

NEWPORT

# County coalition hosts open house

## Group focuses on making connections

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The Sullivan County Community Coalition will have an event sponsored by the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, April 24, to focus on the workforce needs of local businesses and how they can work together to better the future of the youth in Sullivan County.

Liz Hennig, the coordinator for the coalition, said the event will bring together businesses, schools and other community representatives.

"It'll be an open forum," Hennig said. "We're trying to open the doors of communication between the different sections of the community that deal more directly with the youth and young adults of Sullivan County.

Hennig said people attending the event should not expect presentations from the

different groups represented there.

"This is just so people can get together and talk about the different ways they can help out the youth," Hennig said. "They're going to share information with each other and develop ideas."

Hennig said this is the first time the coalition has ever done something like this, but it fits into the goals they want to see reached.

"This is just another part of what the coalition is trying to do," she said. "Right now we're developing relationships with different parts of the community to work together. We hope that this get together will help those different parts develop new opportunities for the community, and create role models and new support systems for the youth and young adults."

The event will be held at the Newport Rec Center on Belknap Avenue between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. To register for the event, call 863-1510.