



EOP Vision and Mission

EOP envisions a future where all people of our community live with dignity and have the opportunity and ability to live economically productive and satisfying lives. To achieve this vision, EOP provides services that create positive change in individuals, families and our community, and encourages and facilitates participating by all people who can help make our vision a reality.

STRENGTHENING THE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY 2023-2024 www.cseop.org

Message from the CEO #WeAreOne

By: Andrea J. Ogunwumi, CEO, Economic Opportunity Program, Inc.

What an honor it has been to serve Chemung and Schuylar Counties for the last **60 years**. As we continue to provide our community with much-needed support and essential services, I am constantly reminded that **#WeAreOne**. We are greater than the sum of our parts and working together in partnership with strategic partners has been foundational.

As one of EOP, Inc.'s valued supporters and community partners, **we honor you and appreciate you** more than we can convey in words. Each year, our supporters selflessly give of their time, talents, and resources, which allows us to impact **more than 5,000 lives** in our local area. On behalf of all staff, supporters, partners, and volunteers, I invite you to join us as we stand unified and carry the torch into 2025. Together, **#WeAreOne** and we **thank you** for your generosity.

2025 is well underway, and we will continue to focus on providing our community with programs and services spanning **4 Key Strategic Areas**: Access to **Health Care, Child & Youth Care, Food Security, and Housing Security**. New strategies are underway to build greater community impact. We are postured to swiftly make changes that outflow deeper into the community and create higher growth results.

The ACCEL (Arnot Health, Chemung County, EOP, and LECOM) Health Screening Clinic continues to serve and contribute to our community through *free blood pressure tests for children and adults, lead screening, and nutritional education*. In 2024, The **ACCEL Clinic** hosted its first **Skin Cancer Screening** event with **40 participants** and was the proud recipient of the **2024 Health Equity Innovation Award** by *Excellus BCBS* for the **Empowerment Program** focusing on women and children.

EOP, Inc.'s **MEALs (Mindful Eating Active Lifestyles) Program** continues to have a tremendous impact within our community and remains an integral part of our **Child &**



Youth Care and **Food Security** support strategy. The six-week program served as many as 226 people during the Spring of 2024. We are grateful to Excellus BCBS, Arnot Health, Wegmans, Walmart, Weis Markets, Miniers, Tops, and The Samaritan Center for their persistent partnership. **EOP@Curbside** served more than 30,000 meals and the CFJP Bistro added DoorDash this year.

Our **Housing Security** support strategy involves the **Anti-Displacement Program, Weatherization Program (Energy Services Bureau), and Libertad-Elmira Veteran and Family Program**. Anti-displacement served approximately 200 new clients and the **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)** enrolled **12 individuals** into the program to provide rent and utility help.

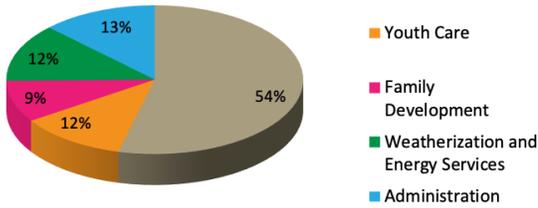
Your continued support and partnership are crucial as we strive to create a unified community in 2025 and beyond. **#WeAreOne** and together, we will make a difference in the lives of the individuals and families we serve.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to our board, our trusted advisors, and our dedicated staff. These individuals tirelessly guide, support, and inspire us as we address poverty issues impacting childcare, the social determinants of health, housing security, neighborhood issues, food security, and more.

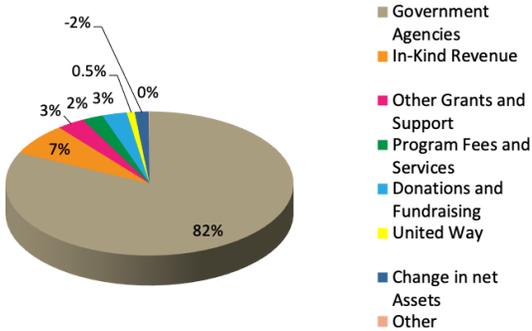
Thank you for partnering with us as we pursue our core values to counteract the impact of poverty on our community. **#WeAreOne** and we are stronger together.

