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Greene County Accident Involving Coarc Bus

Mellenville, NY: There was a two vehicle accident this morning, May 9, 2011, involving a pickup truck and a Coarc bus. The accident happened on Route 145 in East Durham, Greene County, NY. A man and a boy were in the pickup. Two people were in the Coarc bus- the driver Renee Ciccimarro and Coarc aide Shelly Smith. No other individuals were on the bus. The drivers and passengers of both vehicles sustained injuries. Both drivers were transported to Albany Medical Center and Ms. Smith was transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital. Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

No individuals experiencing disabilities who receive Coarc services were involved. Coarc's Transportation Department confirms Ms. Ciccimarro's licensing and driver safety training requirements are current. The Department of Transportation has taken the bus for inspection. The Coarc Transportation Department records indicate the bus was inspected prior to the accident and was in good operating condition.

Coarc management expresses deep concern for everyone involved in this accident and their families. Coarc will continue to review information as it becomes available.

Coarc is a Columbia County, NY, nonprofit organization serving 500 individuals. Our mission is to expand abilities, one person at a time, so individuals experiencing disabilities can achieve their individual goals. Coarc offers vocational and employment services, contract manufacturing, residential services, supportive community services, day activity programs, service coordination, legal and family support services, children's services, community habilitation, respite services, recreation opportunities and traumatic brain injury services. Coarc is supported through state and federal funding, and by individual and corporate members, donors and foundations. It is a chapter of NYSARC, Inc. More information is available at www.coarc.org or 518-672-4451.

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