

# The Correspondent

## NEWS BRIEFING FOR ASSOCIATES FOR HUMAN SERVICES, INC.

The Taunton YouthWorks 2018 summer jobs program began with three mornings of job readiness training on July 9-11.



The youths range from 14-18 years of age. For a majority of the 41 participants, who began on July 12th, this was their first job. Placed at one of fifteen work sites, the YouthWorks participants will typically work 125 or more hours over 5-6 weeks in this valuable work and learning program. A final training with mock interviews, and an Achievement Ceremony, will take place on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Taunton Holiday Inn (whom we thank for their donated hospitality!)

### Early Head Start

Congratulations to all EHS staff and families for receiving notification to have met all requirements of all applicable Head Start Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements during our last Federal Review Monitoring visit May 7-10, 2018. This notification serves as the true testament of all your hard work, dedication and commitment to families living at or below the poverty level and children under the ages of three years of age. Great Job!!!! We truly have fabulous families and an Early Head Start Team. Next **Policy Council** - August 13th 5:30-8:00pm  
**RECRUITING NEW PARENT MEMBERS:** The Policy Council is made up of parents and community representative volunteers to assist in decision making and guide program events, policies and procedures. New parents needed and welcomed. Please see your EHS PCA or PCC for details.

**Home Based Socialization** groups for August 6, 13 & 20th Great opportunity for parents and children to socialize with peers of same ages and parent support groups  
Transportation available for parents and children...call Val at 508.880.0202 ext. 340

Please refer a friend with children under the age of 3 or an expectant mom in the towns of Attleboro, Middleboro, and Norton to fill out a pre-application online: [Myhead-start.com](http://Myhead-start.com).

### BUDGET NEWS!!

**All programs fared well in the final FY'19 budget.**

**EHS:** The Early Head Start line item maintained at \$9.6M

**Early Intervention:** The EI funding of \$29.3 million and language was approved and signed by the governor  
**TASC:** School-to-Career Connecting Activities was approved at \$5.0M, Three-Quarters of a Million Dollars for Mentoring!

**WISE:** The House and Senate overrode the Governors veto which reinstates \$4 million in funding to help ensure the continuation of adult day health. **Thank you to all the legislators who supported Adult Day Health programs across the state!**

Also, Thank you to all who took the time to call their legislators and express the importance for these vital programs.

Wise Adult Day Health wants to express our deepest gratitude to **Bristol County Savings Bank** for their generosity, awarding our program with a \$5000 educational grant earmarked for the Dementia-friendly Taunton initiative. This grant will make it possible for educational programs to be conducted throughout the Taunton community, that will help area businesses learn how to recognize, communicate and interact with someone who has dementia and gain actionable tips to create a more dementia-friendly physical space. The grant will also provide training opportunities for AHS employees to enhance required program specific service skills.



### Early Intervention Toddler Activity Ideas:

**Water Transfer:** fill a bucket with water and provide another empty one. Using a sponge or turkey baster, encourage your toddler to transfer the water from one bucket to another.

**Float or sink:** During water play, provide your toddler with small objects that float or sink. Ask your child to put all the things that float in one bucket and all the things that sink in another bucket.

**Ice Cube Painting:** Make ice cubes out of different colored water. Encourage your toddler to paint with them on white finger paint paper.

**Rainy Day:** Allow your toddler to play outside even on warm rainy days (not during a thunderstorm). Your child can even wear their favorite raincoat or bathing suit. \*\* All water play should be under adult supervision.



Nancy Pereira, Wise ADH Program Director; Colleen Wellman, EI Program Director; Zulmira Allcock, President & CEO; Carmen Aguilar, BCC Dean of Workforce & Community Education; Robert Vitello, BCC Director of Corporate Services and Trish O'Brien, TASC Career Mentoring Coordinator met to discuss a collaboration effort between AHS and BCC. An opportunity for AHS staff to attend trainings, an opportunity for BCC students to participate in internships at AHS and more. Great to work with you, BCC!

**THANK YOU** Cruise Industry Foundation for the recent grant award of \$5,000 in support of the organization and implementation of the local summer work and learning program, Taunton YouthWorks. According to TASC Program Director Dan LeBrun, "It is always uplifting when a new Foundation sees the value and importance of TASC's work, with and for youth. We are very grateful to the Cruise Industry Foundation for this grant, which is a vote of confidence and support in our efforts to provide local teens with a sometimes life-changing, summer work experience."

### Many fundraising events on the horizon.....

**Spaghetti Supper—September 28, 2018**

**TASC Business Dinner—October 24, 2018**

**Wine Tasting & Silent Auction—November 8, 2018**

*Do you own a business? Do you have a friend who owns a business? Maybe you have a gift card that you aren't going to use?*

*Consider donating to one of our fundraising events.*

Proceeds from the fundraising events will support our Lifelong Learning Fund. This fund is used to provide vital support for children, youth, adults and seniors in our programs who are developmentally disabled or delayed, and families experiencing economical and/or educational challenges in Attleboro, Brockton, New Bedford, Norton, and the Greater Taunton Area. For instance, it allows us to provide therapeutic equipment for Early Intervention, Welcome Bags for Early Head Start, and community, social and education opportunities in our Wise Adult Day Health Programs. In addition, Taunton Area School to Career will continue to bridge business and education thus improving tomorrow's workforce.

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