

Family Resource Center @ Gorham

In 2007, the Resource Center provided direct services to approximately 1,000 low income children, youth and families in Shelburne and the surrounding communities. Hundreds of others received referrals to other services, attended a class or workshop here or received clothing from the “Boutique”-a free second hand store.

The direct services the FRC staff provided included home visiting for families at risk of abuse and neglect, after school programs, substance abuse prevention activities, workforce development training, computer classes and parenting workshops. The Center also sponsored “Coats for Community” which provided free donated winter clothing to over 300 individuals and “Operation School Supplies” which provided 223 needy students with backpacks and school supplies to start the school year. Last year the Center provided over 150 low income families and seniors with free on-line tax filing and returned over \$80,000 in refunds and tax credits.

Residents from Shelburne have participated in the Center’s after school program in Gorham, computer classes, parenting workshops and free income tax preparation program in 2007. We have also had several Shelburne residents participate on the Center’s board of directors and volunteer in many of the programs.

We are grateful to the Town for its support as we continue to offer opportunity and build capacity for the children, youth and families of the Androscoggin Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

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