



## Inform Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

### This is accomplished through:

- Communication notebooks
- Phone calls to the home
- Progress reports every marking period
- Annual review of progress
- Parent and teacher conferences
- Parental resources and ongoing training offered
- Home visits

### To participate in the program, a child must:

- Be a preschool student with a disability
- Be recommended for the program by the Committee on Preschool Special Education
- Have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Be of preschool age

## Program Types

- The Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) Services provided by a Special Education Teacher in both home and regular education environments may include: daycare, private preschool, and Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs.
- The Special Class Full Day Program runs from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. The room is composed of up to 12 children, 1 special education teacher, and 2 classroom aides.
- The Special Class Integrated Setting Program runs from 8:30 am to 1:45 pm. The room is composed of up to 12 children, some with special needs; some without. This classroom is designed to promote exposure to age-appropriate skill development with 1 special education teacher and 2 classroom aides. Children must be 4 years old by December 1 to participate in this program.

## Preschool Program



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*“Pathways provides children, adults, and families with specialized programs and services in developmental disabilities, mental health, family support, traumatic brain injury, nursing home alternatives, home care, and child care. We hold ourselves accountable for meeting the expressed needs of those we support and for offering them meaningful opportunities to develop their own capabilities.”*



## Pathways' Preschool Program

The Pathways, Inc. Preschool Program opened in 1998 and is offered to preschool children from all Steuben County and some Allegany County school districts to include Addison, Alfred-Almond, Arkport, Avoca, Bath, Bradford, Campbell-Savona, Canaseraga, Canisteo-Greenwood, Dansville, Hammondsport, Hornell, Jasper-Troupsburg, Prattsburg, and Wayland-Cohocton. In September 2014 we opened three 12:1:2 special education classrooms in Chemung County serving preschool students in Elmira, Elmira Heights and Horseheads school districts.

The preschool program promotes age-appropriate skill development to assist children in achieving educational success.

### This is accomplished through:

- Individualized attention and services based on the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Creating a child friendly and inviting atmosphere
- Structured and unstructured learning centers used to develop improved learning, fine motor, gross motor, language, and social skills
- Providing supports to help the child succeed
- A team approach in transitions and coordination of services
- Maintaining strong parent communication

Our preschool program is licensed through the New York State Department of Education and the Office of Children and Family Services.

### We provide the following support services:

- Special Education
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Family Support
- 1-1 Aides
- Augmentative Communication

### The staff is trained and able to service children with various disabilities including:

- General developmental delays
- Language delays
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Pervasive developmental delays
- Cerebral Palsy
- Down Syndrome
- Hearing impairments
- Orthopedic impairment
- Neurological impairment
- Traumatic brain injury
- Visual impairments

### Other Activities at Preschool:

- Picture Exchange Communication
- Child health checks
- Introduction to pre-reading skills
- Summer programming
- Weekly team meetings

**Transportation Service:** Transportation is provided free of charge through your school district or county of residence. Families can also choose to transport their child and be reimbursed at a rate set by the county.

**Food Provision:** While at the program, the children are provided with breakfast and lunch at no cost or reduced rates depending the eligibility guidelines.

## Specialty Areas

**Speech Therapy:** Therapists are experienced in providing assistance to children with a wide range of communication difficulties. Therapy is individualized for each student to best meet the child's needs. Speech therapy may focus on developing verbal communication, using sign language or a Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), and/or improving auditory comprehension skills.

**Occupational Therapy:** Our therapists are experienced in providing treatment for fine motor and visual motor development to assist the child in developing skills needed for writing, dining, dressing, and preparing for the demands of school. They are skilled in developing supports to promote independence in children.

**Physical Therapy:** Our Physical Therapists are skilled in helping children improve joint range of motion and/or strength, in order to facilitate the development of skills such as rolling, sitting, creeping, crawling, walking, and running. These skills are so essential for improving the child's environment.

**Family Advocate/Behavior Specialist:** Provides staff, parents, and children with support for behavior management techniques and coordination of home and school collaboration. Families will also be offered referrals for community-based goods and services as needed.

