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HAS ENDED BUMMER FOR SOME, NOT FOR OTHERS. We are now in fall and we are looking forward to all the colors but not the cool weather.

We have several planned activities that are not free but would be fun and are based out of the survey. We will be sending out a letter asking to have extra money sent in for those who want to participate in the activities.

You should have received the semi-annual and summery reports that I sent out. Hoping everyone was happy with how ASA is progressing and doing.

AWESOME NEWS: We just finished our state survey "Quest". Our exit interview will be on October 11, 2018. We received a Two-Year License for its Employment and Day Supports Services with a 95% of all licensing indicators being MET and certified in Employment and Day supports with a 93% off all certifications indicators being MET. We will need to do a follow-up for the licensing indicators we did not meet within 60 days of our Exit meeting.

We will Have our CARF survey March 2019.

We did increase our census for both of our programs and we continue to receive referrals.

We had a long time Manager resigned and had to re-organize. Richard Stein is our new Program Director. He has been with ASA 5+ year and we are looking to hire a Project Director for Day –Habilitation. Some Job coaches have applied and hoping to fill that position by 11/1.

New Building: Our offer to buy has been accepted. We are working with real estate attorneys with purchase and sale. Please continue to stay tuned!!! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

At the same time, I continue to search for a building that will suit all our needs.

I have no news here. ASA has received a packet for our certification from the Department of Labor to complete for November.

ACTIVITES

Joy of Golf will end in October

I have secured Yoga for 8 people for every other Thursday Starting 10/11 for 2 months. If all goes well and people are interested, we will continue this activity.

We have been contacted to have music therapy every Monday for 6 months.

I am working on a few other activities that cost \$8.00 per person for 2 hours (art therapy, group, music and a few others).

Everyone enjoyed the free Friday activities, museums, zoo and etc.

We continue to have memberships at several facilities that we can use the pool, track, basketball courts and etc.

We continued with Gaining Ground in Concord. They learned about seaweed and blueberries.

We did some volunteering for the Town of Wellesley/ crayons to cradles, and a few others.

 PBS training occurred- we plan doing another. Staff learned about prompt fading

Our Web page has been upgraded and we continue to enhance it

We will have Therap software before the 4th quarter ends. We hope this will help with day to day data and progress notes.



We are holding our Annual Thanksgiving celebration on November 12, 2018. **Look** for the flyer and please let us know if you will be attending. It is for family members, guardians, Service Coordinators and Board Members.

Again Thank You from all of us at ASA for your support. Please if you have any ideas for employment, volunteer or activities please let me know.

Sincerely,

Sheela Smith, Executive Director.