Financial Highlights

How The Money Is Allocated



Where The Money Comes From



2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT >>> 4 KEY STRATEGIC AREAS

Access to Healthcare

- **1,070** Lead and blood pressure screenings
- **203** B25 Children were given lead capillary or venous blood tests on or before their 2nd birthday
- **618** Total blood pressure screenings completed at the ACCEL Clinic
- **1,275** EOP, Inc. visitors offered free health screening

Food Security

- **25,000** Meals served at EOP Curbside by CFJP Bistro
- **99,700** Meals served to B25 and COE children and community families
- **900** Meals served on Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **26** CFJP students enrolled; 4 achieved National ServSafe Certification
- **230** Snack Pack deliveries

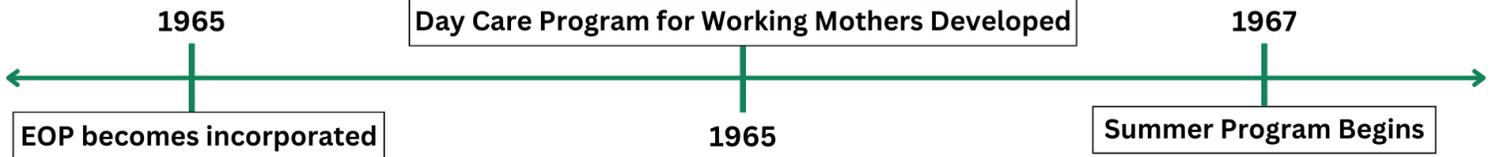
Childcare & Youth Care

- **121** Students served by the Center of Excellence (COE) after-school program
- **85** Served by Family Support in General Recreation
- **242** Children enrolled in the B25 Program
- **900** Children received gifts at Christmas Magic

Housing Security

- **277** Clients served by the Anti-Displacement Program
- **54** Single-family homes weatherized
- **20** Housing units serving homeless veterans at Libertad-Elmira

Serving our community for 60 years!



Where the Money Goes / "How the Money is Allocated"

Child Care	\$4,483,240.00	54%
Youth Care	\$975,287.00	12%
Family Development	\$753,143.00	9%
Weatherization and Energy Services	\$1,049,901.00	13%
Administration	\$1,050,436.00	13%
total	\$8,312,007.00	

Our Funding Sources / "Where The Money Comes From"

Government Agencies	\$7,033,836.00	84.6%
In-Kind Revenue	\$616,750.00	7.4%
Other Grants and Support	\$271,229.00	3.3%
Program Fees and Services	\$200,787.00	2.4%
Donations and Fundraising	\$238,965.00	2.9%
United Way	\$75,881.00	0.9%
Change in net Assets	\$(133,969.00)	-1.6%
Other	\$8,528.00	0.1%
total	\$8,312,007.00	



Access To Health Care



Child & Youth Care



Food Security



Housing Security

Access to Health Care

The **ACCEL Clinic** offers free lead screenings (in response to Chemung County’s historically high lead levels), free blood pressure tests for children and adults, and nutritional education services provided in collaboration with SNAP-Ed’s Fruit & Vegetable Prescription Program. The ACCEL Clinic also hosted its first Skin Cancer screening event in October 2024 and had about 40 participants. Since May 2022, the clinic has provided more than 1,000 health screenings and 49 SNAP-Ed Food Rx referrals.

The ACCEL Clinic was awarded the **2024 Health Equity Innovation Award** by Excellus BCBS for the Empowerment Program for addressing the known needs of women and girls in the Chemung County region by providing emergency hygiene and wellness packages. Nutrition and cooking classes for food prep will be hosted along with education and training workshops.



FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING CLINIC
 + EDUCATIONAL TALK WITH Q&A!
 Economic Opportunity Program ACCEL Clinic in collaboration with LECOM Elmira & Amot Health

Focused skin exams conducted by medical students under the supervision of medical professionals.

Thursday, Feb 6th 2025
 5pm-7pm
 Ernie Davis Family Center
 610 Baldwinsville, NY 14801

Clinic begins at 5pm
 Talk begins at 6pm

Please scan the QR code or type in the link to fill out the survey if you are interested in attending.

<https://forms.gle/U3FXAUSLPXkyMj6IA>

Questions? (607) 734-6374

Economic Opportunity Program, Inc. Amot Health LECOM



ACCEL Community Health Clinic
 Every Thursday
 2-4 PM
Lead Screenings

Ernie Davis Family Center
 Health Office, Room 145
 650 Baldwin Street
 Elmira, NY 14901

Funding provided by:
 Excellus BCBS

Economic Opportunity Program, Inc. Amot Health LECOM Chemung County Health Department



Excellus BCBS

Child Care & Youth Care

2023-2024 Agency Annual Report Birth to Five

Birth to Five School Readiness Program



The 2023-2024 school year was a welcomed return to normal for the **Birth to Five School Readiness Program (B25)**. The program continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to staffing and has hired two new Site Education Supervisors, four new teachers, and many other

staff members. Staff members remain dedicated to providing the highest quality education services while maintaining the health and safety of all staff, parents, and families.

