A Parent for Every Child
Resource Directory
for Adoptive Parents and Permanency Connections

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parentforeverychild.org

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OCFS Region 2 (Rochester)
Chemung County - 2012

Call 211 Finger Lakes Collaborative
Trained call counselors help you find answers to non-emergency questions by directing you to the most appropriate service providers for your needs. 2-1-1 offers referrals for emergency food, shelter, clothing, crisis counseling, substance abuse issues, employment, financial and legal issues, physical and mental health needs, and more. If you need help, just ask! Accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays, with Spanish-speaking call counselors and Language Line Translation Services available. Call 2-1-1 or 1-877-FLNY2-1-1 (1-877-356-9211)

Chemung County Human Services Directory
The Human Services Directories are comprehensive listings containing key information on human services agencies and programs within The Institute for Human Service and 2-1-1 Helpline service area. 5 County CD directories are also available for purchase. To download the order form.
www.ihsnet.org/directories.asp

Adoption

A Parent for Every Child
A Diligent Recruitment project sponsored by the New York state Office of Children and Family Services and funded through a federal Adoption Opportunity grant. Our goal is to provide permanency through kinship care, adoption, or guardianship for children whose parental rights have been terminated and who have spent several years in residential care without a viable family resource. Rochester Region / Central and Western New York
Hillside Children’s Center
(585) 256-7500
www.parentforeverychild.org/

Adoption Chronicles:
Where children and families present themselves and discover each other!
www.adoptionchronicles.com/

Hillside Adoption Resource Network (ARN)
ARN is a single resource for information on every phase of adoption.
(585) 350-2500
OCFS Adoption Photo Listing
https://apps.ocfs.ny.gov/Adoption/Child/Search/Demographic.aspx

CAP/ Wendy’s Wonderful Kids
Children Awaiting Parents (CAP) is a national nonprofit organization that recruits adoptive families for children in foster care. CAP has brought together more than 6,000 children and families over the last 38 years.
www.capbook.org/WWK.asp

Children Awaiting Parents, Inc.
595 Blossom Road, Suite 306
Rochester, NY 14610
888.835.8802 or 585.232.5110 / fax 585.232.2634
info@capbook.org

Adoptuskids
The mission of AdoptUSKids is two-fold: to raise public awareness about the need for foster and adoptive families for children in the public child welfare system; and to assist U.S. States, Territories and Tribes to recruit and retain foster and adoptive families and connect them with children.
www.adoptuskids.org/

Adoption Support Groups

Adoptive Families of Chemung County
Pre and post adoption information, group training, adoption advocacy, children’s rights advocacy
Lucinda Wakeman
50 Route 14 Beaver Dams, NY 14812
607-936-4706
lwakeman@stny.lrun.com

Chemung County Foster Care Support Group
Parent led, county supported foster / adoptive parent group which meets monthly at DSS. Information and referral, support network, meetings, training opportunities. Antoinette is experienced foster and adoptive parent willing to provide information and support to prospective families.
Contact Antoinette Cantrell
607-733-8044
Foster Care /Adoption

Adoption Resource Network at Hillside
Provides domestic infant and international home studies, pre-adoption counseling & support, and information and referral to a wide range of individuals and organizations. Will assist families interested in a waiting child to obtain training and home studies. Services include annual conference, international / domestic homestudies, birthmother support network, search support for birth families, monthly homestudy and information classes, and ASAP pre & post adoption parent support groups in Monroe, Erie and Niagara counties. Youth support groups also available.
100 Metro Park, Rochester, NY 14623
585-350-2500
www.hillside.com/AdoptMain.aspx

Adoption Homefinder – Chemung County DSS Child & Family Services Division
In-State Authorized Voluntary Adoption Agencies
737-5410
http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/adopt/adagcy.asp

Adoption and Foster Care Publications
www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/publications/#Adoption_and_Foster_Care

Respite

Hillside Family of Agencies
Emergency Respite Bed (ERB) seeks to provide short-term out-of-home crisis stabilization for youth who are experiencing an emotional crisis. Eligibility Criteria: Both genders / Ages 5-22. 24 hours / day.
585-256-7500
info@hillside.com
Developmental Disabilities

