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We would like to take this opportunity to share information about our Family Support Services (FSS) program. Enclosed please find additional information.

Our Family Support Services program, which is grant funded through Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), is an in-home crisis intervention service. **Please note through this program, our providers come into the home and provide support and training to parents/caregivers in skills and strategies for addressing challenges and behaviors faced in the home and community environments (this is not a direct service for the child/individual). Some areas we assist families with include: addressing challenging behaviors, accessing their community and additional resources, developing appropriate play skills (i.e., with parents, siblings), and providing training for care providers (i.e., respite, home health aides).**

As our Family Support Services program is grant funded through OPWDD, all families must meet their eligibility requirements. **If a family does not already have eligibility for OPWDD Services, it is now a requirement that they begin the application process for eligibility, when submitting an application for our program, by calling Taconic DDRO Front Door Team at 1-844-880-2151.**

For an application or further information, please contact me at:

845-889-9616 (tel)

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Sincerely,

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FREE In-Home Support for Families

Dutchess, Columbia, Green, Putnam and Ulster Counties

- ⇒ Do you know families who would benefit from **FREE** in-home support for their child who is diagnosed with a developmental disability?
- ⇒ Did you know Anderson Center Consulting offers a Family Support Service program at **NO COST** to families of children who are eligible for OPWDD (Office for People With Developmental Disabilities) services?
- ⇒ Our Family Support Services program is a short-term, in-home crisis intervention service.
- ⇒ **Through our program, our providers come into the home and provide support and training to parents/caregivers in skills and strategies for your needs, including understanding your child's diagnosis, addressing challenging behaviors faced in the home and community environments, and finding additional resources, if appropriate (this is not a direct service for the child/individual).**
- ⇒ Again, our Family Support Services program is grant funded through the Office For People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and all families must meet their eligibility requirements. It is now a requirement that if a family does not already have Eligibility for OPWDD Services, they must begin the application process for eligibility by calling the Taconic DDRO Front Door Team at 1-844-880-2151.
- ⇒ **If families do not already have eligibility, we can begin services at the time of application or assist families in completing the necessary documentation during our first visit, if needed.**
- ⇒ To apply, please complete the Consultation Services Referral Form and return to my attention with the appropriate documentation by mail, email, or fax to 845-889-9496.

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Does your
child or
family have
difficulty...

Is your family facing any of these concerns?
Family Support Services can help!

Family Support Services

Making
friends?

About the Program

Family Support Services (FSS) is a short-term, in-home program to assist families with individuals (childhood through adulthood) with Autism or other related developmental disabilities. The services include:

- ◆ Immediate and ongoing support and instruction for families and individuals, including:
 - ◆ Learning about available resources and supports
 - ◆ Preventing and managing behavioral challenges in the home and community environments
 - ◆ Accessing their community

Accessing the
community?

Supporting Children:

While our supports are specific to each families' needs, we provide training in skills and strategies to families with young children for:

- ◆ Accessing their community
- ◆ Following routines; going out of the house
- ◆ (i.e., school, community)
- ◆ Managing challenging behaviors
- ◆ Helping your child understand when they cannot have their way

Leaving the
house?

Supporting Young Adults:

For families of young adults, we provide strategies and supports for:

- ◆ Identifying goals and objectives
 - ◆ Employment, college, leisure
- ◆ Accessing the community
 - ◆ Transportation, safety, life skills, problem solving
- ◆ Making Friends

Managing
challenging
behaviors?

Eligibility

To be eligible for services through our Family Support Services program, individuals (children or adults) must:

- ◆ Be diagnosed with a developmental disability (including Autism Spectrum Disorders)
- ◆ Meet criteria for OPWDD eligibility at time of assessment/service
- ◆ Reside with family members in Dutchess, Columbia, Greene, Putnam or Ulster County

Please contact us for additional information regarding our program

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