

HOME SERVICE PROGRAM

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Providing the tools for people with Developmental
Disabilities to realize their dreams and possibilities in life

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Home Visits

- ☐ Home Service Director role:
 - Outreach to individuals and families
 - Information gathering



Advocacy

- ☐ Home Service Director:
 - Information Sharing
 - Education for Empowerment
 - Helping families and individuals navigate systems and agencies

Information and Referral

- ☐ Assisting families and individuals get the benefits and services they are entitled to
 - Day habilitation, Respite, etc.
- ☐ Making links to community supports, programs and benefits
 - Special Olympics, Youth Organizations, etc.
- ☐ A person to contact as needed

Direct Services

- ☐ Home Service Director is the 'Point Person'
- ☐ Role of the Home Service Director varies by locations and need

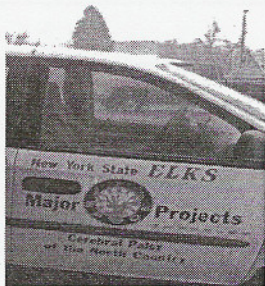
Public Education

- ☐ New York State Elks Logo on Home Service Vehicle
- ☐ Public presentations/venues
- ☐ Increased awareness to the public regarding Developmental Disabilities
- ☐ Goal: True Community Inclusion

Vehicle Utilization

-Community Access
for Families and
Individuals

-Allows Home
Service Directors to
continue their
mission to access
and help others



Why it works!

- ☐ Community Access for Families and Individuals
- ☐ Allows Home Service Directors to continue their mission to access and help others
- ☐ On behalf of all the people and lives that have benefited from the Home Service Program we extend our extreme gratitude to all of you and the New York State Elks Association. YOU are what makes it possible. YOU give us the opportunity to make the connection!

A Family Perspective

In the beginning....

- ☐there were two!

☐ Early Intervention Nurse Coordinator

- Resource to Agencies
- Coordinated Home Services for Therapies
- Referrals to Agencies
- Referrals to Physicians and Specialists

Service Coordination

- ☐ Various Providers
- ☐ Navigated System on my own at first
 - Medicaid Waiver
 - Long Process

The Agency

- ☐ Finding the 'right fit'
 - Not always a Cerebral Palsy Affiliate
 - Trust your 'gut instincts'
 - If the relationship is not working, it is OK to request a change in Service Coordinator or Agency
 - Changing Agency backs up the process
- ☐ Help was amazing once we had the right fit

Moving Day(s)

- ☐ Moving makes the process interesting
 - County to county
 - Finding the 'right fit' again
 - Availability of Services
 - None to Minimal available
 - Wait lists

Services

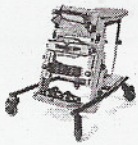
- ☐ Services we have benefitted from:
 - Service Coordination, Respite, R. R.A.P., Behavior Specialist, participation in Community Education, Cerebral Palsy Associates of New York State Annual Conference, Overnight Respite Program, Residential Access
- ☐ Wait List for Services:
 - Respite, Day Services, In-Home Services, Waiver Respite, Residential Programs

School

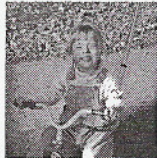
- ▣ Service Coordinator:
 - Invaluable asset
 - Works with school and parent to ensure IEP is implemented

Assistance over the Years

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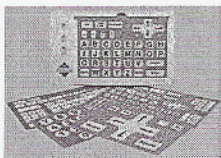


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Assistance over the Years

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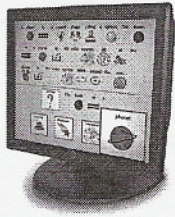


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Assistance over the Years

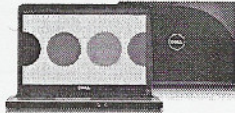
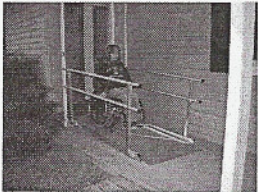
BOARDMAKER



Assistance over the Years

MOST RECENT AID:

WAITING FOR APPROVAL



Caitlin Schuler
Ambassador

Who am I?

- ☐ I am a teenager
 - with all of the friends, feelings, interests, likes, dislikes, happy moments, challenges, social issues, mood swings, loud music, attitude, goals, intelligence, dreams (like a car!), fears and hopes as any other teenager.
 - The only difference is that I have a cool wheelchair and crutches to get around with which may take a little longer but we are all going in the same direction.

My Family

- ☐ I live with my mom, twin sister, Jennifer and my brother, Aleks in Dryden, NY.
- ☐ We had a dog Buddy . Aleks has two turtles.
- ☐ My dad, Jon lives in Saratoga Springs, NY

School

- ☐ I am a Junior at Dryden Middle-High School
- ☐ I am an Honor Roll Student
- ☐ I find Integrated Algebra challenging
- ☐ I excel in English and History
- ☐ I am currently take Advanced Placement United States History
- ☐ I am in the chorus

School

- ☐ How the Home Service Director Helped:
- ☐ When I was younger
 - Visited school
 - Attended meetings with Mom and Dad
 - Made sure my IEP was implemented
 - AlphaSmart
- ☐ Now that I am older:
 - Listens to what I want to do in the future
 - Helps me plan how to get there
 - Helps Mom with access concerns
 - Helping to get a computer that I can use both at school and home

The Good.....

- ☐ School
- ☐ Friends
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Botox
- ☐ The Lake
- ☐ Friends
- ☐ Ice Cream
- ☐ The Yankees
- ☐ My Family
- ☐ Buddy
- ☐ Chocolate
- ☐ PJ Days
- ☐ Skating
- ☐ Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged

The Bad.....

- Integrated Algebra
- Oblivious people
- Falling
- Mornings!
- Really Cold Days
- Aches and Pains
- Ramps
- Heavy doors
- Science Labs
- Playgrounds

The Ugly.....

- Surgery
- Ice
- Snow
- Rain
- Getting Sick
- Being tired by Wednesday
- Me – when I am exhausted! ☹
- Fire Drills!

Interests

- MUSIC!!!
- Technology
- Production
- Reading
- Swimming
- Biking
- Laughing
- Getting my permit

Activities Over the Years

- ▣ SABAH, Inc.
- ▣ Team Manager: Field Hockey, Volleyball, Softball
- ▣ Girl Scouts
- ▣ Clarinet and Violin
- ▣ Chorus
- ▣ Adaptive Soccer
- ▣ Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged
