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AREA'S LARGEST JOB EXPO FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES COMES TO FARMINGDALE

Old Bethpage, NY – On Friday, June 9th, Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), in partnership with ACLD, Life's WORC and the YAI Network will be hosting their Annual Community Partnership Forum and Talent Connection Job Expo for adults with disabilities. The "Talent Connection" Job Expo is the largest of its kind in the area, and will offer adults with disabilities an opportunity to discuss their skills and abilities with recruiters from key businesses on Long Island. This event will be a great opportunity for individuals to become familiar with potential employers as well as learn valuable information at our employment workshops.

Employers from across Long Island will be seeking candidates for positions including entry and middle management level and clerical staffing.

Potential exhibitors and job seekers must register at: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-talent-connection-job-expo-tickets-32414069354.</u>

When: Friday, June 9, 2017 Registration: 8:00am to 8:30am Forum: 9:00am to 10:30am Workshops: 10:30am to 11:30am Job Expo: 11:30am to 2:00pm

Where: Farmingdale State College Roosevelt Hall 2350 Broadhollow Road Farmingdale, New York

The day will commence with an open forum of community leaders, followed by workshops which include: *"Handling the Hot Seat"*, *"Workplace Social Etiquette/Tips for Embracing Success in the Workplace"*, *"Employment and Your Benefits"*, *"Employment Issues Roundtable"* and a Job Expo with hundreds of potential job candidates. The keynote speaker at the Forum is John Kemp, President and CEO, The Viscardi Center. The Forum will also include a panel with companies, job coaches and individuals with disabilities who are employed and Top Star Employer Awards. Some of the exhibitors are: eVero, Astoria Bank, Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Baking Coach, Prudential, DC 3LL, Genser Dubow Genser and Cona, Hempstead Works, Ocean Janitorial, Suffolk County Department of Labor, Pets4LuvFoundation, Skyzone, FREE, Life's WORC /Family Center for Autism, ACLD, Skills Unlimited, AHRC Nassau and Suffolk plus more.

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE), founded in 1977, benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. It is the mission of FREE to assist individuals of all abilities realize their full potential. FREE provides a diverse array of supports and services including: housing; recovery services; transition to work; employment; day, community and family services; respite; crisis services; education and after school support; specialty health services; and advocacy.

FREE also collaborates with a variety of diverse 501(c)(3) nonprofit partners on educational, vocational, rehabilitative and a myriad of other creative initiatives to enhance the local communities and the lives of more than 25,000 people that reside within them. Each of the valued partners of the FREE Network has a unique mission, vision and strategic goals that are aligned in purpose, and embody the spirit of the meaningful work we do every day. For more information, please call 516-870-7000 or visit <u>www.familyres.org</u>.

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