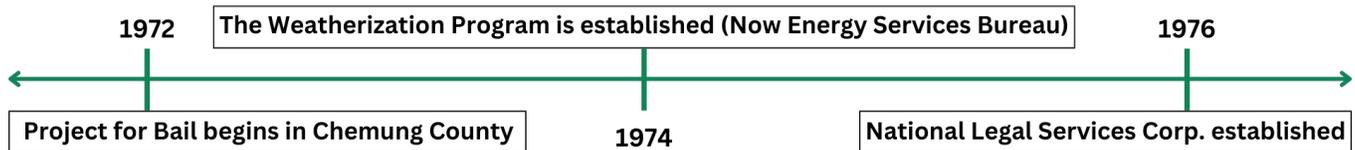
The reduced-sized classroom opened for the first time and an additional Early Head Start classroom opened at our Broad Street

is ranked 1 to 5 stars with 5 being the best. The four sites that are currently participating have a rating of 4 stars. We have two additional sites pending rating. QualitystarsNY contributions for the year totaled \$49,800 in outdoor and indoor equipment, classroom furniture, buggies, classroom supplies, technical assistance, and professional staff development.

Professional Development



At EOP, Inc., we take great pride in being lifelong learners. We provide staff with hours of necessary **professional development** through many exemplary training opportunities. We ensure our Head Start staff are trained in First Aid and CPR, provide medication



location. Classrooms continued providing important services such as family-style meals, health and nutrition programming, transportation, and tooth-brushing education. The Birth to Five School Readiness Program resumed valuable community partnerships, including the Science and Discovery Center, BOCES volunteers at EDFC, and the Bookmobile. The toddler program began adding buggies to their sites and visitors and volunteers took part in programming. Volunteers were hosted from BOCES, Corning Community College, and Elmira College. The Summer Early Head Start Program included six open toddler classrooms with the capacity to serve a total of 48 children.

QualitystarsNY

QualitystarsNY is New York's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for early childhood programs. QualitystarsNY provides support and resources to improve and sustain high quality programming across New York State. The rating system



administration training (MAT) so that students requiring medications during our programs can receive them, and provide emergency preparedness trainings. Many of our trainings are conducted in-house by our amazing staff. However, we also offer training from outside specialists.

During this program year, over 2,600 hours of professional development were completed. We also take every opportunity to send staff to exciting conferences. This year, they included the Woman's Empowerment Conference hosted by CCC, the OWN IT conference sponsored by the Corning Chamber of Commerce, and the Spark Conference hosted by the Watkins Glen Chamber of Commerce. EOP, Inc. consistently helps staff reach their full potential through higher education opportunities. Many of our staff have received additional coursework and degrees through EOP, Inc., which have helped them move up in the Program. During our program year, two toddler teachers completed Infant Toddler CDA, and one toddler teacher completed an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. We currently have five staff working on getting a Preschool CDA, six staff working on Infant/Toddler CDA, and three staff enrolled in Associates programs.

Work Wellness Committee

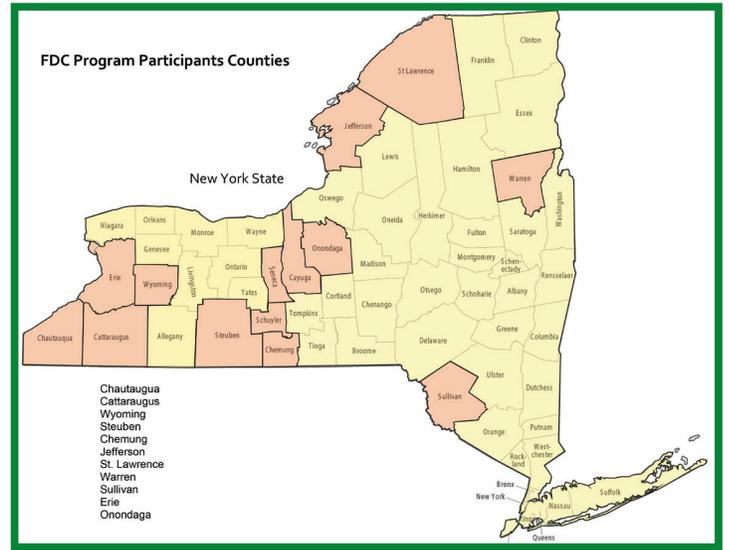


Our EOP, Inc. **Work Wellness Committee** is dedicated to spreading joy through the workplace by hosting fun events, guest speakers, a book club, and volunteer work. We are spreading the message of the importance of a healthy mind and body and how that benefits not just the individual but the agency and community as a whole. This year, we look forward to experiencing continued growth and having a presence at EOP, Inc., as well as participating in some healthy community events, such as the **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure!**

Program Information Report (PIR)

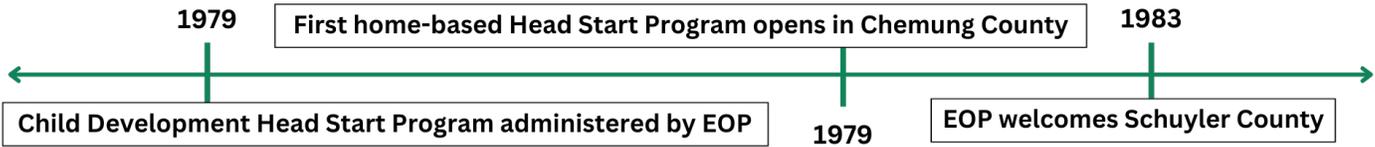


To complete the **Program Information Report (PIR)** for the 2023-2024 program year, B25 staff tracked and submitted data, including cumulative enrollment numbers, demographic information, and the total number of children and families receiving



staff members truly listening to the families and understanding that each family has strengths on which they can build. It acknowledges that parents are the children's first and most important teachers.

