

LEXINGTON HAPPENINGS



Welcome to "Lexington Happenings," a collection of things to do and see and experience at Lexington!

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015



Congratulations to the newest group of Personal Outcome Measure Interviewers! They will join the full team of POM Interviewers and will begin to complete POM Interviews with people we support. Through these Interviews we hope to continue to learn new things that will help us improve the overall quality of services that we offer.

EVENTS THIS WEEK — JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 1

Tuesday, January 27 | 12:00pm—1:00pm

WEBINAR - EDUCATION RECORDS ORGANIZER | The Center at Lexington, 465 N. Perry Street, Johnstown. Please join Holly Bartczak, Education Specialist, for this webinar. This is an interactive workshop where parents, guardians and advocates of children who receive special education services take their educational records and organize them into a record-keeping binder. This workshop will assist attendees in being more organized in planning a child's education, and in the CPSE/CSE process. All are welcome to attend. Please call Family Services at (518) 773-2014 to RSVP. Transportation and Respite are provided upon request.

Tuesday, January 27 | 5:30pm—7:30pm

MUSIC THERAPY FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN DIAGNOSED ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM | Lexington Family Services, 43 Harrison Street, Gloversville. Fun-filled musical activities where music is used within a therapeutic relationship to address physical, emotional, cognitive and social needs. Every Tuesday in January. Ages 3-12 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm; ages 13-21 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. All are welcome

MANAGERS:

Please post/share this information with those who do not have access to email.

Does your Program have an event/information you'd like listed here?

Please send all information to Lindsay Hinkle

(hinklel@lexcenter.org)

at least two weeks in advance of the event. For community events in Fulton or Albany Counties, please visit the links below.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FULTON COUNTY:

fultonmontgomeryny.org
44lakes.com

ALBANY COUNTY:

albany.com/events/
events.timesunion.com

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Thursday, January 29 | 6:30pm—7:30pm

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EVENTS NEXT WEEK — FEBRUARY 2 TO FEBRUARY 8

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WELLNESS TOGETHER

DUE TO THE WEATHER THE PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW WILL BE CANCELLED THIS WEEK

**DANCE AEROBICS
2015 WELLNESS PROGRAM Q&A**

ALSO:

GET FIT, GET HEALTHY! is cancelled until further notice.

WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS IN REGARDS TO FUTURE DATES

WEBINARS FOR JANUARY 2015

The Training Center will be offering the following one-hour Webinar classes. All webinars are available to anyone interested in skill-building. To register, please contact Teshia Shults at (518) 736-3882 or by e-mail at shultst@lexcenter.org. All of the webinars will be available for you to view when you have time and on your own computer. The Training Center has an e-Library of over 300 webinars available at any time. Call Camille Smullen at (518) 736-3885 for more information and easy access.

WEBINAR	DATE/TIME	DESCRIPTION
STRESS-FREE RELATIONSHIPS: HOW TO WORK WITH ANY PERSONALITY	Tuesday, January 27 2p – 3p	Learn how to respond instead of reacting while recognizing and appreciating others. Build stronger relationships and communicate more effectively with all staff and their individual personalities.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES (10+ years)

JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 1 | Congratulations!

AnnMarie Hammond, Residential, 1/30, 30 years

NEM CANCELLATION

Johnstown Nurturing Environment Meeting for Thursday, January 29 has been cancelled.

SAVE THE DATE!

Albany Nurturing Environment Meeting
Holiday Inn Express | Thursday, February 12 | 10am

BUS ROUTE ADS AVAILABLE

Lexington Transportation is now selling advertising space on their buses. If you, family member or friend has a business they would like to promote, consider advertising on the transportation bus fleet. The buses travel throughout Fulton County and into neighboring counties. Please contact Jim Post at (518) 736-3873 to get your space and message on one of the bus routes.

