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New parenting classes begin in Hampton

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HAMPTON — Free parenting programs are alive and well and will be presented in Hampton for another year, thanks to a community effort spearheaded by Families First.

This good news was reported by the organization’s Family Service Director, Keryn Kriegl during a meeting of the Seacoast Community Parenting Project, held on Tuesday of this week at Hobbs House in Hampton.

Not only had enough funds been raised to provide classes in “1-2-3 Magic,” “Keeping Our Cool” and other support-focused programs for parents in 2004-05, said Kriegl, but there was enough funding remaining to carry over to the upcoming year.

Scheduled classes for 2005-06 in Hampton include “Getting Kids to Do What You Ask,” “How to Talk so Kids Will Listen,” “Using the 1-2-3 Magic Method Successfully,” and “Keeping the Happy in the Holidays — and Every Day.” There’s also the “Parent Room,” a weekly opportunity for parents to simply hang out with one another in a relaxed, “drop-in” setting at Hobbs House.

According to Kriegl, sources which help provide the crucial funding include the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation — Piscataqua Region, Rockingham County Incentive Funds, the town of Hampton Falls, the Hampton Rotary, Wheelabrator, the Hampton PTA, the Seabrook PTO, and private donations.

More than 350 adults and 210 children were served through Families First parenting programs last year. One of the adult participants (who happens to be...)

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Members of Stoneybrook Ruby Roses, Seabrook’s chapter of the Red Hat Society enjoyed a lunch at The Victoria Inn last Thursday. Owner John Nyhan takes a moment on the inn’s front porch with the ladies. — Atlantic News Photo By Scott E. Kinney