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BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

Daphne Griffin
Executive Director

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Dear Camp Joy Parents/Guardians:

Once again it is time for the **Camp Joy Summer Program** to begin. **Boston Centers For Youth & Families** provides high quality programming for Boston residents of all ages and abilities. To this end, BCYF offers Camp Joy for Boston residents' ages 3 to 22 with disabilities and their siblings, 3-7 years old. The four-week summer camp provides structured, daily opportunities for participants to make new friends, have fun, learn and grow during the summer months.

BCYF has provided thousands of children and youth with special needs with enriching opportunities through the Camp Joy program, which has been operating since 1946. The Camp Joy Program focuses on the principles of inclusion, learning and fun. Trained, highly skilled program staff create a safe and nurturing environment for participants.

The goals of the program are to:

- Support participants' social, emotional and educational development through a variety of specialized group activities;
- Connect participants and their families to community resources and new opportunities.

The program will be in session from July 11, 2011 to August 5, 2011. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis based on a completed application. **The parent fee for the first child is \$220.00 and \$55.00 for each sibling or Agency fee of \$247.50 per child. Money orders only.**

Program Components

Enrichment Activities – The program offers a variety of enrichment activities designed to promote peer-to-peer socialization, foster relationship building and support individual growth. Activities range from group games and swimming to gym time and arts and crafts.

Community Engagement – The program will foster connections between participants and their community by engaging community partners in program activities and connecting families to the resources and services they provide.

Program Requirements:

- Be between the ages of 3 and 22 for youth with disabilities;
- Be able to interact in a 3:1 participant to staff ratio;
- Be a Boston resident (proof of residency required;)
- Complete required application.



Please note: Camp Joy accepts Child Care Choices of Boston (CCCB) Vouchers.

While BCYF is committed to seeking individuals with disabilities, this program is open to siblings between the ages of 3 and 7. **For more information or an application please contact (617) 635-4920 ext. 2402.**

Sincerely,

Roberta Smalls
Program Manager

Notice of non-discrimination: Boston Centers for Youth & Families does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, ability, sex, secular preference, sexual orientation, marital status, age, political affiliation or religion, in accordance with the non-discrimination requirements of applicable statutes.

“This camp complies with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and is licensed by the local board of health.”

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