

UNITED WAY OF BROOME COUNTY



Agency Name: Broome County YMCA
Program Name: School Age Child Care
Program Success Story: Adaptation

Christopher entered kindergarten and the YMCA Afterschool Program this year without any previous experience in a controlled social setting. It was a challenge at first to follow rules, play with others, share and communicate what he wanted and needed without a struggle. While some teachers knew right away that he had some kind of learning disability, we believed time and consistency both at school and at the YMCA were what he needed to adapt. Within a few months he has adjusted to the program, follows rules and plays well with the other children in the program. We are continuously working on his communication skills when something is bothering him rather than him shutting down as he did in the beginning of the program.