

Saturday Friends

Socialization/Respite Program for Children and Families

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Location

The Arc, Oneida-Lewis
Frederick R. Illg Day Hab Center
9081 River Road
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Time

Second & Fourth Saturdays
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Saturday Friends is a socialization and supported play program designed to offer fun, safe and appropriate activities for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other Developmental Disabilities, friendship and understanding for siblings and respite, support and education for parents. This program is offered on most second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

Trained Arc staff and volunteers from local high schools and colleges focus on creating an atmosphere that encourages interaction and involvement. Activities and materials are planned around children's strengths and needs.

Siblings have the opportunity to meet and form friendships with other siblings. These children will gain a better understanding of the abilities of children with disabilities while they provide positive role models for play and communication.

A child must be Medicaid Waiver eligible to participate in the **Saturday Friends** program. The program is designed for children ages 5 to 10.

Reservations are required.