

HEALTH Grant NEWS

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We have new extensions!!

The phone number for FMCC is now **736-3622** (FMCC). The following extensions replace our old extensions. You no longer need to dial "7" first.

Jean Karutis	8904
Laura Lander	8159
Loren Iorio	8909
Diane Luckey	8914
Ellen Sheedy	8979
Lacey Thomas	8907
Kim Lanza	8903

News about our Website

With the new year, we will soon have some new changes to our HEALTH grant Website. Our Employment and Retention Specialist, Loren Iorio has been busy making changes that will make job searching easier and more efficient. It will now be possible to log onto our site, and click on an employer link to be instantly connected to the website of that agency. Once there, it will be simple to fill out an application, or just check out the facility.

The Website will also include a section that can be used by job applicants to update and improve their interviewing technique. Sometimes a job seeker doesn't know

what to expect during an interview, or what types of questions will be asked. Check our website before heading off to that interview, and come away prepared, confident, and ready for the tough questions.

Also to be included on the website is our new training video that was created for use with pre CNA classes in order to help them to fully understand what a CNA job is really all about. The video features four HEALTH Grant CNA graduates who are working as CNAs. These former students were kind enough to come in and talk about their experiences on the job in a straightforward way

that is helpful to those who are wondering if this is the career move for them.

The HEALTH Grant website can be accessed by the following address:

<http://healthgrantfmcc.yolasite.com/>



A new year, a new career

Now that the holiday season is behind us, and many more weeks of cold and snowy weather is ahead of us, what better time to enroll in CNA class and begin the process of establishing a rewarding career? If you

or someone you know has been considering entering the health care field, now is the time to sign up for an information session and find out if you have what it takes. We will be holding information sessions on a weekly

basis at two convenient locations. If you want to find out more, contact Kim Lanza at 736-3622, ext. 8903. Kim will be happy to give you the specific information and add you to the list!

FUTURE CNAS WORK HARD AS THEY LEARN CLINICAL SKILLS

The HEALTH Grant's last CNA class of 2011 worked diligently to prepare for NYS clinical testing, which was held on December 8th, 9th and 10th. The class had to learn a list of skills, and how to perform them accurately and within new time constraints. This class worked together and had a lot of fun while preparing for a great career in health care.



CNAs learn to work as a team and leave the program able to handle whatever comes their way on the job.



CNAs are the *front line* of the health care industry



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A program to assist those who are interested in a career in the health care field, or who are currently working in health care and want to advance their skills

All funding for the HEALTH Program is provided by the US Department of Labor through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Student of the Month

The HEALTH Grant is pleased to honor Emily Pazo as our student of the Month for the Spring Edition newsletter. Emily completed her CNA training in April of 2011, but is being recognized now as our first 6 month employment retention of a student referred to the program by our partner, Catholic Charities. The goal of the partnership with Catholic Charities is to increase the diversity of employees in health care jobs in this area.

Emily completed her CNA training at the very young age of 18, and has been employed at River Ridge Living Center for the past 6 months. She is a graduate of Amsterdam High School, and is a part of the Latina community. She is also a single parent, and at the time of her training, her child was



under the age of one. Emily was able to successfully complete the rigorous requirements of CNA class, pass her NYS certification testing, and land a wonderful and rewarding job.

Emily has also inspired others in her life. She has referred two other students to the HEALTH Grant for CNA training.

Although by anyone's measure Emily has enjoyed huge success in the past year, she has set her sights on even higher goals. She would like to continue her studies in the health care field, and become a Registered Nurse by 2015.

We certainly enjoyed having Emily in our program, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Emily will receive a beautiful prize, courtesy of Bed, Bath and Beyond and the HEALTH Grant.