

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)

155 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor
Albany, NY 12210

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS YWCA, 4H, GIRLS CLUB AND BOYS CLUB, THAT HAVE, OR ARE WILLING TO DEVELOP, A STATEWIDE PRESENCE AND HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH SCHOOLS, EXPERTISE IN OPERATING SOCIALIZATION PROGRAMS AND PROVEN EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Friendship Development Opportunities for Middle School Aged Youth With and Without Developmental Disabilities

One grant of up to \$100,000 per year will be funded by DDPC for a potential three years to develop a sustainable, statewide technical assistance model that would systemically address the lack of socialization opportunities available to middle school aged youth with disabilities. Contract continuations are subject to availability of Federal funds and should not be construed as automatic. The DDPC will also review the project's progress annually for demonstrated project performance and timely submission of required grant reports.

The statewide umbrella organization created would provide support and technical assistance to local/regional affiliates to launch a variety of friendship development opportunities for youth with and without developmental disabilities aged 9-15. The applicant's program and budget narratives must provide the justification for the grant amount requested. The DDPC may also consider geographic diversity, provision of services to traditionally underserved populations, the strength of the sustainability plan, and prior history of project and grant management with the DDPC.

At a minimum, the grant recipient will:

- Develop 15-20 geographically diverse, inclusive socialization programs per year through local/regional affiliates;
- Provide technical assistance, customized information, skill building and other needed support to the local/regional affiliates to enhance the participation of youth with and without developmental disabilities in the socialization programs;
- Implement activities that will facilitate friendship development and skill development, including social skills and self-determination skills for all youth; and
- Support replication of effective practices.

The full RFP can be downloaded from www.ddpc.state.ny.us All interested applicants are asked to submit a one-page letter of intent by March 10, 2006 to Robin Worobey, Program Planner, at the address above. Letters of intent are not required but will assist the DDPC in identifying interest and the potential applicant pool. All final grant applications should be sent to Sheila Carey, Executive Director, and

must be delivered to the DDPC office by close of business (5:00 pm) on March 31, 2006.

Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Services Office

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Rochester, NY 14620

NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES **Family Support Services Funds**

The Finger Lakes DDSO is pleased to advise Not for Profit agencies of the availability of Family Support Services funds effective July 1, 2006. The Family Support Program helps families who are caring for a relative with a developmental disability living at home. The services aid caregivers and the consumers, thereby, enhancing family stability and preserving family unity. The driving philosophy of family support is to take a responsive, equitable and accessible approach to providing the services needed to support individuals with a developmental disability in their own homes and with their own families, ensuring consumer choice and involvement. Said supports include, but are not limited to: family reimbursement, recreation, respite, transportation, information and referral, and future care planning.

The total amount of available funding for this Request for Application (RFA) is \$301,748, with anticipation that an additional amount of up to \$200,000 may be available.

Based on the review of the DDP 4/Needs Assessment and Regional Consumer Councils recommendations, the following services have been identified as priorities:

- expansion of current FL DDSO FSS programs
- recreation
- respite
- transportation
- future care planning
- innovative services
- after school recreation for Rochester inner-city youth
- family reimbursement program for in-home respite expenses
- family reimbursement program for expenses related to the use of a gluten-free or casein-free diet
- information and referral services for families of individuals with Spina Bifida

The funding will be available to serve the following counties: Monroe, Chemung, Livingston, Schuyler, Steuben, Wyoming, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates.

Applications will be accepted through 12 noon on Friday April 7, 2006. For an application please fax your request to Suzanne Hamilton at 585-241-5730.

Western New York Developmental
Disabilities Office
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West Seneca, NY 14224

NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS LIVING AT
HOME

**New or Expanded Family Support Services in the Western New
York Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie,
Genesee, Niagara and Orleans**

RFP PRIORITIES:

- Parent training and advocacy
- In-home behavior training
- Increased opportunities for individuals to access community activities
- Recreation
- Expanded opportunities for additional persons to be served in existing FSS programs
- Other unmet needs identified by documented input from qualifying individuals and families

The Western New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office (DDSO) announces that up to \$313,000 (annualized amount) is available to fund new or expanded family support services in the Western New York counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara and Orleans. Special emphasis will be placed on services to support individuals currently on the NYS CARES Wait List and their families. Anticipated program start-up for successful applicants will be July 1, 2006. First year funding will be pro-rated based upon program start date. This contract may continue for up to five years, contingent upon satisfactory contractor performance and continued availability of state and federal funds. OMRDD reserves the right to award a lesser amount to best serve the interests of the State of New York. Providers of Family Support Services under OMRDD must comply with all applicable NYS OMRDD regulations and Family Support Services Guidelines.

Deadline for all RFP proposals is 4:30 PM on April 19, 2006. Two copies of each proposal must be submitted. Proposals must be received in the Office of the Director, Western New York DDSO, at the above address. Proposals postmarked with this date, but received later, will not be accepted. FAX submissions will not be accepted. OMRDD reserves the right to reject incomplete proposals, or proposals which vary from the required format. Materials to be submitted: RFP Cover Page; Response to six RFP questions (6 page limit); Budget Form (3 pages) Each proposal must contain a statement that is signed by the Director or designee of the submitting agency attesting that agency personnel has read the RFP, understands it and is bound by all conditions set forth in the RFP and the agency's proposal.

Questions may be mailed or FAXED to Christine Tremper (FAX # 716-517-3705, WNY DDSO, at the above address) by 4:30 PM on March 22, 2006. Inquiries received after that date may not be answered. Inquiries and official OMRDD responses will be provided to all agencies receiving a copy of this RFP. Official responses to all inquiries will be provided on or before March 29, 2006.