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EFR TEAM MEMBERS SHINE!



WELCOME

Dear EFR Community,

As the year draws to a close, we want to express our gratitude for your ongoing partnership with EFR. We understand that you have options for the support you receive, and we truly appreciate that you have chosen to partner with us.

Our team remains dedicated to creating enjoyable and meaningful experiences for our EFR families each month. This month, we are thrilled to offer activities including a night at The Fun Warehouse, baking, crafting, bowling, movie nights, and more!

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season.

Thank you for being a part of EFR!

BRUCE DRAKE

Chief Executive Officer

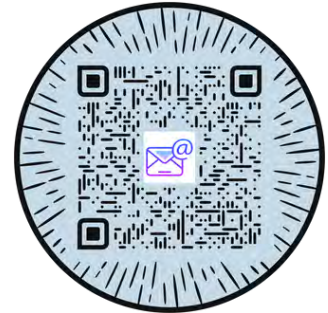
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2024 DSP

Advancement Training

Exceptional Family Resources held its second annual Direct Support Professional Advancement series this fall. On November 11th, participants Hanifa Haskins, Monica Dorrrough, Siera Smith, and Dakota Riggleman celebrated their graduation from this year's training program. This extensive eight-week course offers training and shadowing opportunities designed to enhance skills for roles as coordinators or brokers, which may lead to full-time positions with EFR.



Director of Self Direction Services & Broker, Laurie Penney-McGee, Training Manager/Senior Caregivers Coordinator, Heather Hodge-Tepolt, DSP, Hanifa Haskins, DSP, Monica Dorrrough, DSP, Sierra Smith, DSP, Dakota Riggleman, Manager of Habilitation and Respite Services, Chris Meeks, and Director of Habilitation and Respite Services, Irene Fiesinger.

Congratulations to all the graduates! We are proud of each of you and look forward to your ongoing success with EFR!

New York State Association of Day Service Providers DSP of the Year

Every year, the New York State Association of Day Service Providers (NYSADSP) honors six Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) with the DSP of the Year Award during their Annual Symposium in Saratoga Springs, NY. This award recognizes DSPs who have shown outstanding performance and a commitment to ensuring quality service while fostering independence. According to Jason's supervisor, Lauren Thompson, "Jason maintains a strong passion for the work we do, an ever-expanding compassion for the people we serve, and a commitment to excellence. If there were unlimited hours in the day, Jason would happily fill his time providing direct support to every person served at EFR". Thank you Jason for your unwavering dedication to the families of EFR. We are truly grateful to have you as a valued member of our community.



EFR DSP/NYSADSP DSP of the Year Award Recipient, Jason Schwartz

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

FUNTASTIC FRIDAYS

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Bingo

December 6th | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Participants must RSVP for all Funtastic Friday activities, so we may plan accordingly.

Air Dry Clay Crafts

December 6th | 1:00 pm - 2:30pm

Failure to RSVP may prevent participation in the scheduled activities for that day.

Please RSVP by Tuesday

of each week to celebrations@contactefr.org.

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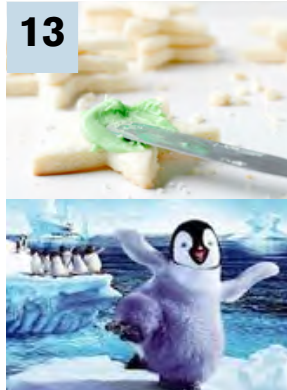
Let's Cut Out and Decorate Sugar Cookies

Space is limited to 20 people.

December 13th | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Happy Feet Movie & Popcorn

December 13th | 1:00 pm - 2:30pm



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Holiday Karaoke

December 20th | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Feel free to wear an ugly sweater!

DIY Winter Wreaths

December 20th | 1:00 pm - 2:30pm

Space is limited to 20 people.



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End of the Year Potluck

December 27th | 10:00 am - 11:30 am

New Year's Eve Glasses Craft

December 27th | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?



*EFR individuals are invited to an
afternoon of fun, friends, and prizes!*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH 11AM –2:30PM

EFR FULTON OFFICE

2 TOWER DRIVE FULTON, NY 13069

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH 1PM –2:30 PM

EFR MAIN OFFICE

1820 LEMOYNE AVE. SYRACUSE, NY 13208

Please RSVP by email to celebrations@contactefr.org.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Complimentary \$15
Arcade Game Voucher
Per Person



The Fun Warehouse

December 4th | 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
222 Chapel Dr. Syracuse

Please bring money if you would like to play additional arcade games.



Kids Night Out: Flamingo Bowl

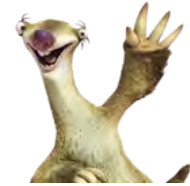
December 6th | 5:00 pm - 6:30pm
7239 Oswego Rd. Liverpool

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Planned Parenthood: Health and Wellness Class

December 10th | 5:00 pm - 6:30pm
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Lights, Camera, Ice Age!

