

Employment Assistance Services- Self Employment Benefit program
Fleming College

The Employment Assisted Services (EAS) offered through the Fleming Employment Resource Centre in Haliburton was very pleased with the recent acknowledged success of one of their Self Employment Benefit client's, Erin Lynch. In 2002 Erin wanted to become an entrepreneur by establishing her own jewellery business. Erin took many of her jewellery courses and training at Fleming College through the Haliburton School of the Arts. Erin has been developing her business since 2002 and on May 3, 2008 won the Emerging Artist Award presented at the Art's Council for Haliburton County's Arts Honours Gala. This award is given to an artist in the early years of their art career that have for the past few years begun to establish themselves with outstanding arts production, earning the recognition from their artistic colleagues and enriching the artistic life of the community. Erin has also opened opportunities for fellow artists to market, learn and share. Erin was the driving force behind The Art Hive, an Artisans Collective which brings together from a variety of disciplines a gallery and a meeting place for workshops and events to support youth and other emerging artists in the community. In addition to the above honour, The Art Hive won the New Business of the Year for 2007 Award from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. This award means The Art Hive has been successful in becoming a gallery and an artist collective that is making an impact on their community while reaching out to those who would like to diversify their artistic knowledge.