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**Astor's Parent/Consumer Advisory Group
"Families to Families" Wellness Conference**

Rhinebeck, New York – The Parent Advisory Group of Astor will hold a free Wellness Conference for families, entitled, "Families by Families" on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM at 15 Mt. Carmel Place, Poughkeepsie. The Wellness Conference, sponsored by Astor Services for Children & Families' Parent/Consumer Advocacy Board, will be a community conversation on Mental Health and positive future outcomes.

The Parent/Consumer Advisory Board is made up of Astor's Family Advocates, parents and caregivers of children in Astor's programs. Members of the Advisory Board meet monthly to give feedback to the agency on programs, policies and procedures so the family perspective is included in the agency's decision-making process. Members also outreach to the community to offer support, information and advocacy for children and families. During meetings they network, educate, support and share their experiences to help others in similar situations.

Michael Kelsey, Dutchess County Legislator, will speak at the conference. There will be interactive dialogue from the perspective of the families, a family panel, and a young person's viewpoints.

For registration information contact:

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Since 1953, Astor Services for Children & Families (formerly The Astor Home for Children) provides behavioral and educational services in a caring environment where children and their families find strength, healing, hope and trust. Now serving over 6,000 children and families annually, Astor's current range of services to families in the Mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx include: Residential Treatment, Therapeutic Foster Family Care, Early Childhood Programs, and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services. For additional information about Astor Services for Children & Families, please visit their website at www.astorservices.org or call Astor Services for Children & Families: Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871-1117.



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