The Economic Opportunity Program offers the FDC program to outside community agencies as well as EOP, Inc. staff. This program has flourished, reaching participants in Chemung County and 13 other counties within New York State, as well as in the states of Texas, Kentucky, and Georgia.



various program services. Throughout the year, a monthly average of 207 children were enrolled in the program, with annual totals of 252 children, 249 families, and 789 individuals served overall. The average monthly enrollment increased by approximately 42% from the past year as we increased the number of open classrooms and the program overcame pandemic staffing challenges, which caused a drop in average enrollment. While the average monthly enrollment projects to be even higher next year, the increase this year represents a return to normal operations.

Family Development Credential



The **Family Development Credential (FDC)** program continues to be a huge success. FDC entails weekly classes, homework, and meetings with a Portfolio Advisor. Upon completion, participants have a finished portfolio and complete an end-of-the-year test. This is an intensive program that focuses on

For the past three years, a Family Advocate has been the FDC Instructor. The program has established a respected position with the University of Connecticut FDC program and assists with the recruitment of new program participants. When the program went completely virtual, it was a game-changer to allow other counties and states the ability to participate in the program.

Family Engagement

The **Family and Parent Engagement Advocate** hosts monthly Parent Gatherings for each site while working with Policy Council committee members. Information with parents is shared through newsletters, flyers, emails, the program "Teaching Strategies," and texts.



The Parent Engagement Advocate also recruits parents to assist/volunteer for the Snack Pack Program, schedules speakers, and sends out flyers for the "Lunch and Learn" workshops.

Parents are surveyed twice a year for their input; once at the beginning and once at the end. The beginning-of-the-year survey helps us tailor the parent engagement program to areas for which they would like more information. The end-of-the-year survey assesses how the program year was for them and any improvements they would like to see going forward.

The Family and Parent Engagement Advocate facilitates two parenting curriculums. One curriculum is titled, “Positive Solutions for Families.” This curriculum focuses on helping parents and caregivers build strong bonds with their children. The other parent curriculum is titled, “Parenting with Heart.” This parenting class helps strengthen, support, and educate parents, which will enable them to build upon individual strengths, identify and deal effectively with problems, and prevent other problems from occurring. Parenting with Heart allows parents to decide what they want to learn.

Enrollment

Classroom employment increases led to a 20% rise in enrollment for **Head Start/Early Head Start** in the 23-24 program year compared to the previous year. Intensive efforts to onboard qualified classroom staff remain a high priority.

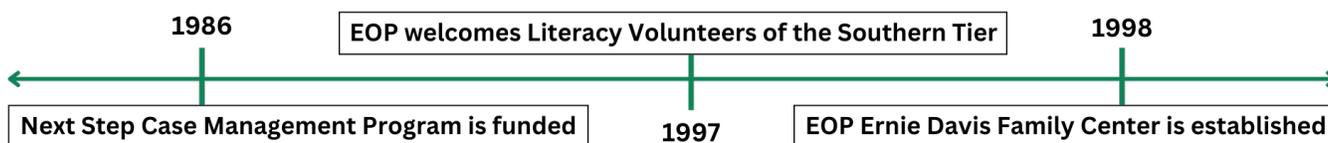
income for excessive housing costs. Under the program housing cost standard, families are expected to spend no more than 30% of their income on housing. Any portion of housing costs exceeding this 30% threshold will be subtracted from the household’s annual gross income to determine eligibility. This change is designed to assist families whose income slightly exceeds the federal poverty line but who spend a significant portion of their income on housing, thereby improving access to Head Start services for these families.

The Center of Excellence (COE)

COE served 39 students for the summer and 82 students for the school year. We also added a few more community



partners, including solo performer Tim Collins, who taught the students Acting and Improv classes. Together with Operation Warm and



Due to high waitlist numbers at our Southport location (Able 2), Head Start relocated a previously closed classroom from our Broad St. location in Horseheads. This classroom opened at full capacity in the Fall of 2024.

Simmons Rockwell Subaru, we provided over 80 new winter coats, socks, and sneakers to COE students and families. The LECOM Pediatrics Club put on a Teddy Bear Clinic focused on teaching the students about a healthy lifestyle along with their teddy bears.

