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**Agencies Partner for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Advocacy Day  
on March 25, 2011**

**Elmira, NY** – Self-advocates and families of people supported by Chemung ARC and Able2, as well as agency representatives will be meeting with Senator Tom O'Mara and Assemblyman Chris Friend on Friday, **March 25**, 2011 at **10:30 a.m.** at Able2, 398 Old Ithaca Road, Horseheads, NY. The purpose of this state-wide Advocacy Day meeting is to encourage area legislators to preserve services for people with developmental disabilities by opposing cuts to the New York State OPWDD (Office for People with Developmental Disabilities) budget for 2011-2012.

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

Chemung ARC and Able2 invite the media to attend this second annual Family Advocacy Day to further understand the necessity for our services and what lives would be like without them.

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