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I don't focus on what I'm up against. I focus on my goals and I try to ignore the rest.

~Venus Williams

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Succeeding with Goals and Perseverance



As a Case Manager for the Domestic Violence Services division of Unity House, Felicia Lloyd uses her years of experience and education to help those in need of domestic violence services. According to the Unity House website, she manages activities concerning "living skills training, obtaining and maintaining housing, utilities and employment, financial literacy, legal assistance, coordinating with the Department of Social Services, Mental Health Services, health care providers and other community resources."

Felicia attended the Community Technology Initiative's full-time computer and employment class when she was a Section 8 voucher holder and has been a long-time patron of the WAGE Center. Since beginning with CTI, Felicia has transformed her career to help others. It began with real-

izing that she wanted to help people improve their situations.

From there, she enrolled in the Human Services Associate's Degree program at Hudson Valley Community College. She held two jobs while in college at LaSalle School and performing security at Albany High School. She has recently landed a goal job at Unity House. Throughout the course of the last several years, Felicia has become totally independent of housing assistance and has developed her career to a place where she is professionally and economically comfortable.

Felicia's advice for those looking to improve their situations is: "It starts from your way of thinking." Felicia is in a position to assist women who are trying to start over.

She says of her achievements, "I would like my children to have an amazing story to tell my grandchildren [of] how education and perseverance will make you thrive." With FSS, your dreams and goals can become a reality. Call 380-5601 today to discuss



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Wendy Colon is the WAGE Center FSS Manager. In this issue she shares her **FSS**

To Do List:

- Contact me at least once per quarter.
- Complete your 6
 month review (I'll
 contact you to
 schedule).
- Report income changes within 10 days to your Housing or Section 8 caseworker.
- Contact me with any changes of employment to update resume.
- Actively seek employment (if unemployed, or looking to raise income).

Call 380-5601 for an appointment

Unemployed, Under-employed or need extra cash?

As part of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, participants agree to a 6 month goal review. But that's not where the program ends. Please come use the computers, fax, phones and copier at the WAGE Center to assist in your job search. If you need help with on-line applications, ideas for your job search, resume assistance or some advice on where to take your career, please call for an appointment. Our staff can work with and support you through your process. Come and make your goals a reality.

"Be your own advocate and set goals. Set short term goals and long range goals. It helps to motivate you when you actually see progress in your life."

~Kimberly Ryan

District Manager, College Graduate, FSS Participant



What are your goals? How can we help? Stop in or call today to put your plan into action. (518) 380-5600

Job Application Assistance

Application clinics on Mondays and Tuesdays until May 7, provide an opportunity for one-on-one help with finding and completing online applications. Get assistance finding applications for a job in your desired field of work. We will show you how to download and upload your resume from your email.

Don't have a resume?

We will help you develop one.

Don't have email?

We can help you set up and use an account.

Mondays: 8:30-12:00 & 1:00-4:30

Tuesdays: 1:00-4:30



NEW WORKSHOPS

Our first Smartphone workshop was offered in February, covering use of calendars, apps, alarms, and connecting to WiFi. Have a workshop idea? Please email: larahammes@gmail.com

UPCOMING HOME BUYERS WORKSHOPS

Affordable Housing Partnership 255 Orange St. (518) 434-1730 x 401

APRIL 3, 2018 @ 5:30

MAY 1, 2018 @5:30

JUNE 5, 2018 @5:30

Make your reservation today!
Then, come and talk about how
to work through your homeownership goals while working with
the Family Self Sufficiency Program at the WAGE Center.