

# FAMILY CONNECTIONS

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**NEWSLETTER**

## SPRING & SUMMER FUN

*By Gloria Villalobo with Jorge Pagan*

In April of this year, the DMR Southcoast Region again gave family support provider agencies the opportunity to receive funding for children who are DMR eligible. The intention is to create a one-week program during school vacations and at the end of the school year that are inclusive of siblings and families.

As veteran employees of Family Connections/The Nemasket Group, my co-worker Jorge Pagan, and I applied for the funds. We submitted a simple proposal describing our ideas for a one-week program for the children, siblings and families who are part of our Support Group. We were granted enough money to provide two weeks of activities, one during April vacation and the other to be held during the week of June 23rd.

Most of the time, our children are headed in different directions, to do different things because of differences in abilities. We thought this would be a good opportunity for all children in the same family to share the same experience. These children and their parents are part of our Hispanic parent support group for the Spanish-speaking families in our community.

From April 22nd through April 25th, we enjoyed four days of fun-filled activities. The following pictures illustrate our week better than words can!

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**A Day At The New England Aquarium**



**A Day Of Creativity At ArtWorks! New Bedford**



**A Day At The Amazing IMAX Theater In Rhode Island**



A Day At Fairfield Farm In Rochester



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We would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to the Department of Mental Retardation as well as Family Connections/The Nemasket Group for allowing us the freedom and flexibility to create such beautiful memories and experiences for families in our communities.

We will begin our next fun-filled week of activities the week of June 23rd. This week will include:

A Day At Fun-Filled Water Wizz On Cape Cod

Roger Williams Park Zoo

A Cook-Out At Tabor Park In New Bedford

Fairfield Farm In Rochester

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