

SPRING UPDATE

*Spending time with your family is so important. Issues may occur, but it's important to know who and when to call for services. The therapists at Family Services are dedicated to helping families throughout northwest Pennsylvania remain happy, healthy **and** together. **We are changing lives everyday:***

- A child who recently lost their father has become involved with our **Trauma Counseling Program**. The child hugged their mother and said, **"I wish I could squeeze the sadness out of you."** The child is responding to therapy.
- **"Being matched with a Big Brother volunteer has brought up my son's confidence and self-esteem. I am happy with the changes I have seen in him since the match was made,"** noted a single mother whose son is enrolled in the program. **The Big Brothers Big Sisters Program** has 150 matches.
- **"My counselor helped me and my family put our life back together. I would recommend Family Services to anyone."** When this eighteen year old male became a client of the Family Preservation Program, he was on probation, in danger of failing school, and using drugs. When the case closed he had graduated, was clean of drugs, had a job, and was soon to be off probation.
- A pre-teen young man became a client of **The Family Based Mental Health (FBMH)** program for the second time. He had been through a lot including admission to a residential treatment facility. Since therapy started, he and his family have succeeded in making substantial changes. He has been discharged from the residential facility and he is doing well at home. He may also have an early discharge from the FBMH program!
- **If you have room in your heart, you have room in your home.** Have you seen **"Hearts Without Homes" on JET TV?** Our adoption caseworkers are highlighting children waiting to be adopted through the Statewide Adoption Network (www.adoptpakids.org) and those currently in our system. Watch the 6:00 news!
- Over the last four years, the generosity of the community has helped **400+ teens** attend their proms. On March 27, 2010, **The Prom Project** gave away prom dresses and tuxes to teens from **19 different high schools throughout northwestern Pennsylvania.** We accept donations throughout the year: dresses, shoes, jewelry, tuxes, gift certificates, etc.

Help us help others.

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*The best thing you can spend on your family is **TIME.***



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