The Family Support Services (FSS) Program aids households in Chemung, Steuben, 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.

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**General Disability Playgroup**

**Funding provided by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).**
General Disability Playgroup

The FSS program offers one General Disability Playgroup which runs monthly activities. It is a parent-run group that offers opportunities for children with Developmental Disabilities, and who are OPWDD eligible, 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. This program is for individuals 3-21 years old. Participants can be part of the playgroup until their 22nd birthday.

Playgroup Goals

• To promote community inclusion for individuals with a diagnosis of a general disability and a parent or caregiver.
• To offer choice based quality recreational outings, sensory–based activities, and community events.
• To provide opportunities for social communication in a supportive environment that offers community integration.

Guidelines

• All enrolled participants must have an OPWDD Eligibility Determination Letter.
• The program is for individuals 3-21 years old. Participants can be part of the playgroup until their 22nd birthday.
• Participants must live in Chemung, Steuben, or Schuyler County.

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.