

The Common Thread

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Heather's Highlights

Dear Readers.

As of right now, the NQCC Annual Luncheon Celebration will go on as planned. It will be an in-person event this year on September 17 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Athol Senior Center's Grand Room in the Lord Pond Plaza in Athol.

We realize that many are concerned about the rates of spread from the COVID-19 Virus and Delta Variant and that it may impact your ability to attend the event. On behalf of NQCC, we want to assure you that public health and safety is our top priority. We are working on protocols to keep folks comfortable and safe in these uncharted times and will keep everyone posted as guidance becomes available.

We also want to take a moment and thank each person that made National Night Out 2021 on August 3 a HUGE success! We saw 800 people come out to the four sites in Athol, Orange, Petersham, and Royalston during the event. Our public safety and first responders came out in style showcasing cruisers, safety equipment, and staff! Thank you to all our Police and Fire Department partners and thank you to all our many volunteers and organizations who helped as well! NQCC depends on you all!

Stay well, stay safe, and see you all soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather".

Heather Bialecki-Canning
Executive Director



Next Coalition Forum:

October 15, 2021

9:00—10:30 am

RSVP Program

Online

(See back page for Zoom link.)

**October's Newsletter
DEADLINE: Sept. 21, 2021**

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admin@nqcc.org

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*Thank
you*

Tickets available online and at the gate

September 11 & 12

10am-4pm

Military History Expo

555 Highland Ave Phillipston Ma.

History-Expo.com

Find us on
Facebook
[@historyexpo](https://www.facebook.com/historyexpo)

NQCC

Silver Linings

37th Annual Luncheon Celebration September 17, 2012

11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Athol Senior Center
82 Freedom Street, Athol



Early Bird Discount Before September 6!

Visit www.nqcc.org, call 978-249-3703 or email
admin@nqc.org



FCCMP

The Franklin County
Community Meals Program

DO YOU OVERSEE A COMMUNAL KITCHEN
IN THE ORANGE OR ATHOL AREA?

WE NEED YOU!

Our agency serves 70+ meals weekly on
Thursdays and NEEDS a kitchen to prepare our
meals in!

IF YOU HAVE A SPACE AVAILABLE,
PLEASE CONTACT OUR EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, RACHEL, AT 413-772-1033
OR EMAIL AT FCCMP.MA@GMAIL.COM

for more information about our
agency and its mission, visit
fccmp.org

10 to 10 Helpline

The 10 to 10 Helpline is a free, anonymous, and confidential intimate partner abuse prevention helpline, serving Massachusetts adults and teens. Our responders are trained to treat all callers with respect, and to support their efforts to become and remain safe in their relationships.

Rather than harming your partner, call us for help. Family members, friends, and professionals who want to help someone stop harming their partner are also encouraged to contact the 10 to 10 Helpline at 877-898-3411.

Is the 10 to 10 Helpline for You?

- Do you want a new perspective on how to be safe in your relationship?
- Do you want to learn about the beliefs, values, and behaviors of people who are always safe in their relationships?
- Are you wondering if your relationship is safe or if you have gone too far?
- Are you hurting someone you care about or love?
- Does your partner feel controlled by you?
- Is your partner afraid of you?
- Are you a teen or young adult concerned about the safety of a relationship?
- Are your kids afraid of you?
- Are you a family member or friend worried that someone is hurting their partner?
- Are you a professional concerned that someone you are working with mistreats their partner?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Helpline may be able to help.

*If someone's immediate safety is at risk, please consider calling 911 or taking other safety measures.

10AM to 10PM EST • 365 days a year



What Kind of Help Will You Get?

Helpline responders are available from 10am - 10pm, 365 days a year.

All calls are anonymous and confidential.

Helpline Responders are trained to treat all callers with respect, and to support each caller's efforts to become safe and remain safe in their relationships.

Responders are trained to understand harmful behavior within the framework of abusive values and values of equity and respect. They look at behaviors, beliefs and values with callers so that callers gain insight, and develop new goals and strategies to support safety and accountability.

Help for family, friends, and professionals too.

Family members, friends and professionals who want to help someone stop harming their partner are also encouraged to contact the helpline.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

To find an Intimate Partner Abuse Education Program near you visit:
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/intimate-partner-abuse-education-program-services>

SERVICES FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS

SafeLink: 877-785-2020
Statewide hotline can connect callers with local sexual or domestic violence programs in all of Massachusetts.



877-898-3411

For more info about 10 to 10, email us:
thehelpline1010@gmail.com

THE HELPLINE IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN:

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Behavioral Health Network
Growing a New Heart
Ware River Valley DV Task Force
Southern Hilltown DV Task Force
MA Department of Public Health
Funded by the MA Department of Housing and Community Development
Community Development Block Grant program
and the MA Department of Public Health.

**REAL TALK.
REAL HELP.**



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YOUR PARTNER,
CALL US FOR HELP**

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Valuing Our Children

Nurturing Father's Program



This group will run in-person
with a virtual option.

**To register please call Jared
at Valuing Our Children:**

978-249-5070

[Or Click here or scan the QR Code
for online registration](#)

Nurturing Father's
is a Parent Education
Program for dads of all
ages. Group will run
Wednesdays
Sept. 8th to Dec 8th
5:30 - 7pm
Child care is available.



