



## ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES DISABILITIES SERVICES

Catholic Charities Disabilities Services provides specialized services and high quality care for children, adolescents and adults with disabilities.

Our values-based approach incorporates dignity, excellence, independence, integrity, leadership, communication, responsiveness and safety.

Services we provide include:

- Community Supports Services
- Family Support Services
- Prader-Willi Syndrome Services & Supports
- Residential Services
- Respite Services
- Self-Directed Supports

## OUR MISSION

*“Turning disabilities into capabilities; providing quality services with integrity, compassion, and respect.”*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES



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## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Many families who have a relative with an intellectual or developmental disability living at home have additional household expenses. Our Family Support Services (FSS), funded through the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), are designed to assist the family with these increased costs. These services also enhance a family's capacity to continue caring for the family member at home. Expenses covered by FSS may include: respite care, behavioral or medical consultation, community involvement, adaptive equipment, and goods and services for children and adult family members.

## RESPITE REIMBURSEMENT/SPECIAL NEEDS RESPITE REIMBURSEMENT

Respite Reimbursement Funds allow families to hire their own respite care providers, and to have their cost for the care reimbursed. Similarly, Special Needs Respite Reimbursement Funds can be provided to families caring for an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability who also has significant behavioral or medical needs. For both programs, families pay a self-hired care provider's charges. They can then submit a service log to the agency for reimbursement, up to a set, pre-approved dollar amount per year.

For examples of how special needs respite funds can be used visit: [www.ccdservices.org/fss](http://www.ccdservices.org/fss).

## PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME SERVICES

Catholic Charities Disabilities Services is a leading provider for individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS). We support individuals diagnosed with PWS and their families who live throughout New York State, providing needed support, advocacy, information and referrals. In addition, we offer a focus group which hosts knowledgeable speakers and provides open communication and support to families caring for individuals with PWS. Those individuals may live at home or are supported in a certified agency setting.

*We provide Prader-Willi Syndrome support throughout the entire state of New York.*

## IN HOME BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Short-term behavioral consultation and in-home behavioral supports are also available to families that have children or adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who reside at home and who exhibit serious, challenging behaviors.

## GOODS AND SERVICES

In addition to offering Respite Reimbursement Funds, we offer reimbursement for the purchase of goods/services that are not funded through any other sources. Prior approval must be obtained first, and the goods and services must be deemed appropriate to meet the needs of the individual with a disability living at home with family.

Examples of goods/services eligible for reimbursement include:

- Therapeutic Horseback Riding
- Swim Lessons
- Camp Fees
- Piano Lessons
- Recreational Expenses
- Gym Memberships
- Sensory Items/Equipment
- Exercise Equipment
- Adult Education Classes
- STAR Bus Coupons

## OUTREACH

Catholic Charities Disabilities Services partners with Catholic Charities of Fulton/Montgomery Counties to foster relationships and encourage collaboration with individuals, institutions and leaders in the Hispanic community. Our goal is to raise awareness and encourage acceptance of the supports offered through the FSS Grant by families within the Hispanic community. We strive to better inform families of the benefits available through the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) system.

**To contact someone at Catholic Charities of Fulton/Montgomery Counties call: 518.842.4202**



## HOW TO APPLY FOR FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES (FSS)

In order to apply, individuals must have eligibility approval from the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). The family member with the intellectual or developmental disability must also live full-time in the family home.

Through an application and committee review process, families are approved for the reimbursement of services and goods based on the individual and family needs. All applications for reimbursement will be reviewed against established criteria. Requests will be reviewed by a committee that includes family members of individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability. Applications may be submitted at any time, to any of the Family Reimbursement Programs, by individuals, families, case managers or advocates. The committee will meet regularly to review applications.

We provide Family Supports Services in the following nine counties: Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Warren, Washington, Fulton, Montgomery and Schoharie.

For an application or more information, contact our Family Supports Coordinator at the phone number or e-mail listed below, or visit us at: [www.ccdservices.org/fss](http://www.ccdservices.org/fss).

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***Services are available to all regardless of age, race, lifestyle or religious affiliation.***