

Giving Back to the Community

In a given year, on average, the JAWS Program provides a total cost savings of approximately \$12,000 to the community in cleaning,

Worksites for the JAWS Program include:

Chemung County Family Fitness Center
Chemung County Parks • Chemung County Youth Bureau • Elmira Little Theater • Elmira Psychiatric Center • Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery • Harris Hill Park • Horseheads First United Methodist Church • North Chemung United Methodist Church • Southside Community Center • Tanglewood Nature Center
Town of Big Flats Parks • Town of Southport Parks • Woodlawn National Cemetery
Woodlawn Youth Center

The JAWS Program services not for profit agencies, organizations, local parks and cemeteries and welcomes opportunities for new worksites on a continual basis.

“The Southside Community Center has been working with JAWS for over nine years and it has always been a very professional and beneficial experience for all of those involved. Not only does it assist us with our cleaning expenses, the group of young people and JAWS Program Supervisors are so thorough and do a spectacular job cleaning our center. We always look forward to Saturdays with the JAWS Program.”

*- Pamela Noviello
Executive Director
Southside Community Center*

Program Staffing

- JAWS Program Supervisors are responsible for supervising and directing the work of program participants in accordance with established policy and direct supervision by the JAWS Program Coordinator.
- JAWS Program Supervisors are certified in CPR and first aid.
- JAWS Program Supervisors must have at least a (2) year degree in Human Services, Social Sciences, Education, Criminal Justice or other related fields from a regionally accredited or NY State college and/or (2) years of experience working with youth.

*Looking for flexible hours
and great starting pay?
Interested in working with
youth?*

*Apply for a JAWS Program
Supervisor Position today!*

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A Program of the Chemung County Youth Bureau & Recreational Services

JAWS

Juvenile Assigned Work Service Program



Program Description

Developed in 1995, The Chemung County Juvenile Assigned Work Service Program (JAWS) is designed to give consequences to and prevent further involvement or placement of youth ages 7 to 17 currently involved in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice System or the Child Welfare System. The Chemung County Department of Youth Bureau and Recreational Services JAWS Program provides a safe, supervised, structured environment in which youth can perform their assigned community service.

Referrals received for the JAWS Program are made possible through the collaborative effort between the Chemung County Department of Youth Bureau and Recreational Services and the following referral sources: the Chemung County Family Court System, Chemung County Probation Department, Chemung County Children's Integrated Services and most recently, the Glove House Evening Support Center.

"The J.A.W.S. Program teaches our youth about hard work and good work ethic, especially for those who are not taught at home the importance of helping family members or others in their community."

*- Timothy Campbell,
Probation Officer, Chemung
County Probation Department*

Work Service Projects



The referring agency will specify the number of days to be completed by each participant. Work service projects cater to the needs of scheduled not for profit agencies, organizations or municipalities that comply with NYS Labor Law guidelines for minors.

On a given work day, no more than ten youth work directly under the constant supervision of two paid program supervisors. The Program Coordinator is on call while the program is in operation.

Work service projects are typically scheduled for Saturdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Work service projects are scheduled throughout the entire year with the exception of major holiday weekends. Services may include general indoor cleaning, organization and building maintenance and outdoor raking, brush and garbage removal and basic landscaping of grounds.

Program Facts

- Funding for the JAWS Program is provided by the County of Chemung, Department of Social Services, and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.
- Safe, reliable transportation of participants to and from worksites is provided through a partnership with the Elmira Psychiatric Center.
- A minimum of two program supervisors, certified in CPR and First Aid, accompany participants at each work site.

Program Success

- Since the program's inception in 1995, 930 of 1089 or 85% of program participants have successfully completed the program.
- On average, 92% of program participants report a sense of accountability and responsibility for their actions upon the completion of their community service hours through the JAWS Program.

