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New Hope Community Partners with SUNY Sullivan to Offer Free GED Program for Employees

The nonprofit joins forces with the SUNY Sullivan ATTAIN Lab to invest in growth opportunities for new staff.

Loch Sheldrake, NY – New Hope Community, a nonprofit supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), has partnered with the SUNY Sullivan ATTAIN Lab to offer a no-cost GED program for full-time employees. This initiative reflects New Hope's ongoing commitment to workforce development and provides a valuable opportunity for team members who have not completed high school to further their education while advancing their careers.

After completing a job-specific training period, participants will have one year to earn their GED, with monthly support check-ins from a New Hope Community Human Resource team member to help ensure their success.

Months of partnership planning will culminate in a formal agreement signing at the SUNY Sullivan campus on Friday, September 5 at 10 a.m. Media are welcome to attend and will receive a media advisory with event details.

New Hope Community CEO, Karen Russell, commented, "It is our pleasure to partner with SUNY Sullivan in the provision of a GED program that will provide meaningful personal and professional growth for members of our valued workforce."

SUNY Sullivan President, Dr. David Potash, added, "SUNY Sullivan is proud to partner with New Hope Community to expand access to GED preparation and support. Together, we're creating new opportunities for individuals to achieve their educational goals, strengthen their confidence, and open doors to college, career, and lifelong success."

New Hope Community is proud to collaborate once again with SUNY Sullivan on this initiative, which not only supports the potential for growth of their workforce but also creates a new pathway for members of the local community to expand their potential and have a multifaceted avenue for educational access.

About New Hope Community:

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization that, for 50 years, has been providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.



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Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions that were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. In January 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services include clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokerage, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robustly supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward empowering the lives of people with disabilities and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work, and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community and SHS combined provide services to over 1,100 people and employ more than 1,370 staff. Learn more at www.newhopecommunity.org.

About SUNY Sullivan: SUNY Sullivan is the leader of innovative higher education and a catalyst for workforce development throughout the Sullivan Catskills and beyond. Our diverse community cultivates personal growth and professional advancement, preparing students for success in a sustainable and interconnected world. A forward-looking, top-tier community college in New York, SUNY Sullivan offers dozens of degree programs, certificates, and microcredentials for learners at all levels of their educational goals. We value critical inquiry and creativity while supporting our students in a culture of inclusion and respect.

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