 35 people were received in 2003.

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). The FaFNY.org web site was completed in December of 2003. FaFNY distributes information to the public through the use of list serves with silentmajority.info and ACFC.org which directly reaches 2000 people in New York State. FaFNY also provides information to individuals in need through direct e-mail or through postings on silentmajority.info through message boards. Requests for information, whether electronic, by phone or mail, are handled by volunteers who direct or provide individuals to educational materials as needed for their case.

FaFNY is developing public presentations on various topics related to families and expects to advertise and conduct these presentations in 2004. Individual requests for assistance are handled by distribution of educational materials on a case specific basis. Public presentations were held in January, March, May, September, October and December of 2003.

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.

FaFNY publishes and distributes the “:Capital News”, an 8 page quadrennial newsletter covering issues of interest to families in New York. Capital News contains opinions pieces and articles reporting on the most current and up to date research on

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fathers and families. Additionally this publication is available to the public through the web page as a downloadable file in Adobe Acrobat.

FaFNY has devoted 300 man hours on the development of informational packets and 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.