Parent to Parent – Southern Tier Office
A place where families of individuals with special needs, and the professionals who support them, can meet and share information Serving Chemung, Schuyler, Seneca, and Steuben Counties
210 12th Street, #210 / PO Box 205
Watkins Glen, NY 14891
(607) 535-2802 / 1-800-971-1588 / Fax: (607) 535-2802
p2pnys_southern_tier@verizon.net
f2fsoutherntier@verizon.net

Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
Finger Lakes Administrative Offices & Developmental Center
We help people with developmental disabilities live richer live People with developmental disabilities enjoy meaningful relationships with friends, family and others in their lives, experience personal health and growth and live in the home of their choice and fully participate in their communities. Serving Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming & Yates Counties
620 Westfall Road
Rochester, NY 14620
Phone: (585) 461-8500 / Fax: (585) 461-8764
www.omr.state.ny.us/

Easter Seals
Western Region
103 White Spruce Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14623
Phone:
(585) 292-5831 (Community-Based Services) 
(585)292-5830 (Diagnostic Treatment Center)
Fax:
(585) 292-9697 (Community-Based Services)
(585) 292-5847 (Diagnostic Treatment Center)
www.ny.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=NYDR_resources&s_esLocation=res

The Arc of Chemung County
Chemung ARC is a community organization committed to meeting the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities. Through community engagement and acceptance, we create opportunities for individual growth, productivity and independence. Our passion for
excellence is evidenced by our quality services, education, advocacy and family partnerships.
711 Sullivan Street
Elmira, NY 14901
734.6151
www.chemungarc.org/

Regional Center for Independent Living (RCIL)
The Regional Center for Independent Living (RCIL) assists people with all types of disabilities who want the opportunity to live independently and be active members of the community. Our core services include Information Referrals, Peer Support, Independent Living Skills Training, and Advocacy. We also offer specialty services that address a variety of needs including housing, accessibility, environmental modifications, benefits advisement, employment, and youth services.
Phone (585) 442-6470 (V/TTY) / Fax (585) 271-8558

AIM Independent Living Center
As an independent living center, AIM provides four core services: peer counseling, information and referral, independent living skills, individual advocacy and systems advocacy. These core services support many programs and services under the AIM umbrella, some of which are featured in this website. AIM turns no-one from its doors. All disabilities are welcome. There is no economic or other qualifying requirement. The Board of Directors and the staff of AIM are predominantly individuals with disabilities; they act then as peers to our consumers and have a fuller understanding of what it means to live the life of an individual with disability.
271 East First St.
Corning, NY 14830
(607) 962-8225 (Voice/TTY) / fax (607) 937-5125

cdwyer@co.chemung.ny.us

Single Point of Access into children’s service delivery system. The Department of Mental Health interfaces with both the Department of Social Services and Probation to assess identified children with severe emotional behavioral disturbance and coordinate services to these youth and their families based on the level of risk and identified needs. Admission Criteria- Mental Health primary SPOA/A Committee. A child must have a mental health diagnosis and have exhausted community-based services and be at risk of out of home placement if more intensive services are not implemented Chemung- Western Region Children's Integrated Services
414 Davis Street
P.O. Box 588
Elmira, NY 14902-0588
(607) 737-2472 fax (607) 737-5563

cdwyer@co.chemung.ny.us
Mental Health Association

Chemung County Mental Health
425 Pennsylvania Ave
Elmira, NY 14904 42.0784 -76.8028
(607) 737-5501

Chemung County Child Advocacy Center
Services Provided or Coordinated, Joint investigations in child sexual abuse, Joint investigations in child physical abuse, Joint investigations in domestic violence, On-site forensic interviewing, On-site medical exams, Off-site medical exams, Mental health evaluations, referrals, Short-term counseling treatment, Long-term counseling treatment, Counseling for non-offending family members, Court preparation, Training for schools, Community education, Child fatality review team
304 Hoffman Street
Elmira, NY 14905
607 737 8449 Fax: 607 737 8444
www.nyscarcc.org/directory/cac/chemung.php

Chemung County Multidisciplinary Team, Child Advocacy Center and the Child Fatality Review Team
Quarterly newsletter
www.chemungcounty.com/childadvocacycente

Network of Care for Behavioral Health
Network of Care for Behavioral Health is a project brought to you by Chemung County Department of Mental Hygiene with support from the Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services of Livingston County and the Social Connection.

