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National Nonprofit Launches FamilyWeb2.org

Community Options, a national nonprofit that develops housing and employment for people with disabilities, has launched its Family Web 2.0 Website!



The Family Web 2.0 project is funded by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, who awarded Community Options with a one million dollar grant in September of 2009. Since then, Community Options has convened family support groups in 12 cities across the country.



Each month, these family groups (comprised of parents and relatives of individuals with disabilities) meet to discuss topics related to their experiences with children with disabilities. Additionally, they read and rate resources related on these topics, specifically on Advocacy, Inclusion, and Education. The rated resources are then posted on the Family Web website, www.familyweb2.org, to function as a "consumer reports" for individuals (especially parents) who are looking for reliable information on disabilities and the perspectives of people who have been in their position.



"We are incredibly excited to launch the website," says Devi Hensch, Director of Program Development. "It's a great way for parents of children with disabilities to network, share experiences and support one another."

The Family Web website also features videos of real-life experiences of people with disabilities as well as disability experts' views on current related issues. The website has a message board, links to Community Options' Twitter and Facebook accounts, and information about the upcoming Community Options' iMatter National Conference.

For more information on the Family Web 2.0 project please visit www.familyweb2.org or contact Devi Hensch at (609) 951-9900.