December 10th | 1:00 pm
SALTspace 103 Wyoming St.

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FSS Friends Connection

December 12th | 5:00 pm - 6:30pm
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FSS Friends Connection

December 18th | 5:00 pm - 7:00pm
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Friday Night Dance \$5.00

November 15th | 5:30 pm - 7:30pm
SALTspace, 103 Wyoming Street

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

GAMES



Drop-In Gaming Group | Every Wednesday

December 4th, 11th, 18th | 11:00 am - 2:00pm

Soule Branch Library , 101 Springfield Rd.

Bring your library card to check out a game or feel free to bring your own game.



Let's Go Bowling | Every Thursday

December 5th, 12th, 19th | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

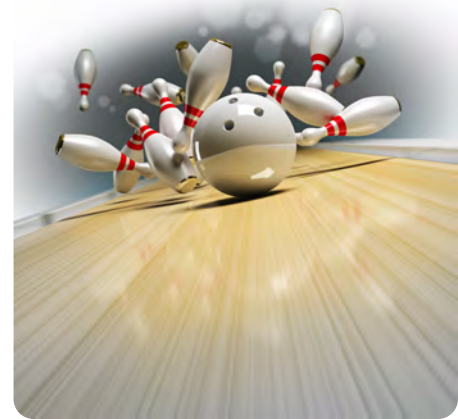
Flamingo Bowl, 7239 Oswego Rd. Liverpool

Fee: \$2.95 per game, plan for 2-3 games.

Be sure to bring enough money for games played and any snacks you wish to purchase.

Space is limited be sure to RSVP!

Please RSVP by Monday of each week to celebrations@contactefr.org.



SAVE THE DATE

THE FUN WAREHOUSE

222 CHAPEL DR, SYRACUSE, NY 13219

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



COMPLIMENTARY
\$15 ARCADE GAME
VOUCHER PER PERSON



JOIN US FOR AN EPIC EVENING OF ARCADE
GAMES AND UNLIMITED LASER TAG.
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.

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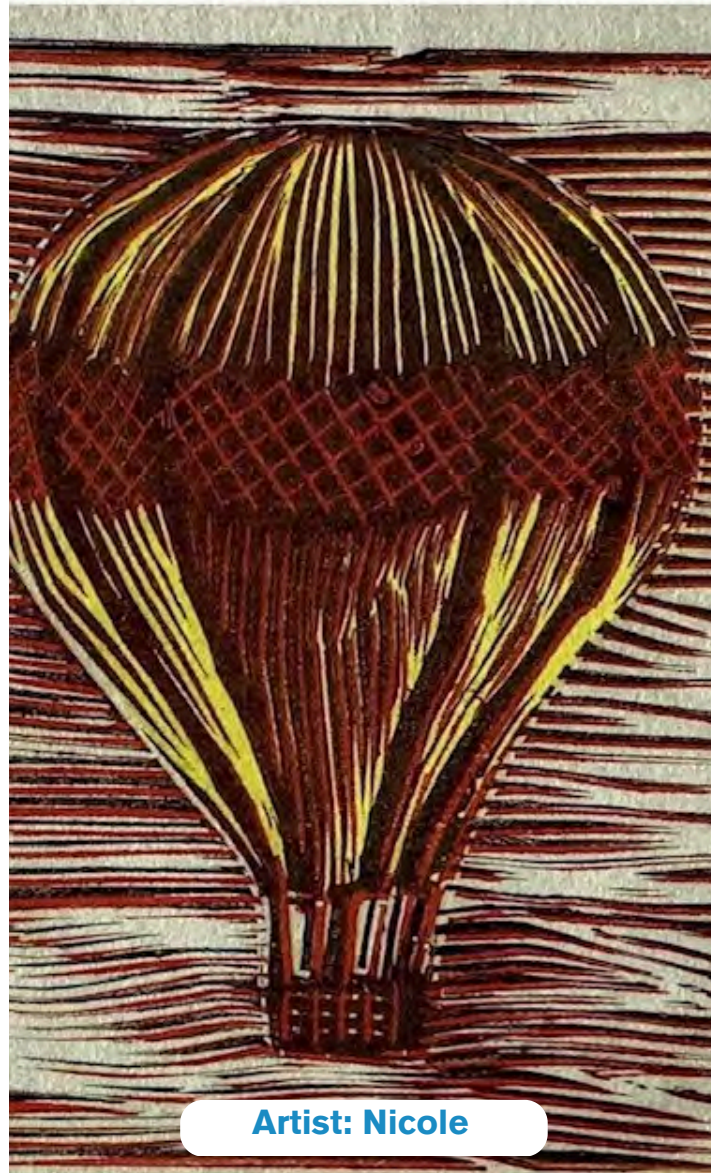
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