Ernie Davis Community Center (EDCC)

2023-2024 Highlights

The anticipated updates to the Head Start performance standards, which emphasize the use of modern technologies to facilitate family applications and streamline paperwork and administrative tasks, have motivated our program to invest in an electronic Public Intake Portal (PIP). This portal will significantly enhance our ability to meet these new requirements and allows applicants to complete their intake and upload the documentation necessary to receive services. This feature eliminates the need for data teams to enter the intake and allows them more meaningful time to work with the applicants and families. The PIP can be accessed with any cell phone, tablet, or home computer and supports over 50 languages.

In October 2024, the eligibility requirements for Head Start programs were updated to allow families to adjust their gross

Music Consortium - The Ernie Davis Music Consortium

continued to grow this year. 15-18 youths participated in weekly programming and performed at several community events, such as the 2024 Ferrario Elmira Jazz Festival and Strong



Kids Safe Kids. Students learned voice techniques, memorization, listening skills, rhythm notation, and performance etiquette. In addition to gaining musical skills, youth are empowered and inspired through self-expression and creativity. The program

promotes resilience with a focus on positive character development as students learn time management, patience, creativity, and teamwork.

STELA Robotics

- The 2023–2024 school year was the third year of the **STELA Robotics Program** at the EDCC. STELA-Science Technology Entrepreneurship Leadership Academy, is a STEM-based robotics initiative focused on offering team-based robotics programs from FIRST Lego League. In addition to robotics programming, STELA

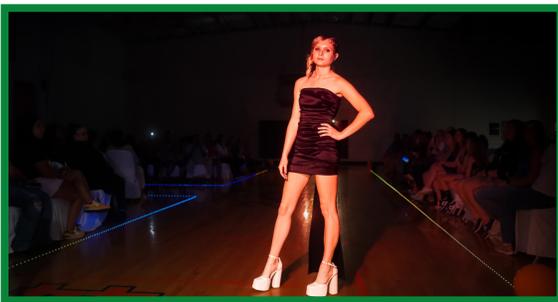
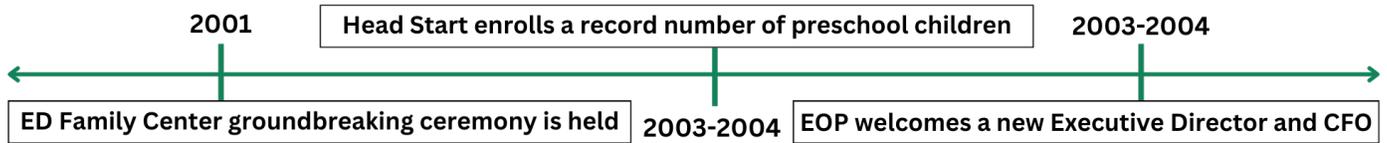


Robotics focuses on the core values of integrity, inclusion, innovation, and impact. Several students participated in the FLL Tournament held at the Erwin Valley Elementary School in Painted Post.

Fashion Club/Design - Fashion Club enjoyed a very successful program in 2023-2024. In July, we held an intensive 3-day Fashion Club boot camp with 15 students. The youth

Connor DeLaney with the hope of reintroducing a very successful program from the past. Twice a week, 10-12 youth participate in boxing club by learning physical fitness, structure/discipline, self-confidence, teamwork, social skills, and having a healthy outlet for strong emotions. This program was initially funded by a grant awarded from the Chemung County Youth Bureau. The goal is to grow this program and hopefully add more weekly classes as program interest grows.

Garden STEMMED Club - In the spring of 2024, EDCC reconnected with Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Master Gardeners and Educators to reopen our garden. **Garden STEMMED Club** began and by summer’s end, had cultivated 1,500 pounds of produce that was given to the local community. The club met weekly with various lessons in land review, mindfulness, and gardening, which included planting seeds/seedlings, identifying growing stages, the care/upkeep of vegetables/fruits,



learned modeling, runway walking, posing for headshots, following a structured curriculum, and competing on the runway for a chance to win a trip to NYC Fashion Week in collaboration with Margaret Evette from JustBe.72. At the end of the boot camp, three youths were selected to take part in Fashion Week and experience a unique behind-the-scenes experience, thanks to JustBe.72. After the boot camp, Fashion Club shifted focus to design and creation with the goal of having the youth model their creations in our September Rule the Runway Fashion Show. The Fashion Show included 15-20 program youth who modeled some of their own creations as well as clothing from Bonjulie’s and Fit With Nae, LLC.

Boxing Program - In 2024, EDCC restarted its **Boxing Program** after partnering with local certified boxing coach,

harvesting, and sharing with community members experiencing food insecurities. With more than 15 youth participating weekly and volunteers logging more than 80 hours, the garden was a huge collaborative success.

Wings of Eagles - In partnership with the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center through bi-weekly programming, youth were able to experience something unique. The **Wings of Eagles GPS (Guiding Prevocational Skills)** project focused on developing prevocational skills such as time management, problem-solving, critical thinking, responsibility, and integrity. This project provided youth between 5 and 15 years old with a head start in aerospace engineering and various other areas of expertise. Many of these programs can also be translated to other careers, such as rocketry, spaceflight, and auto mechanics. The possibilities to inspire are limitless as students learned how to build their own Stomp Rockets and were able to deploy those rockets at the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center. At the center, students also experienced VR piloting games, toured the WWII Plane Museum, and experienced decommissioned aviation machines.

