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Agencies Partner for Family Advocacy Day on January 7, 2010

Elmira, NY – Families of people served by Chemung ARC and CP of Chemung County, as well as agency representatives will be meeting with Senator George Winner and Assemblyman Tom O'Mara on Thursday, January 7, 2010 for a state-wide Family Advocacy Day at 10 a.m. at Chemung ARC, 711 Sullivan Street, Elmira, NY. The purpose of the meeting is to encourage area legislators to preserve services for people with developmental disabilities by opposing cuts to the New York State OMRDD (Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities) budget for 2010-2011.

In the face of huge State deficits, it has been made clear that this year's State budget will contain huge cuts for all state-funded groups. Further cuts to OMRDD could severely impact programs for persons with developmental disabilities and impact staffing of agencies that receive state funding.

Chemung ARC and CP of Chemung County invite the media to attend Family Advocacy Day to further understand the necessity for our services and what lives would be like without them.

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