BASKETBALL GROUP IS RECRUITING

A Saturday morning pick-up basketball group is looking for recruits to meet Saturdays 10am to 12pm at the Burke Gymnasium. All staff and individuals are invited; all skill levels welcome. Contact Coach Greg Calhoun at calhoug@lexcenter.org for more information or just show up and play!



SEND US YOUR POM STORIES!



Do you know of a great story illustrating the current POM "People are Respected" that you want featured in the next Lexington Happenings? If you do, please send your story to Lindsay Hinkle at hinklel@lexcenter.org.

2015 SELF-ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

All meetings will be held at 465 N. Perry Street in the large conference room and will begin at promptly 10am. The board members will meet right after.

February 19

May 21

August 20

November 19

March 19

June 18

September 17

December 17

April 16

July 16

October 22



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Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10am – 6pm | Saturday 10am – 3pm

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We accept Chamber Checks * We participate in the Chamber of Commerce Member to Member discount program, offering a 10% discount * We offer a 10% discount to all Lexington employees every Friday * Gift certificates are available



BURKE ROSE SALE

There will be a Rose Sale held at Burke (127 E. State Street, Gloversville) on Friday, February 13. The sale begins at 10:00 and will continue until the roses have been sold out. Each rose will cost \$2.00. This sale is a fundraiser to benefit the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts.

HR NEWS AND INFORMATION

S.T.A.R.R. PROGRAM

Share, Teach and Recruit Reward (S.T.A.R.R.) is Lexington's employee referral reward program.

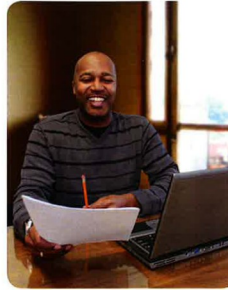
What's in it for you? Full-time, Part-time and Per Diem Referrals earn up to **\$500**. This special incentive for part-time and per diem referrals will run through **March 31, 2015!**

How does it work? Tell someone about the great employment opportunities available here at Lexington. When they put in an application, make sure they put your name on the form as the referring source. Should the candidate be hired, you'll receive payments after 30, 90 and 180 days of their employment. There is no limit to the number of qualified applicants an employee can refer.

Exceptions? Yes. Employees may not refer a single applicant more than once such as in the case of a rehire. Also, agency executives and Human Resources Department staff involved in the hiring process are not eligible to participate.

If you have any questions, contact the Human Resources Department at (518) 773-7931.

Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)



Earned income tax credits are for people who work and meet certain income guidelines. The amount of the credit varies, depending on your filing status, family's earned income, and the number of qualified children. You may get money back when you file your tax return, even if you do not owe any taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), New York State, and New York City all offer earned income tax credits.

Are you eligible?

In order to qualify for any of the EITCs, you must meet certain requirements:

- earn wages from employment or self-employment;
- have a valid social security number (ITIN filers are not eligible to claim credits);
- have a qualifying child living with you for more than half the year, or, if you do not have a qualifying child, be at least 25 years of age and under age 65; and
- have investment income less than \$3,350.

**You can help
your family
make ends meet.**
Find your status to see how much
you may qualify for

Number of Children	Maximum Income*	EITC** (up to)
3+	\$52,427	\$8,293
2	\$49,186	\$7,371
1	\$43,941	\$4,462
0	\$20,020	\$670

Based on 2014 income levels.

* These maximum amounts apply to joint filers.

** Based on a combined total of maximum New York City, New York State, and federal credits.

How to apply

You must file an income tax return in order to receive the credit, even if you do not owe any taxes. Electronic filing is the easiest way to file your return and the fastest way to get your refund. If you cannot e-file, use these forms:

- **Federal (IRS) EITC:** file Form 1040 (or 1040A) and attach Schedule EITC
- **New York State EITC:** file Form IT-201 and attach Form IT-215
- **New York City:** city residents who qualify for the NYC EITC can claim it on their New York State returns

More good news

EITC money does not affect your eligibility for:

- Public Assistance
- SNAP benefits
- Supplemental Security Income
- public housing
- Medicaid benefits



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