Exciting and wonderful happenings are an every day occurrence at all four of Alternatives For Children’s locations. Not since the opening of our state-of-the-art East Setauket facility in January of 2004 have we had such incredible news to share with you. Through the tireless efforts and hard work of many people, and with the support of the Board of Trustees, we are pleased to announce that Alternatives For Children in Melville will be relocating to the recently closed Chestnut Hill Elementary School in the Half Hollow Hills School District. Located at 600 South Service Road in Dix Hills, with easy on and off access to the Long Island Expressway, and located near the busy 110 corporate corridor and Huntington Quadrangle, this move is seen as a win-win situation for Alternatives For Children.

We are lucky to be moving into a pre-existing school because many of the building/school environment safety and security requirements needed for compliance with the NYS Education Department and the NYS Office of Children and Family Services regulations for preschool and child care licensing are already in place. The facility includes a safe and secure building and playground environment as well as ample parking. In addition, we are thrilled that this new location is much more accessible to the Nassau County families and school districts we currently serve.

Alternatives For Children staff has begun to coordinate our relocation efforts enabling our students and families to begin the new school year without interruption.

Please help us share this good news!

Good news for Alternatives For Children East Setauket. We have just been approved by the New York State Education Department to begin in September a new 6:1:1 and a new 12:1:1 full day self-contained classroom option. This has been in the planning process for quite some time and we are excited for the new students who could potentially benefit from this program.

Beginning our 26th year and still growing
Alternatives For Children was well represented by staff members at a Town Hall Meeting and Legislative Listening Session on June 5th at Suffolk Community College regarding funding for preschool special education programs in New York State.

Parents and staff from preschool special education programs from across Long Island came to express their frustration and concern over the six years of no tuition rate increase for preschool special education funding.

Our thanks to Senator John Flanagan (2nd Senate District), Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci (10th Assembly District), and Assemblyman Michael Fitzpatrick (8th Assembly District), for your presence, for listening, and for advocating for our children.

Since then, Senator Flanagan has introduced legislation - putting his words into action. This legislation is strongly supported by Senator Ken LaValle (1st Senate District), a long-time friend and supporter of Alternatives For Children. Senator Flanagan’s action is seen by preschool special education providers as the first real step forward in many years towards meaningful change in funding for these programs which are essential to so many families.

Alternatives for Children
Mission Statement
To provide the highest quality special and regular education programs and services to children with disabilities and typically developing peers. Education, medical, pediatric rehabilitation, and support services are integrated to ensure the comprehensive needs of the child and family are met.

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The Services provided by Alternatives For Children and the staff seamlessly work in collaboration to provide scaffolded and appropriate support to my daughter. She has made many strides and gains in the time she has been in the program.

I feel we had a very strong team this year. I felt they were all on the same page as to what was best for my son. I am extremely confident and feel Jacob will transition nicely into kindergarten and excel.

My son has really blossomed at Alternatives For Children. He looks forward to going to school every day and is excited about going to kindergarten. I think it will be an easy transition thanks to the wonderful staff at Alternatives!
While success is measured in many different ways, we at Alternatives For Children believe that every child has their successes:

* the first independent step for a child who has neuromotor developmental delays, balance deficits or coordination deficits, is a success.
* the first word or sentence uttered by a child with apraxia, is a success.
* the child who has learned to transition smoothly from one activity to the next, is a success.

These are just a few examples of the successes that children and their parents experience every day at Alternatives For Children - there are many more such moments of joy.

We recently received a letter from a parent whose child was graduated from Alternatives For Children in 2006. Christian’s success story is just too wonderful to keep to ourselves - so we decided to share it with you in the words of his mother.

“I am the parent of Christian, a student who attended your preschool almost a decade ago. Please accept this belated “thank you” for the wonderful services provided by your school.

Here is a picture of Christian (r) and his friend Luke (l). Luke was also a student at the preschool and they have remained good friends, currently attending Oldfield Middle School together. I enclose this picture to show you how far they have come. This picture documents their recent acceptance into the OMS Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

I fully believe that the early intervention services provided by Alternatives For Children were key in preparing Christian for the challenging academic environment and high expectations that he would face in the Harborfields School District. No parent ever forgets the day they hear that their child is recommended for preschool special education. I worried incessantly about what the future would hold for my son. I just want to pass along a word of encouragement and support to current parents in my position: the future is very bright indeed.

Thank you for allowing me to share our story. And thank you again for the great start you gave Christian.”

Sincerely,
Lisa M. Liberatore

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Are you familiar with the old cliché Once in a Blue Moon? Did you know the real definition of a Blue Moon is a second full moon in any given month. Or that metaphorically a Blue Moon is a rare event.
Alternatives For Children has just recently experienced a Once in a Blue Moon moment when we received an extremely generous donation from our newest Affinity Member Victor Nelson.

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