

## **Human Service Committee Objectives**

1. To provide skilled counseling, information and referral, and advocacy services to anyone in the community who may need help with problems of family living and individual adjustment.
2. To evaluate human service agency requests for Town funds in order to reduce duplication and improve service delivery.
3. To identify and bring to public attention unmet human service needs through broad community participation.
4. To advocate for and encourage the development of community resources for the purpose of meeting human service needs.
5. To promote understanding of the social implications of economic and political changes.

## **Mashpee Human Services History**

The Mashpee Human Services Committee was originally established by the Mashpee Board of Health. The purpose of the seven member committee was to monitor funding by the town to 12 outside health and human service agencies and to insure to the residents access to their many health needs (physical, mental and emotional).

The Human Services Committee soon recognized that a growing Mashpee could no longer rely solely on outside providers. A plan evolved to set up a local office. The Selectmen were asked to approve the search for a coordinator through a request for proposal. The Selectmen responded to the need and in December 1998 Mashpee Human Services opened its doors to all Mashpee residents at 109 Summerfield Park sharing office space with the Cape Cod Neighborhood Support Coalition.