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Happiness House is a private, non-profit health and human service organization that has been serving communities in the Finger Lakes Region since 1969. Today, with sites in Canandaigua, Geneva, Gorham, and Waterloo, Happiness House offers an array of educational, therapeutic, recreational, residential, and family support programs and services for children and adults with and without disabilities. Happiness House serves 1,150 families each year.

Our staff consists of dedicated and knowledgeable professionals and clinicians who have expertise in the areas of Special Education, Early Childhood Education, Occupational, Physical, Speech, and Music Therapy, Psychology, Psychiatry, Service Coordination, Nursing, and Developmental Disabilities. Committed to serving individuals with autism, traumatic brain injury, neurological impairments, as well as a wide variety of developmental disabilities such as cerebral palsy and down syndrome, our staff partners with individuals and their families to support them in meeting their goals.

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Our Mission

Happiness House is an educational, residential, health and human service organization that excels in providing the highest quality integrated programs and services to children and adults with and without disabilities, their families, and the Finger Lakes community. Our belief in the principles of equal opportunity, independence, and realization of individual potential is the cornerstone of who we are and what we do. We believe *What Happens Here Changes Lives Forever.*

Our Vision

We envision every community being ready to welcome and utilize the talents and abilities of all individuals. Happiness House will play a significant leadership role in making this a reality. We will lead by an unwavering commitment to our consumers and their families, as well as by our cumulative skill and wisdom as a premier provider of services. Our practice of quality leadership and service provision will be based upon:

Our Core Values

- **C**ommitment to the integration of community resources to create opportunities for lifelong learning and development.
- **R**espect for the dignity and self-worth of each individual.
- **E**ducational, recreational, residential, and clinical services that are empowering, individualized, and family-centered.
- **E**xcellence in service provision.
- **D**evelopment and recognition of individuals, employees, and all others whose lives we touch.

Programs and Services

Autism Services A variety of services, including service coordination, designed to assist individuals with autism and their families in meeting the unique challenges they face.

Autism-Based Classrooms Integrated preschool opportunities designed to meet the intensive, individual needs of children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. In conjunction with related services, the classroom offers intervention strategies including positive behavior support, discrete trial teaching, social skill development, picture exchange communication system, and visual strategies.

Autism Support Group A formal support group open to anyone caring for a family member with autism. This group meets nine times per year at both our Canandaigua and Geneva sites. Respite and sibling care are provided to promote family participation.

Autism Diagnostic and Evaluation Clinic Evaluations are provided for children suspected of having a developmental disability. Licensed psychologists and/or physicians with experience in evaluating children who may be on the autism spectrum provide individuals with comprehensive diagnosis and treatment options while minimizing needless travel.

Integrated Preschool The New Friends Preschool integrates children with and without disabilities in a caring and accepting environment where each child's individual strengths are emphasized. Our preschool is certified by the New York State Education Department.

Early Intervention Program A variety of services are offered through our early intervention program, including service coordination, individual home-based therapy and education services, and developmental toddler groups at each of our centers. This program is for children ages birth to three years.

Developmental Evaluations Happiness House is an approved evaluation site for children ages birth to five years with a questionable or known developmental delay. An evaluation may be completed at home, in a community setting, or at one of our agency sites.

Child Care Licensed by the Office of Children and Family Services, this inclusive wraparound child care program is open to children ages three to five-year's old.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Available in Canandaigua, Geneva, and Waterloo, this program provides preschool opportunities for four-year old children.

Head Start Available in Canandaigua and Geneva, this preschool program for income-eligible three and four year olds emphasizes learning, health, nutrition, and family life education.

Special Education Itinerant Teacher Program SEIT supports are provided to eligible preschoolers in day care, preschool programs, or at home.

Related Services Eligible preschoolers can receive occupational, physical, and speech therapy services at home, in the community, or at one of our agency sites.

Summer Recreation Program A full-day, four week summer program designed to meet the needs of children ages five through 21 years who have physical disabilities or developmental delays. Transportation is provided.

Tweens and Teens Club Provides a recreational experience for tweens (ages 9-13) and teens (ages 14-21) with disabilities who live at home with their families. The group combines the well-established curriculums of 4-H with proven social-emotional skills training aimed at improving social experiences for individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism.

Brain Injury Programs Happiness House provides a variety of services to individuals over the age of 18 who have sustained a brain injury. The focus of these programs is to maintain or improve the individual's ability to live in the community.

Community Habilitation Assists individuals with developmental disabilities to improve or maintain their ability to live independently. The focus of this service is based on the individual's needs and interests, and is provided on a one-to-one basis in the individual's residence and in the community.

Licensed Home Care Agency Licensed to provide nursing, personal care, and home health aide services.

Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) This service assists individuals in accessing services and supports to meet their specific needs and desires. The MSC also acts as a liaison and an advocate between agencies and the individual.

Independent Living Skills Training (ILST) This service is provided in the individual's home or community. ILSTs assist individuals to develop a plan of service that meets their specific needs. These plans may address a wide variety of interests in areas such as: employment, transportation, social opportunities, fiscal independence, health and well-being, education, and maintaining a home.

Home & Community Support Services (HCSS) Assists individuals with the every day tasks necessary to live successfully and safely. This may include assistance with activities of daily living, companionship, and accessing the community (shopping and entertainment).

Service Coordination The service coordinator acts as a liaison and advocate for the individual receiving services and works with them to develop and implement a program to meet their specific needs.

Structured Day Program (SDP) This adult learning environment allows for individualized supports in a group setting. Participants have the opportunity to develop meaningful friendships with other individuals who are working on their own recovery. Individuals may select pre-vocation, technology, recreation, photography, fitness, cognitive rehabilitation, and project-based learning opportunities.

Community Integration Counseling (CIC) This service is designed to assist the individual to cope with the stress, grief, frustration, and sense of loss that can accompany a brain injury. When appropriate, the individual's family members may also receive counseling.

Developmental Disabilities Programs Happiness House provides an array of services to children and adults who have a developmental disability. Individuals may select from a menu of services to help them achieve their goals.

Residential Habilitation This service assists individuals improve or maintain their ability to live independently. Based on the persons' needs and interests, this service is provided in their residence and/or in the community.

Clinical Services Happiness House offers occupational, physical, speech, and aquatic therapies as well as psychology and psychiatry services. Our clinical team meets the needs of individuals with neurological impairments, traumatic brain injury, and developmental disabilities.

Home Services Program This program, sponsored by the New York State Elks, allows Happiness House to provide individuals assistance with referrals to meet their specific needs.

NYS Home & Community Based Waivers As an approved provider of a variety of support services for adults with TBI or other disabilities, staff help improve and maintain an individual's community living skills through services that promote independence. Services include center-based and home-based supports, and include the following waivers: Nursing Home Transition and Diversion, Office for People With Developmental Disabilities, and Traumatic Brain Injury.

Family Partnership Program This reimbursement program allows families of individuals to receive funding for items or services provided to an individual with a developmental disability. These funds help to offset the cost of adaptive equipment, learning tools, or the enhanced rate required to find sitter services.

Transitional Home Eight apartments based on the individual's needs and designed to assist with transition from their parents' home, certified setting, or nursing home to independent living.

Community Apartments A safe, cost effective environment for people with and without disabilities. Community room, kitchen facility, laundry facilities, office space, and easy access to public transportation are offered.

Respite This service provides short-term relief for caregivers of individuals with a developmental disability. Respite is offered in the individual's residence as well as in group opportunities.

