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BUILDING SKILLS IN NYS AWARD TO COARC

Mellenville, New York: On behalf of Governor Paterson and the New York State Workforce Investment Board, the New York State Department of Labor announced a Building Skills in New York State award to COARC in the amount of \$14,946. COARC will apply this funding to employee training in management skills, fire and life safety codes, electrical skills for maintenance staff, and nutritional and culinary skills for direct support professionals.

“New York State is committed to providing its business community with opportunities to upgrade the occupational skills of its workers and maintain its competitive edge,” states M. Patricia Smith, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Labor.

COARC Director of Human Resources Heather Space says, “COARC is appreciative for the consideration we received from the New York State Department of Labor and for the support we received from the Columbia-Greene Workforce Investment Board as we prepared our grant application. We are excited to use these funds to bring additional training opportunities to our dedicated staff.”

COARC is a Columbia County nonprofit organization whose mission is expanding abilities, one person at a time, so individuals experiencing disabilities can achieve their personal goals. COARC provides an array of services and programs that benefit more than 500 individuals. Established in 1965, COARC is the Columbia County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. It is primarily supported through state and federal funding, and also by individual and corporate members, donors and foundations. Information about COARC employment, program services, donation opportunities and membership is available at www.COARC.org or 518-672-4451.

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