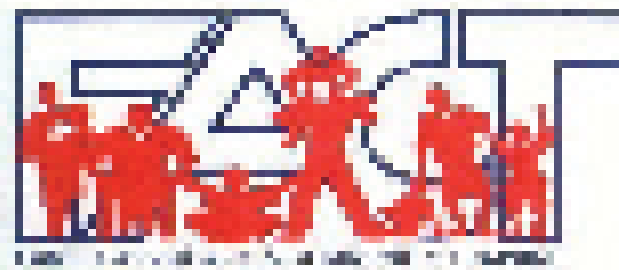


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2006 “Back to School Supply Event”

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Each year Family Advocacy and Community Training hosts a “Back to School Supply Event.” We are always amazed at how many smiling faces are seen. On August 3rd, 2006 everyone



enjoyed great food from Cecil Whittaker’s. The event was held at the St. Peters City Center Pavilion; the adults seemed to enjoy themselves as much as the children. A total of 169 book bags (including all the necessary supplies to start a new school year) were assembled by F.A.C.T. This was 50 bags over last years count. We are so grateful and could not do this without the following people and organizations for making this event successful--St. Louis Cardinal Care, The Kiwanis Club, The Rotary Clubs of St. Charles, St. Charles Sunrise, St. Peters and Cottleville/Weldon Springs, The Loyal Order of the Squirrels, LaBarge Pipe & Steel and LaMed Academy. With their donations we were able to make the beginning of the school year a little brighter and easier for these families of St. Charles County. F.A.C.T. sends its very best wishes to all of these students. **GOOD LUCK!** We hope you have a happy and successful 2006-2007 school year.

“Music of Our Hearts”

Come out and show us the “American Idol” in you! October 21st will mark our 3rd annual Karaoke fundraiser. The event will be held at BrewskeeZ Sports Cafe off Hwy. K in O’Fallon. Karaoke will be provided by the one and only, Gordon Montgomery of The Great Pretender, beginning at 7:00 PM and running till close. We will have a performance contest, raffle and live auction. All proceeds will benefit Family Advocacy and Community Training. If you would like more information, please call Jennifer Brooks at 636.949.2425 ext. 255.

Focus on Staff Member

Leah Yager is the newest addition to our staff. She started work at the agency about a year ago on October 31, 2005. Leah is one of our Parent PARTNER’s. As with all of our Parent PARTNER’s, she has a child with a serious emotional disorder. Leah and her family were part of the Partnership with Families Program before she came to work at F.A.C.T. Leah has brought many important skills and abilities to her position here at F.A.C.T. She is full of energy, compassion, she is sincere and always goes above and beyond. These attributes will be missed by her co-workers and the families she has come to know. Leah and her family, husband Mark, and sons Kyle, Brendan and Nick will be moving to Houston.

We will miss you all.

Focus on Board Member

Joan Bates is our longest serving board member. Joan joined the board in 1988 and has been a member for 18 years. She brings a rich history and professional knowledge to the board. She has held many positions in her career as a Regional Center case manager and is currently the Executive Director of Learning Consultants. Learning Consultants-St. Charles, Inc. is a group of professionals who support both the educational and social/emotional needs of children and adolescents. Learning Consultants specializes in psychological evaluations, attention and behavior problems, educational readiness, gifted abilities, language communication, learning disabilities, strategies, social processing deficits and speech and language testing. Joan has shared very much of herself and her talents over the years with the agency and many of our families.

Joan..thanks for all you do.

F.A.C.T. Workshop Schedule

Basic Legal Rights

October 14, 2006
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

November 13, 2006
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

December 9, 2006
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

January 15, 2007
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

The I.E.P. Process

October 14, 2006
12:30 PM-2:30 PM

November 20, 2006
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

December 9, 2006
12:30 PM-2:30 PM

January 22, 2007
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Assertive Communication

October 14, 2006
2:30 PM-4:30 PM

November 27, 2006
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

December 9, 2006
2:30 PM-4:30 PM

January 29, 2007
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Want a chance to be heard?

People First of St. Charles will be hosting a DDRB Focus Group on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at United Services from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. The Focus Group will begin at 7 p.m. at 4140 Old Mill Parkway in St. Peters. The Developmental Disabilities Resource Board is developing a 5 year Strategic Plan for developmental disabilities services in St. Charles County. The DDRB is requesting your comments and opinions.

Questions such as:

- What do you think are the problems getting services in St. Charles County?
- What do you think are the important services you need but are not getting?
- What do you think are the best things about services in St. Charles County?

Topics for discussion will also include transportation, person center plans, community access and involvement.

Come join us and be heard!

If you are unable to attend, you may email your comments to rcg@goldberggroup.com



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Executive Director's Corner

I remember when I was younger (a long time ago) my Mom would say that as I grew older the time would start to fly by....well I don't remember having a summer so a couple of facts I can pass on. My Mom was right and I am old. The agency was a busy place this summer. The book bag event is one of our favorite annual events. There is something so rewarding about being able to put brand new crayons into young, enthusiastic and very grateful hands. I wish each of you could come out and see the expressions of pure joy and gratitude on this very special day. Thanks to all who supported this wonderful event. We have also added significantly to our library and I hope that you will have an opportunity to stop by and take a look. We will begin with our next newsletter to have staff do a periodic review of our new offerings. I hope many of you will have the opportunity to get out and enjoy yourself at our 3rd Annual Karaoke event. We might not all have the voice of an angel but we do have tremendous amount of fun. So, if you are looking for a fun evening, we will see you at Brewskeez on the 21st of October.