

UNITED WAY OF BROOME COUNTY



Agency Name: YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County, Inc.

Program Name: Young Wonders Early Childhood Center

Program Success Story:

One family we have been servicing for the past year includes a young girl who began attending Young Wonders when she was 9 months old. Her mother was on Welfare-to-Work at the time and the baby had several developmental delays as well as separation anxiety. We have been able to help the child receive special education services and over the course of her four years with us she has graduated out of needing those special education supports. She has been participating in the universal pre-k program this year as her final year with us and she is now on track to attending kindergarten this fall with no developmental delays.

The girl and the mom have become so attached to the staff at the center that even though she is in the pre-k room at the moment, she makes it a point to go around every day when picked up to say goodbye to her teachers that she had in other classrooms. Mom was successful in attaining a job that she held for a period of three years until recent layoffs have unfortunately put her back out on the job hunt. Fortunately, because of the universal pre-k program, the child did not have to stop attending our program. She otherwise would have no longer been able to receive day care subsidies to pay for tuition since she is not currently eligible for Welfare-to-Work programs.