



HAPPENINGS

Child Care ~ Children's Dental Care ~ Community Health Programs

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STAFFING NEWS

Brooker Memorial recently welcomed Jan Lyon to a newly created position, Director of Outreach and Children's Services. The position was created to assess and identify potential new programs for Brooker, to facilitate increasing excellence in child care and dental service delivery, and to network with other service provider agencies, reaching out to the greater

Torrington community to fill gaps in services. Jan comes to Brooker with a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education from Antioch University and over 20 years professional experience in the field of human services, with emphasis on children and families. She can be reached by phone 489-1328 ext. 38 or email jlion@brookermemorial.org

FACILITY RENOVATION PLANS

The Board of Managers is exploring renovations and a possible addition to the Brooker facility. The goals of the building project are to:

- ① Renovate existing space to better accommodate current programs;
- ② Explore adding more space for program enhancements and expansion;
- ③ Enhance the physical appearance of the building's exterior and interior;
- ④ Improve the building's energy efficiency;
- ⑤ Explore renovating the basement for program or administrative functions.

HOME & BUSINESS SHOW

Brooker Memorial will staff a booth at the Annual Home & Business Show sponsored by the NW Chamber of Commerce. This year's home show is April 10 and 11 at the Torrington Armory. This is the second year Brooker Memorial will promote its programs and services at this event. Of particular interest to children last year was a mini-bowling center and toothbrush give-away. Stop by and see us!

CHILD CARE STUDY UNDERWAY

The Child Care Center has recently begun an in-depth, self-study process with the goal of meeting the National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation criteria. The study includes all areas of the program: Curriculum, relationships with families and the com-

munity, physical environment and health. There are a total of 10 standards with over 430 criteria aimed at improving program quality. This is a very large undertaking but very worthwhile! For more information about NAEYC, visit their website at: www.naeyc.org

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