

# Community Resource Center

The Cape Cod Challenger Club has submitted a proposal to lease the Former Osterville Elementary School property at 350 Bumps River Road in Osterville, MA. The proposal submitted by the CCCC was one of two submitted. The Town of Barnstable is currently in the process of reviewing the proposals.

The single-story building has a gymnasium, cafeteria/multipurpose room with a stage, commercial kitchen, and 15 large classroom spaces. The site has a large field space with two baseball diamonds, and a large playground space. Several of the existing classroom spaces will be dedicated activities spaces to house programs such as Art and Music, as well as the Computer Lab/Resource Library. One of the classroom spaces will be designated as a Recreation Room with game tables and seating to encourage the social interaction among peers in a comfortable setting.

The CCCC is currently collaborating with several other established organizations to form a new entity, the **Community Resource Center**. The vision of the Community Resource Center is provide a place where the many community-based organizations that service Cape Cod's special needs community can meet, coordinate, and collaborate to develop programs to benefit individuals with special needs.

Organizations such as the **Kennedy-Donovan Center, Children Making Strides, Transitions Centers Inc., Plan it Network**, and others are all interested in creating new programs to be based in the Community Resource Center for individuals with special needs of all ages.

Proposed programs will include all the current CCCC athletic, social and recreational programs, as well as many new programs that can be implemented with the acquisition of a building. The new programs will include: school vacation programs, programs to bridge the gap between the school year and summer school programs, afterschool programs, summer recreational programs, job skills and vocational programs, and respite service programs. In addition, a Community School/Continuing Education program geared toward special needs individuals and their caregivers will be offered in the evenings. Classes for the evening programs may include Martial Arts, Yoga, Dance, Art, and Music. There are many opportunities to provide social programs as well, such as peer social groups, talent shows, and teen dances.

In addition to program offerings, the Community Resource Center will provide a centralized location where information can be obtained. Information will be available to families, caregivers, and special needs individuals for a variety of available services, specialists, therapists, caregiver information, and educational advocates. Information will be organized in a resource library available to the community, with bulletin board type classified information to facilitate connections between service providers and individuals in need of services. A suite of rooms is proposed for use by specialists and therapists for evaluations including a sensory integration room, observation room, and meeting/conference room, allowing a location where specialists from off-cape can provide quality services to Cape Cod residents.

**We are asking all parents/guardians and supporters of the Cape Cod Challenger Club to write letters of support of our proposal to create a Community Resource Center at the Former Osterville Elementary School. Letters should be sent by Friday January 22, 2010 to:**

**Mr. David Anthony, Chief Procurement Officer  
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