



The Family Resource Network

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KESSLER FOUNDATION AWARDS \$50,000 GRANT TO LOCAL NON PROFIT

TRENTON - The Family Resource Network has been awarded a one-year, \$50,000 grant from the Henry H. Kessler Foundation to fund its Getting to Work Program. Getting to Work will assist individuals living with physical disabilities to find and sustain employment in Bergen, Essex, Morris, Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

The Family Resource Network (FRN) is a statewide comprehensive family-focused human service organization dedicated to offering individuals and their families with continuing needs the greatest opportunities, resources and services to support a full and happy life.

“Through working with the disability population, we at The Family Resource Network have found that many people who have physical and mobility challenges do not always receive adequate or appropriate service from existing employment placement services,” says Eric Joice, Executive Director of FRN. “It is our hope that through the Getting to Work Program we can provide our consumers with a new sense of accomplishment and independence through successful job placement and retention.”

A Placement Coordinator for the Getting to Work Program will be committed to working with 40 individuals throughout the next year to provide the necessary education and job skills needed for job development, assist in job placement and follow the individual for their first 90 days of employment to make sure the placement is successful.

Interested individuals can contact Kelly Jiras, Placement Coordinator, at 1-877-265-6360 for more information regarding the Getting to Work Program.

The Family Resource Network is a family-focused, community-based organization that aims to provide individual and family support throughout the life span of people with disabilities and chronic illness. The Family Resource Network is comprised of four affiliate organizations including: Autism Family Services of New Jersey, Caregivers of New Jersey, the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey, and the Family Support Center of New Jersey. The Family Resource Network has six offices across the state to reach all New Jersey residents. For more information please call 1-800-376-2345 or visit www.familyresourcenetwork.org

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