This Web site provides a resource for individuals, families and agencies concerned with behavioral health. It provides information about behavioral health services, laws, and related news, as well as communication tools and other features. Regardless of where you begin your search for assistance with behavioral health issues, the Network of Care helps you find what you need – it helps ensure that there is "No Wrong Door" for those who need services. Perhaps most importantly it promotes Thinking, Feeling and Living EMOTIONAL WELLNESS!
http://chemung.ny.networkofcare.org/mh/home/index.cfm

Therapists

How-to-Select-an-Adoption-Therapist
http://library.adoption.com/articles/how-to-select-an-adoption-therapist.html
Clinic Plus Providers
Child and Family Clinic-Plus is an innovative program designed to improve the emotional well-being of children. The program is funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health and operated on the local level by Clinic Treatment Providers.

Child and Family Clinic-Plus programs work closely with families to help with early identification of their children's emotional needs by providing free, voluntary screenings in community settings including schools and health centers. Screening is available only with a parent or guardian's signed consent.

http://bi.omh.ny.gov/clinicplus/index/clinic_plus_directory

Chemung County

Chemung County DSS
Responsible for strengthening and preserving families, ensuring protection and permanency for children, providing placement for children who are either neglected and/or abused or have been adjudicated a Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) or a Juvenile Delinquent (JD); placement occurs when no other alternatives are possible.
Human Resource Center
425 Pennsylvania Avenue
PO Box 588
Elmira, NY 14902-0588
(607) 737-5309 / Fax: (607) 737-5500

Education

BOCES

Greater Southern Tier BOCES
Central Administrative Offices
9579 Vocational Drive
Painted Post, NY 14870
(607) 739-3581 / Fax: (607) 654-2302
www.gstboces.org

Early Childhood Direction Centers
The Special Education Office provides assistance to parents, advocacy groups, and schools related to services and programs for students with disabilities. Staff work together across various units to provide the most up to date policy and guidance, technical assistance,
professional development, and monitoring to attain equal opportunities and positive results for students with disabilities across New York State.
Mid South (Binghamton): Allegheny, Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Greene, Madison, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga Counties
Early
Southern Tier Independence Center
135 E. Frederick Street
Binghamton, NY 13904
(607) 724-2111 / Fax: (607) 722-3615

Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)
Southern Tier Binghamton District Office
Southern Tier Elmira District Office
Serving: Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins counties.
Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID) offers access to a full range of services that may be needed by persons with disabilities through their lives. Through its administration of vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs, VESID coordinates policy and services relating to: transition services for students with disabilities from school to adult services; vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities, ages 16 and older; independent living services for people with disabilities of all ages; and employer services for hiring a qualified diverse workforce.
Binghamton Office
44 Hawley St.
Binghamton, NY 13901
Phone: 607-721-8400 or 800-888-5010

Preschool

Head Start New York State Locations
www.nyheadstart.org/

CSE / CPSE - Chemung County School Districts
Contact the CSE/ CPSE Chairperson at the local school district
Elmira City School District
Elmira Heights Central School District
Horseheads Central School District

Special Education in New York State for Children
Ages 3–21 - A Parent’s Guide
Tutoring Centers

Sylvan Learning Center
3300 Chambers Rd, Horseheads, NY 14845
(607) 796-4679
http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/

Juvenile Justice ( DJJOY)

Elmira Glove House
Operates a 12 bed non secure detention site in Steuben County. We contract with them for three beds. In the unlikely event that we need more beds than they have to offer we search for a bed closest to home. When we need a secure bed, we have of list of sites to call and we try to find the one closest to home. Onondaga County is one of the sites that we use.
Karen AV Miner
Chemung County Director of Public Information
203 Lake Street
PO Box 588
Elmira, NY 14901
Phone: 607-737-2837 / Fax: 607-737-0351