Science & Discovery - Several times per month, 12-14 students participated in cooking/baking classes with **Science & Discovery (STEAM)**. Students worked on listening skills, fine motor skills, mathematic skills, following a recipe, and



collaborating with peers. The ongoing partnership with Science & Discovery Center expanded this year beyond the typical hands-on STEAM activities to include painting and cooking. These expanded activities served as an alternative method of teaching science, technology, engineering, and math. Students enjoyed painting segments as well as cooking individual food such as pizza, dump cakes, and mini quiches.

Christmas Magic



Christmas Magic is returning for its 32nd year in partnership with Corning Inc. Black Employees Network (CBEN). The CBEN provided the funds needed to cover the cost of gifts for families in need around the holidays. This event offers a hybrid-style celebration, and people have the option of driving up to pick up their gifts or coming inside the EDCC gym for several of our fun activities. This event is expected to provide gifts to between 800-900 children ages 1-10 years old.

Family Support Services



Family Support Services of Chemung and Schuyler County supports family members living at home with developmental disabilities. The program is funded by the OPWDD (Office of People with Developmental Disabilities). Family Support Services promotes social well-being through General Recreation, Sensory Room and Parent-Led Autism Playgroups.

We participated in 75 General Recreation activities including Corning Glass blowing, Bradley Farms, Rita's, Harris Hill activities, swimming, and a host of other activities in our area.

The Sensory Room is located in the EOP building for social and emotional enrichment.

There are three Autism Playgroups with 10-12 participants in each group. Participants' ages range from 7-21 and each group is facilitated by a parent. The groups have grown up together over the years and have become a network of friends who enjoy all the activities, such as participating in our shopping pantry, swimming, and bowling.

Literacy Volunteers of Chemung and Schuyler Counties (LVCS)

This year, our **Adult Literacy Program** took a transformative approach, integrating trauma-informed care and holistic, person-centered strategies into every step of our curriculum. Rooted in the understanding that every learner's journey is unique, our program recognizes that past experiences, including trauma, shape how adults engage with education. By offering a safe and supportive learning environment, we empower each individual to rebuild their self-confidence, strengthen their sense of agency, and develop crucial skills for a fulfilling life. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It equips individuals with the tools to participate fully as informed citizens.

Trauma-Informed, Holistic Approach

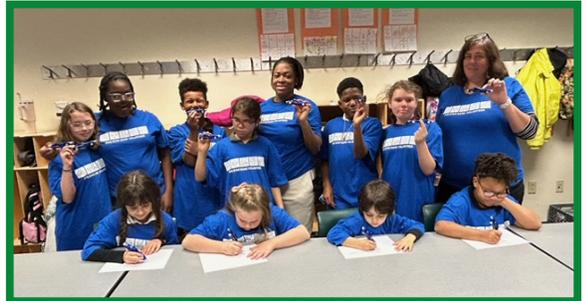
Our trauma-informed, holistic approach is designed to meet the needs of the whole person. Recognizing that many of our learners have encountered significant barriers—such as poverty, discrimination, or adverse childhood experiences—our staff has received specialized training to approach education with sensitivity and understanding. This ensures that every interaction respects the individual's experiences, creating a safe, welcoming environment for learning and growth.

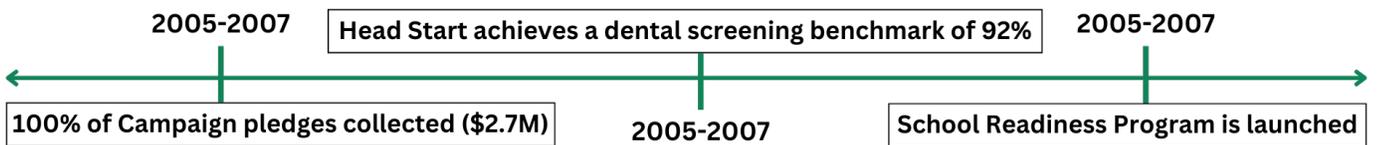
Beyond literacy, our program addresses emotional wellness, builds resilience, and fosters social connections. Group discussions, peer mentoring, and emotional support are woven into our teaching model, empowering each learner to share and connect with others in similar circumstances.

Impact and Achievements

This year, our Adult Literacy Program reached a significant milestone, with a record number of students demonstrating marked improvements in reading comprehension, writing skills, and critical thinking. Many have transitioned into further education, workforce training, or community involvement, gaining the confidence to pursue goals that once seemed out of reach.







