



# Bridging the Gap

## Zerby Gap Familyworks

### What is Zerby Gap Familyworks?

*A family-focused residential program for adolescent boys.*

This highly structured, staff-secure residential program serves dependent and delinquent adolescent boys, ages 12 to 18 years old. Zerby Gap Familyworks specializes in fostering family involvement from the beginning and throughout placement to facilitate family reunification and permanency planning for all youth in care.



### Zerby Gap Familyworks Provides:

- ♦ individual and group counseling
- ♦ supervision of initial family visits
- ♦ monthly family counseling sessions
- ♦ behavior modification interventions
- ♦ medication administration
- ♦ life skills instruction and training
- ♦ tutoring for academic success
- ♦ recreational programming
- ♦ adventure based counseling

### Our Goal:

Zerby Gap Familyworks staff collaborate with placing agencies, the court, and families to develop a permanency plan for each youth enrolled in the program. The goal of the Zerby Gap Familyworks program is to provide assessment and individualized treatment to enable youth to function at their highest possible level in the least restrictive setting.



## Recent Achievements and Activities

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ★ 2 kids participated in PVHS soccer
- ★ 2 kids attended Real Life 101 Camping Trip
- ★ 4 kids participated in Summer Work Program at Krislund Camp and PVHS
- ★ Several kids progressed to Stepping Stone Transitional Living Program

### TRIPS:

- Hershey Park
- Spikes Games
- Altoona Curve Game
- Millheim Pool
- State College YMCA
- Penn State Sports Games
- Gettysburg
- Penn Skates
- Local Movie Theatres

### OTHER PROJECTS:

- Community Service at various locations in State College, Bellefonte, and Spring Mills including:
- State College YMCA
  - Centre Crest
  - Pennsylvania SPCA
  - Penns Valley Conservation Association
  - Red Cross
  - Aaronsburg Library

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### Did you know?

- Did you know that the kids at Zerby Gap Familyworks keep Lingle Valley Road clean as part of their community service?
- Did you know that you can be an intern at Zerby Gap Familyworks? Interested? Call Jeff or Joy at 422-0540.
- Did you know that we are a family based facility striving to reunite kids with their families?

# Zerby Gap Familyworks Staff

## Staff

Zerby Gap Familyworks maintains an average staff to youth ratio of 1 to 5 during awake hours with additional support provided by the Program Director and ancillary staff.

The staff at Zerby Gap Familyworks are dedicated to providing a safe and efficient environment for all residents. They are a unique blend of people with diverse backgrounds that meet weekly to discuss and plan the weekly issues of the house.

Zerby Gap Familyworks staff are proactive in obtaining the latest training in counseling techniques and criteria. They attend monthly and sometimes weekly trainings at the Centre County Youth Service Bureau and other programs.



## Alternative Education Counselors

Zerby Gap Familyworks provides two Alternative Education Counselors at Penns Valley High School through a grant funded program. The Alternative

Education Counselors provide non-school work based counseling for kids in need. They provide an extra resource for the high school when kids are in crisis, in need of extra help, or just need someone to talk to. The Alternative Education Counselors also provide Drug & Tobacco prevention education.

## The Sara Buffington Award

Every 6 months one staff member is chosen to receive the Sara Buffington Award. Sara Buffington was the Director of the house for approximately 5 years. The award is for exceptional selfless service to the house and the boys that reside there. The award started in 2006. The first recipient of the award was Joy Gentry and the second winner was Vince Corso.

## How to get Involved!

Zerby Gap Familyworks has many opportunities for you to get involved.

If you have a special skill like wood-working, storytelling, or cooking, you could arrange to come to the house and share your skills with the residents.

If you have a Community Service Project that several young boys could help with, contact us and let us know. The boys have helped disabled people move and have helped set up for special events.

We accept monetary donations and donations such as toiletries, kitchen and cleaning items, games, movies, pool tips/sticks, and many other items.

We are looking for donors who want to sponsor individual rooms at Zerby Gap Familyworks. The sponsor would donate all furniture and items in a bedroom or main room of the house. In return the

*If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And when I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?*  
**Hillel the Elder**

sponsors name would be placed on a plaque outside the room letting everyone that visits Zerby Gap Familyworks know of their generous gift.

Contact us at: **814-422-0540**. Also check us out on the web at **www.ccysb.com**, click on **Programs** then click on **Zerby Gap Familyworks**.

*The official registration and financial information of the Centre County Youth Service Bureau may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.*

## Contacting Zerby Gap Familyworks

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*We are located on Rebecca Lane off of Lingle Valley Road in Spring Mills, PA.*