County Lead Agency for PINS Diversion
Chemung County Department of Social Services
425 Penna. Ave.
Elmira, NY 14904
(607) 737-5402,
deretha.watterson@dfa.state.ny.us

Chemung County Children's Integrated Services
309 West Thurston Street, P.O. Box 588
Elmira, NY 14902
(607) 737-5582 / (607) 737-5503,
lhorton@co.chemung.ny.us
Legal / Court

Chemung County Project for Bail
210 Lake Street  POBox 588
Elmira NY 14902 Fax: 734-8898
733-6958 /732-1835 / 562-3135 / 562-7364

Elmira Youth Court
317 East Church St
Elmira NY 14901
737-5802

Chemung County Family Court
203-209 William Street
P.O. Box 588
Elmira, NY 14902-0588
Phone: (607) 737-2902/ fax (607) 737-2898

C.A.S.A. of the Southern Tier (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
936-2272

Bridges to Health

B2H Waiver services are available to children (waiver participants from birth to the participant’s 21st birthday) who, at the time of enrollment, are placed in the custody of a Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) Commissioner or the custody of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Commissioner in the Division of Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth (DJJOY).

B2H for children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED)
B2H for children with Developmental Disabilities (DD) and
B2H for children with Medical Fragility (Med F )

Region II: Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates

Hillside Children's Center
1183 Monroe Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
585-350-2513 / 585-256-7806
Miscellaneous Services

Chemung County Child Care Council
www.chemchildcare.com/

C.A.P. Program / Chemung County Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program
Free, confidential services for Chemung county teens. Clinic services include birth control supplies, exams, screenings for STD’s pregnancy tests and support for postponing sexual involvement. Weekend teen cafes & youth development programs.
734-6174 ext. 306

Big Brothers / Big Sisters of the Central Southern Tier
962-3124

Chemung County Child Advocacy Center
304 Hoffman St
Elmira, NY 14905
737-8449

Camp Get-A-Way
Camp Wyomoco in Varysburg/Camp DeWolfe in Wading River
Camp Get-A-Way is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to strengthening and supporting families. Located in Wyoming County and Peconic Dunes on Long Island, Camp Get-A-Way offers families of children diagnosed with a social, emotional or behavioral disorder the opportunity to participate in recreational and skill-building activities in a summer camp atmosphere. Children and families learn new skills, gain self-confident and have fun. It is a supportive learning environment in a traditional camp, using the “Learn, Use, Teach” model. Families can hike, swim, canoe, kayak, and participate in other traditional camp activities. At the same time, parents have the opportunity to receive support, strengthen parenting skills
www.cgaw.org

Websites

211 Helpline
We provide a comprehensive information service that is designed to assist all segments of the general population. 2-1-1 Helpline manages a database of community resources consisting of health and human service providers, non-profits, educational programs, support & civic groups, and local, city and county services for a five-county area.
2-1-1 (or 800-346-2211)
www.211helpline.org/index.asp

New York State Infertility Support Groups
Providing New York State residents with support group resources on infertility and related health issues.
www.nysinfertility.com/

Office of Children & Family Services - Day Care Facility Search
www.ocfs.state.ny.us/ccfs_facilitysearch/default.aspx

Foster Care Websites
www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/fostercare/links.asp

NACAC North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)
Promotes and supports permanent families for children and youth in the U.S. and Canada who have been in care—especially those in foster care and those with special needs. To achieve this mission, NACAC focuses its program services in four areas: public policy advocacy, parent leadership capacity building, education and information sharing, and adoption support.
www.nacac.org/about/about.html

EMK Press
Tools and resources for adoptive families and the professionals who help them. The first year home for adoptive families as they put away their travel suitcases, preconceived notions, and get down to the job of parenting...This 50 page guide offers information on a variety of subjects
http://emkpress.com/realisticexpectations.html

IFoster
Here to help those in the foster care community who raise our most vulnerable children. Our programs provide financial relief and opportunities for growth & learning that too often are unattainable luxuries for those in foster care
ifoster.org