 Funded through the Coordinated Family and
Community Engagement Grant by the Massachusetts
Department of Early Education and Care



 Family
Resource Centers

 family
centers
a children's break program

Employment Opportunities

Franklin Hampshire Employment & Training Consortium (FHETC)—



Visit <https://www.masshirefhcareers.org/about/come-work-for-us/> for full information.

- **Executive Director** — FHETC operates MassHire Franklin Hampshire Career Centers serving the 50 communities of Franklin County, Hampshire County, and the North Quabbin area. The position provides leadership and supervision to an integrated management team of three managers and a staff of 25 in carrying out agency activities. Ensures high quality and cost-effective services to employers and job seekers in accordance with the MassHire mission and values. The Executive Director is the lead representative for FHETC to the MassHire Franklin Hampshire Workforce Board, local elected officials, and partner agencies. Visit <https://www.masshirefhcareers.org/about/come-work-for-us/> for complete job posting and job description.

Masiello Employment Services — Visit masemp.com for full information.



- **Production Operators/Material Handlers/Injection Molding Technicians**

Interested in trying out a manufacturing role? Don't want to work weekends? Want to earn a \$1000 bonus? If so, then we have the job for you! Masiello Employment Services is hiring for the following positions in Winchester: Production Operators/Material Handlers/Injection Molding Technicians. All shifts available with pay rates from \$14-\$16+/hour. There are multiple spots to fill and we are looking to hire immediately! Apply today at masemp.com, 603-358-1000, or at 294 West Street, Keene, NH.

GAAMHA, Inc. —

Visit <https://www.gaamha.org/about-us/careeropportunities/> for full information.



- **Full-Time Employment Services Coordinator**
- **Full-Time Enclave Lead**
- **Full-Time Community Based Support Staff**
- **Part-Time Drivers**
- **Part-Time Recovery Support Assistant**
- **Per-Diem Recovery Coach**

Apply at <https://www.gaamha.org/about-us/careeropportunities/>, email careers@gaamha.org, call Zoey at 978-632-0934 x325 or Kyle at 978-632-0934 x322, or visit them at 208 Coleman Street, Gardner, MA.

Health and Dental Insurance Assistance from CHCFC



Open Enrollment for the Health Connector has ended BUT you can still apply for health and dental insurance coverage if you are eligible. You are eligible if you qualify for MassHealth (this is based on income). You may also be eligible if you have a life qualifying event such as: losing employer's insurance, change in income, change in family size (this could be due to marriage, birth, adoption, death), or if you are new to the area.

The Community Health Center of Franklin County (CHCFC) has a Health Connector Navigator that can help you! Wendy Gaida is available to answer questions and assist you with the application process. Call her at 413-325-8500, extension 146.

CHCFC has medical, dental, and behavioral health offices at 119 New Athol Road in Orange and 102 Main Street in Greenfield. They are accepting new patients and accept most insurances.

Meals on Wheels Drivers Urgently Needed!



Kendall Browning, Meals on Wheels Driver

Make a big difference in someone's day by delivering a hot noontime meal and a wellness check in your own community. Stipend and mileage reimbursement available.

We are looking for drivers for the following locations:

Colrain: Mondays
Athol/Petersham: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Greenfield: Mondays through Fridays, multiple routes needed
Orange: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
Sunderland/Leverett/New Salem: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Turners Falls/Gill: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Other routes possible. Hours are late mornings.

Call 413-773-5555 or 978-544-2259, Ext. 2216, or visit LifePathMA.org.



RESCHEDULED

5th Annual
Race to End Child Abuse
Children's Advocacy Center
of Franklin County and North Quabbin, Inc.

5K RUN
2021 WALK

September 5, 2021

Franklin County Fairgrounds
8 A.M. – Sign In & Registration
8:40 A.M. – Kids Fun Run
9 A.M. – 5K Run/Walk Starts

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROS

Many children can't run from abuse. We dare you to move, to get involved, to make an impact, and help change your community for the better!

Join us for a family friendly 5K road race to help support the Children's Advocacy Center.

Register at: <https://www.runreg.com/childrens-advocacy-center-race-to>

Registration donation: \$15 per runner*, \$10 per walker*, Kids Fun Run FREE

*Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult

Prize(s) will be awarded for Top Finishers, Best Superhero Costume, and Top Fundraiser

Registration includes – finishers medal, CAC Swag, water, and home made cookies at the finish line.

This is our 5th Annual Road Race!

If you can't join us, please consider making a \$5 donation to the CAC at: www.cacfranklinnq.org

For more information – email Sam Staelens at sstaelens@cacfranklinnq.org

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with:



**COMMUNITY ACTION
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North Quabbin Community Coalition
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Mission Statement: The North Quabbin Community Coalition is a community-wide alliance committed to improving the quality of life for all those living and working in the North Quabbin since 1984.

NQCC October Forum:

RSVP Program

October 15, 2021, from 9:00 to 10:30 am—Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89017545543>

Meeting ID: 890 1754 5543 ~ Passcode: 242560

Coalition Regular Happenings

North Quabbin Recovery Center Hours

The North Quabbin Recovery Center provides a compassionate, safe space to offer peer support to allow multiple paths of recovery for all. The Center, located at 416 Main Street, Athol, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays with All Recovery Meetings happening on those days either in-person or virtually. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/NorthQuabbinRECOVERYcenter> weekly for times. All are welcome.



ACT Group with the Franklin County Sheriff's Re-Entry Team

The ACT Group is held every Tuesday from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, in person, at the North Quabbin Recovery Center, 416 Main Street, Athol, MA.