

CHEMUNG COUNTY



SCHOOL  
READINESS  
PROJECT

**SUCCESS IN SCHOOL BEGINS AT BIRTH**

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# Purpose

***More of Chemung County's children will start school as able learners.***

All SRP services work together to cut in half the percentage of Chemung County children unprepared for kindergarten.



**IT'S FOR  
EVERYONE!**

**Available across the county:**

*Elmira*

*Elmira Heights*

*Horseheads*

*All outlying towns and villages*

**Benefits all caregivers of one or more children ages birth through 5:**

*Every income level*

*Every parent age group*

*Every educational background*

# At A Glance

## SRP KEY FACTS!

**Began:** 2006

**Commitment:** *Five-year, \$15 million project led by the Community Foundation with support from Chemung County and New York State*

**Proven Model:** *Activities based on successful examples from across the U.S.*

**Results-focused:** *Program evaluation conducted by Columbia University Teachers College researchers*

### **What is the Chemung County School Readiness Project?**

It is a ground-breaking new early child development system in Chemung County that helps children ages birth through 5 to develop a strong basis for learning.

### **What is “school readiness”?**

The term refers to the set of skills all children need as a basis for learning by the time they enter kindergarten.

### **What does SRP do?**

It prepares young children for successful learning through four crucial services: *home visits from trusted nurses; excellent early education programs; parent learning opportunities; physical and behavioral health activities.*

# SRP Services

## Nurse Home Visiting

*Because they really don't come with instructions...this service is open to all Chemung County parents when their baby is born. Nurses trained in child development visit homes to support maternal health, children's development, and parents' access to community resources.*

## Excellent Early Care and Education Programs

*Along with nurturing at home, experiences in high-quality programs prepare young children for further learning. SRP works to increase availability of quality early education programs as well as to support early learning professionals as they strive to obtain and maintain excellence in programming.*

## FIVE KEY IDEAS!

**Born Learning offers five key ideas for adults to help give young children a great start:**

- \* *Understand and respond to your baby's needs.*
- \* *Take care of yourself so you can take care of your child.*
- \* *Talk, sing and read to your child.*
- \* *Create a predictable world for your child.*
- \* *Provide a warm and loving environment.*

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# SRP Services

## **Parent Learning Opportunities**

*Parents are their children's first and best teachers. Everyone brings unique strengths to the job of parenting. SRP offers convenient, welcoming opportunities for parents to learn new ideas that build on their strengths and make parenting easier.*

## **Physical & Behavioral Health Activities**

*Healthy, happy children learn better. SRP works to increase awareness about important pediatric health topics and to provide community connections to physical and behavioral health services.*



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