Discounts for foster and adoptive families
www.ifoster.org/home_test0.aspx

New York State Citizen’s Coalition for Children
http://nysccc.org/

General Adoption Information
adoption.com

Job Corps

Freedom Village
North America’s Premier Home for Troubled Teens. The 150-acre campus is located just north of Watkins Glen in Western New York State. Freedom Village, founded in 1981 is an
“intensive care ward” for America’s youth and is the largest home of its kind. Thousands of young people from across America, Canada, and around the world, once labeled “hopeless” and “unreachable,” have turned their lives around through this Christian based program. www.freedomvillageusa.com/pages/index.cfm?Directory=105

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) is a unique collaboration of academic and community-based service centers whose mission is to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for traumatized children and their families across the United States. Combining knowledge of child development, expertise in the full range of child traumatic experiences, and attention to cultural perspectives, the NCTSN serves as a national resource for developing and disseminating evidence-based interventions, trauma-informed services, and public and professional education. www.nctsn.org/nccts/nav.do?pid=hom_main

My Child Without Limits
Provides you, your loved one’s best advocate, with the knowledge, resources, and network to ensure their future is without limits. While this site can be used by many people in many different ways, we suggest starting here at the Understand Section www.mychildwithoutlimits.org/

Dances of Attachment  Holly Van Gulden
We are here to help children and adults who struggle to develop healthy attachments with others because of missed essential building blocks due to loss, neglect, abuse, trauma and developmental challenges. We foster in people the capacity to receive, hold and offer to others: safety, comfort, warmth, value and joy. www.danceofattachment.org/Article%20List.html

Jed Baker, Ph.D.
Director of the Social Skills Training Project, a private organization serving individuals with autism and social communication problems. www.jedbaker.com/

Center for Family Development ( Arthur Becker Weidman)
The Center for Family Development is Western New York’s only attachment center specializing in the treatment of adopted and foster families with trauma and attachment disorder. www.center4familydevelop.com/

Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio ( Greg Keck) www.abcofohio.net/hurtchild.htm

RAD kids
RadKid.Org seeks to serve as a resource and source of mutual support for parents or others who are parenting children with reactive attachment disorder. www.radkid.org/
Evan B Donaldson Institute
Information for adoption professionals: research, policy, and practice.
www.adoptioninstitute.org/index.php

The Child Trauma Academy A not-for-profit organization based in Houston, Texas, seeking to improve the lives of traumatized and maltreated children and their families.
www.Childtrauma.org

Coaching for LIFE
is simply working toward peace, trauma sensitive and emotionally safe organizations, institutions, communities, families and individual  Julie Alvarado
www.coaching-forlife.com/

Changing The World One Child At A Time (CT WOCAT)
Dedicated to developing innovative and creative solutions to resolve issues of permanency for foster youth and finding adoptive homes for older children.
www.ctwocat.org

Deborah Gray
Specializes in the attachment, grief, and trauma issues of children in her practice, Nurturing Attachments.
www.deborahdgray.com/

The Little Prince
Support for adoptive parents whose child has Reactive Attachment Disorder
www.thelittleprince.org/

National Adoption Congress
We provide education for our members and professional communities about the lifelong process of adoption. We advocate legislation that will grant every individual access to information about his or her family and heritage.
www.americanadoptioncongress.org/adoption_links.php

Suite 101. Insights
Personality Disorders - Reactive Attachment Disorder ( RAD) / Articles
www.suite101.com/search.cfm?q=rad

Trainings

Fee-Per-Course
Foster Parent College
www.fosterparentcollege.com/
Foster Parents
www.fosterparents.com

Pierce College
www.pierce.ctc.edu/distance/ofpe

**Free**

Foster Club
www.fosterclub.com/training/index.cfm

Foster Parent Net
www.fosterparentnet.org

Child Trauma
www.childtrauma.org

Foster Club
www.fosterparentnet.org

Center for Human Development (CDHS) / Foster/Adoptive Resource Center
http://www.bsc-cdhs.org/fosterparenttraining/

Foster Club
http://booster.fosterclub.com/article/foster-parent-online-training