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FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS INVITED TO HARC'S FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR

Area families and professionals are invited to attend "Financial Planning: Future Planning for People with Disabilities," a seminar hosted by the HARC's Focus on Families Educational Series.

The seminar will be held Thursday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to Noon in the training center at 350 S. Washington Street in Herkimer. Thanks to funding from HARC, the information session is free and open to the public.

William Van Evera, CLU, ChFC, certified care planner with Mass Mutual of Albany, NY, and a parent of a 19-year-old son with "special needs," will talk about the overall importance of financial planning. Topics will include: Special Care Planning for the Disabled Individual; Overview of Wills, Guardianship, and Trusts; Overview of Government Benefits for the Disabled; Applicability of Special Needs Trusts; Funding Options for Special Needs Trusts; and "Case Studies." Mr. Van Evera will also provide complimentary follow-up consultations after the seminar.

Family members or professionals interested in attending should contact Rachael Bliss, administrative assistant, at (315) 574-7812 or rbliss@herkimerarc.org.

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