



Inform Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

This is accomplished through:

- Communication notebooks
- Phone calls to the home
- Progress reports every three months
- Annual testing
- Parent and teacher conferences
- Parental resources and ongoing training offered
- Monthly parent drop in events

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 Class Full Day Program begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. The room is composed of up to 12 children, 1 special education teacher, 1 classroom aide, and 1 aide/nurse.
- The Special Class Integrated Setting Program begins at 8:50 a.m. and ends at 1:50 p.m. The room is composed of 15 children, some with special needs; some without. This classroom has been designed to promote exposure to age-appropriate skill development. There is a special education teacher, a regular education teacher, and a classroom aide/nurse for this room. Children must be 4 years of age by December to participate in this program.

Preschool Program



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School Locations

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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, 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.

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
- Counseling
- Nursing
- 1-1 Aides
- Sign Language
- Augmentative Communication

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

- General developmental delays
- Language delays
- Autism
- 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
- Scholastic weekly flyers
- Introduction to pre-reading skills
- Handwriting Without Tears program
- Free screenings provided by therapists
- Family style dining
- Field trips
- Summer programming
- Daily 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 free snacks. Breakfast and hot lunches are provided at school rates.



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. Our therapists are able to develop a sensory program for children through massage and various body awareness programs.

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.

Counseling: Our counselor provides staff and parents with support for behavior management techniques. The counselor provides support to the children by helping them learn techniques for improved behavior.

Nursing: Our nurses will perform daily health checks of the children and provide medications and basic treatments as needed. They help to support a healthy preschool environment by ensuring that all of our daycare regulations are maintained. Our nurses help to teach children how to hand wash and brush their teeth.