Food Security

Community Food for Jobs Program (CFJP) and CFJP Bistro

The **CFJP Program and Bistro** are micro-enterprise projects. The CFJP Training Program served 26 students in 2024 with 8 completing the class. It is delivered as a 10-week program and is focused on job readiness in food service. Students that were enrolled in the class passed with 95% National ServSafe Certification.

In 2024, the CFJP Program and Bistro served more than 30,000 meals through EOP@Curbside. The CFJP Bistro is open daily and this year, added DoorDash to their services. The CFJP Bistro is located inside the EDCC for eat-in, take-out, or catering.

Snack Pack

The Economic Opportunity Program, Inc. recognizes the need to assist in combating this food insecurity for children who attend the B25 School Readiness Program. Each family is provided with a bag of groceries with balanced, nutritious meals.

This year, Family Advocates distributed 230 **Snack Packs** filled with a variety of groceries and recipes that allowed families to make healthy breakfasts, lunches, and dinners.

The poverty rate in Chemung County, New York is 15.8%. In 2023, 18.3% of children in Chemung County lived in poverty. 2022 Feeding America data states that there are 11,490 people living in Chemung County who suffer from food insecurity.

STEMMED CLUB at EOP's Victory Garden
 Starting Tuesday, July 9 2024

WHAT IS THE GARDEN STEMMED CLUB?

- ✓ Garden Based 4-H Club
- ✓ Program promotes sustainable gardening
- ✓ Students learn how to plant, care for and harvest fruits and vegetables
- ✓ Awareness provided about families experiencing food insecurities
- ✓ Provide support to individuals and families experiencing food insecurities

To Register
 (607-734-0174 ext. 314)
 or
 (607-734-0174 ext. 228)

Garden STEMMED Club
 Tuesdays, 10am - 12pm
 Students Grades 1st - 12th

Ernie Davis Community Center
 After-school Extended Learning Opportunities & Academic Enrichment Programming
 350 E. 5th Street
 Elmira, NY 14901

Economic Opportunity Program, Inc.
 650 Baldwin Street, Elmira, NY 14901, 607-734-6074, www.eoop.org

MEALS

The **MEALS Program** ran for six weeks from 4/30/2024 to 6/4/2024 and was held Tuesday-Thursday each week.

The program was very successful this year and the total number of students who attended each week were as follows:

Week #1 (Fruit): 222

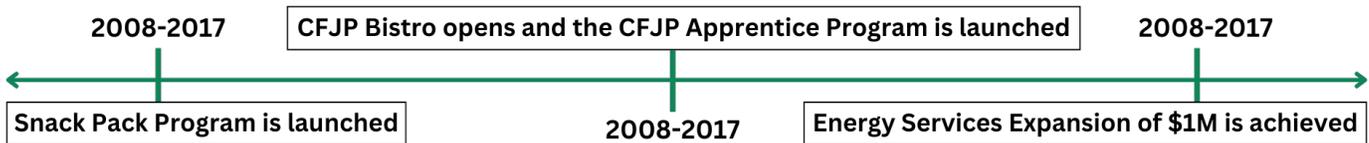
Week#2 (Vegetables): 226

Week#3 (Grains): 222

Week#4 (Dairy): 222

Week#5 (Physical Education/Activity): 222

Week#6 (Making Healthy Food Choices): 163



Housing Security

Libertad-Elmira Veteran and Family Program

Where need is met, support is offered, and freedom lives.



The **Libertad-Elmira Veteran and Family Program** provides supportive housing for veterans. The Libertad-Elmira apartment complex has 20 units reserved for veteran and their families who are experiencing homelessness or veterans and their families who are at risk

of being homeless. Veterans who reside at Libertad-Elmira receive immediate supportive care services. The goal of this program is to continue to decrease homelessness, along with providing long-term housing and extra support for veterans and their families recovering from being homeless.

Veterans transitioning out of homelessness receive a coordinated effort that assists them in maintaining secure housing with 24-hour security, providing safety and comfort. Financial assistance is also

available, including help with their first month's rent, security deposit, and monthly rent payment. Each unit at Libertad-Elmira comes fully furnished with furniture, bedding, toiletries, and food to ensure an easy transition from homelessness to supported, independent living.

Veterans also receive collaborative Case Management Services to assist with navigating the medical and mental healthcare systems and transportation to appointments at the Bath VA. Short-term mental health support groups, skills training, and individual counseling sessions are provided to veterans to help them develop the necessary coping and living skills. Other types of support include banking and financial literacy sessions, NA support





groups, Department of Social Services and Veterans Affairs coordination, and in-unit wellness checks.

This year, veterans at Libertad-Elmira participated in Christmas Magic, Libertad's 5th birthday party,

baseball, football, and hockey games, Juneteenth, and the Ferrario Elmira Jazz Festival. They also attended wellness clinics, weekly support groups, and monthly lunch meetings and received assistance with daily living activities and transportation to local grocery stores and medical appointments. Other methods of support, programs, and services EOP, Inc. offers to veterans include daily food distribution, the Clothing Closet, the Anti-Displacement Program, and emergency funds.

