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"Our philosophy at Happiness House is that parents and staff working together promote optimal early learning opportunities for children of all ages and their families."

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HAPPINESS HOUSE AUTISM SERVICES



Educational, support, and evaluation services for individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their families in Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties

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EVALUATION SERVICES

In the Finger Lakes area, Happiness House is recognized as a premier provider serving individuals of all ages exhibiting characteristics of or diagnosed with Autism. The Autism Diagnostic & Treatment Clinic at Happiness House provides individuals in our community with comprehensive diagnosis and treatment options while minimizing needless travel.

Evaluations are provided for children suspected of having a developmental disability. The evaluation team includes licensed Psychologists and/or Physicians with experience in evaluating children who may be on the Autism Spectrum. Using established methods including observation in a familiar setting (when possible), data is collected through formalized testing and interviews with those most familiar with the child's typical behavior. Service coordinators follow up with the family to assist them as they seek additional evaluations and appropriate service options for their child.

PRESCHOOL (CENTER) BASED SERVICES

Happiness House offers a full day integrated preschool program designed specifically for children with Autism using a behavioral approach to meet the unique needs of children on the Autism Spectrum at both the Geneva & Canandaigua locations. In partnership with our Autism Coordinator, our teachers, therapists, and paraprofessionals at our Canandaigua and Geneva locations implement specialized techniques such as Discrete Trial Teaching, Social Skill Development, and PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) to maximize and individualize learning opportunities for each child.

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Selected members of the Happiness House staff have undergone specialized training to meet the unique needs of individuals who have a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum, and have ongoing support from Happiness House's Autism Coordinator. Services include:

Therapy Services: Speech, Physical, and Occupational therapy may be provided at your home, a child care center, or at one of our program sites. Our program sites have extensive therapy equipment available to meet a variety of needs.

Service Coordination: Assists individuals and their family in locating and accessing the supports and services they need to reach their full potential. This includes medical services, benefits, funding for special needs and support with school and service provider related meetings. Service coordinators ensure smooth transitions from Early Intervention to Preschool and High School to Adult services.

Community Habilitation: A one on one service provided to individuals in their home and/or community to assist them in reaching their full potential. Individualized service plans are developed with the individual and their family and can address a variety of supports including but not limited to: improving social skills, assistance with school work, and recreation.

Preschool to School Age Transition Services: The Autism Coordinator can assist children who receive Happiness House services prior to Kindergarten with support to ensure that the transition into primary school is as seamless as possible. This is done by working closely with the family and district employees as well as the child.

Respite: A care service (for a child or adult) provided to families who have an individual with autism living in their home, which allows the full time caregiver a rest.

CARE GIVER SUPPORT SERVICES Geneva and Canandaigua Area

Finger Lakes Parents Supporting People with Autism is a support group which provides education, activities, and socialization opportunities for individuals with Autism, as well as those who care for and about them. Held monthly from September to June, these meetings include speakers in the field of Autism, family activities, and support group sessions. Child care is provided for those who accompany their caregivers to the group.

Autism Respite Training is offered on an ongoing basis to individuals who offer respite or child care for someone on the Autism Spectrum.

The Family Reimbursement program provides families with reimbursement for specialized equipment, diets, and child care associated with meeting the needs of a family member with Autism.

