
About EOP

EOP is a 501(c)(3) Community Action Organization dedicated to helping thousands of Southern Tier residents. What do we do? We do people.

Vision

The Economic Opportunity Program Inc. of Chemung and Schuyler Counties (EOP) envisions a future where all people in our community live with dignity and have the opportunity and ability to live economically productive and satisfying lives.

Mission

To achieve this vision, EOP provides services that create positive change in individuals, families, and our community; and encourages and facilitates participation by all people who can help make our vision a reality.

Family Support Services

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Advocacy, Support, Encouragement



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The Family Support Services (FSS) Program aids households in Chemung and Schuyler Counties that have a family member who is developmentally disabled and living at home. The program promotes the physical and social well-being, education, and financial stability of individuals who have developmental disabilities by assisting them and their families in obtaining support and linkage to existing community resources and services.



The Economic Opportunity Program manages the Family Support Program with funding provided by the Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).

The program office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm. However, Recreational events and Disabilities Playgroups are often held on the weekends.

Service Access

The Family Advocate acts as a “Bridger” for individuals who may be eligible to receive Developmental Disability Services. The Family Advocate also assists individuals in pursuing OPWDD eligibility status by coordinating the paperwork process for an Eligibility Determination, assisting in Self-Advocacy and Person-Centered Planning, and follow-up with linkages to identified services and supports.



Recreation

The Family Advocate offers recreational opportunities found within the community for individuals and families to enjoy meaningful interactions. This program is offered in our regular monthly recreation program.

Playgroups

The FSS program has three **Autism Playgroups** and one **General Disability Playgroup** which run monthly activities. These parent-run groups offer opportunities for eligible individuals to participate in meaningful activities

in the community, which encourages socialization, community interaction, and growth. It is also an opportunity for parents to form support groups amongst each other and receive advocacy from the Program Coordinator.

Autism Playgroup: for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders who are OPWDD eligible.

Each Playgroup is divided by age in order to provide more suitable and age appropriate activities each month. These are carefully planned by the group Facilitator and the Program Coordinator. Age groups are: 3-8, 9-14, and 15-21. Participants can be part of the playgroup until their 22nd birthday.

General Disability Playgroup: for children with Developmental Disabilities who are OPWDD eligible.

This program is for individuals 3-21 years old. Participants can be part of the playgroup until their 22nd birthday.

These services are provided even if the family member already receives Care Coordination from another local agency such as Early Intervention, Person Centered Services, or Prime Care Coordination.

The Family Support Services Program can be an adjunct to current services, including Self Direction, or a stand-alone resource. For information and/or Referral, please contact the Family Support Services Program Coordinator.