Anti-Displacement Program (ADP)

The **Anti-Displacement Program**, sponsored through the City of Elmira Community Development Program, celebrated its second year of service to the community in April 2024. This year, approximately 200 new clients were served. The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) enrolled twelve individuals in the program, providing rent and utility assistance. Additional services provided during 2024 included completing Section 8 applications, Section 8 annual recertification, housing searches, housing applications, referrals to mental health, HHUNY Adult Care Management, school registrations for non-English speaking families, day bus passes, referrals for local agencies and businesses to meet miscellaneous needs, monetary assistance with rent, security deposits, utility bills, and much more!

ADP is well-established within the community after operating for 2.5 years, and partnerships with local agencies continue to link clients with valuable resources as well as strengthen the ties within Chemung County.



Energy Services Bureau



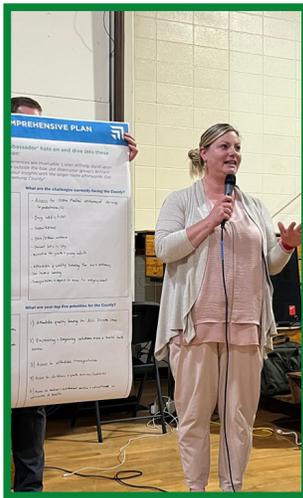
During the July 2023-June 2024 program year, the **Energy Services Bureau** weatherized 40 single-family homes, two duplexes, and 12 mobile homes in Chemung and Schuyler counties for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds, the Energy

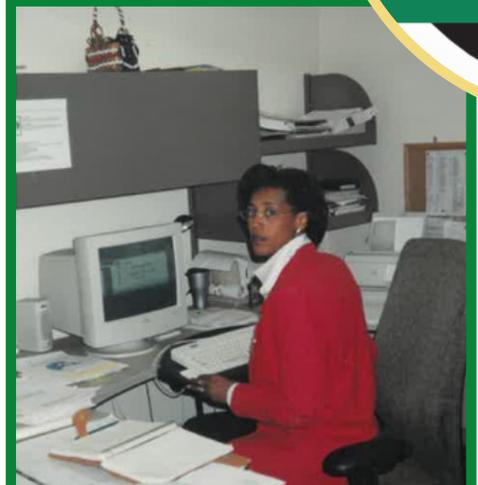
Services Bureau weatherized two single-family homes, a four-unit multifamily home, and one mobile home in Chemung and Schuyler Counties. The single and multi-family homes received attic/sidewall insulation, air sealing and draft reduction, heating system efficiency tests, and upgrades such as clean and tunes, heating system repair, or heating system replacements. The mobile homes received mobile

home window and door replacements, air sealing, bottom board repairs and insulation, heating system efficiency tests, and upgrades similar to single-family homes. We installed 23 high-efficiency heating systems as upgrades based on the inefficient performance of the existing heating systems. All homes received

Health and Safety measures, including carbon monoxide testing, gas leak detection and repairs, smoke and CO detectors, and mechanical ventilation installations and/or repairs. We installed 21 domestic hot water heaters due to Health and Safety issues. Most of the weatherized homes received Electric Reduction measures, including refrigerator replacements and installing LED bulbs. All homes received client education, which included discussing the benefits of reducing energy consumption and education on potential hazards such as carbon monoxide, mold, moisture, lead paint, and radon. In addition to the WAP, we received Weatherization Readiness Funds to be used with WAP jobs to make necessary repairs to homes that would have otherwise prevented weatherization services. Five projects were identified, and all five projects received roof replacements and weatherization services. This is pilot funding that only a handful of other WAP agencies received.









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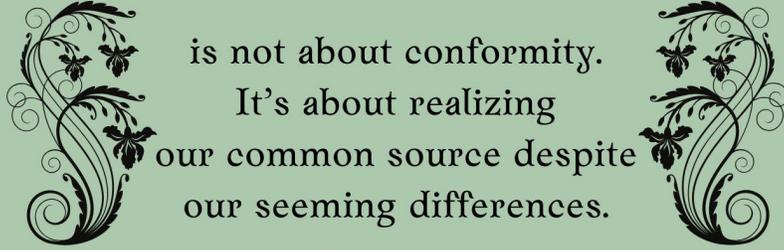
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- Families and communities as the foundation for individual stability and growth
- Diversity and the unique contributions of each individual
- Active community participation and involvement by government, community leaders, donors, human service providers and others in enabling people to enjoy economic stability and growth
- A living wage for all individuals and families to promote financial stability
- Excellence in services that create positive change in individuals and families
- Effective and efficient use of all human, material and financial resources
- Integrity in allocating our resources and providing services
- Collaborative partnerships in the community
- Competent, caring staff to deliver quality services that honor people's rights to confidentiality
- Recognition of staff and volunteers as our most valuable resource in carrying out the mission of EOP
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