

# Business News & Notes

## Tips for Successful Family Businesses

(NAPSA)—Businesses in which families work together have a better chance of working well when professional and personal pressures are kept under control. To keep stress levels at a minimum, the Alliance for Affordable Services suggests the following:

- Communicate regularly. Meet often to discuss the current state of the business and plans for the future.

- Respect others' space. Although you're working with familiar company, you should still be respectful. Don't invade your family members' workspace by freely walking in and rooting through drawers or files at will.

- Keep the personal out of the workplace. When you're at work, stick to the business at hand. Try to discuss personal issues during your private time only.

- Schedule ahead. Avoid time conflicts by keeping a calendar for posting days off and appointments in advance. The calendar will keep you and your family members aware of upcoming absences and you can make plans accordingly.

For more information, call 1-800-733-2242.

*The Alliance for Affordable Services is a non-profit organization providing money saving benefits to help members drive down the cost of running a small business and raising a family. Through the Business Consultant Advice Line, Members receive free professional advice about operating a successful small business.*