

# Family Service Society, Inc.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you about an important change regarding the Advantage After School Program at Corning-Painted Post School District. Unfortunately, the Office of Children and Family Services has eliminated funding for Advantage programs across the state. Despite this setback, we have been diligently working with the CPP administrators and community partners to ensure that the Advantage program can continue for our middle schoolers.

For over 20 years, Advantage has been a licensed school-age child care program in Corning, providing valuable after-school care for our children. Now that state funds are no longer available, we are collaborating with the Steuben County Child Care Council, led by Pro Action to establish a Child Care Assistance Program at Advantage. This new funding source will allow many of the youth we serve to receive free after-school programming. However, some families may need to pay a daily or weekly fee for their child to continue receiving care.

We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible. With the support of the Child Care Assistance Program, we are able to offer various levels of state coverage or scholarship funding to cover program fees. Many of our families will not need to pay at all.

To move forward in checking your eligibility for assistance, please contact Pro Action Child Care Council for an intake on weekdays from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM at 607-776-2126 ext. 2113 and talk to the Parent Education Counselor. All parents will need to complete a separate registration form with Family Service Society, Inc., just as you have in previous years with the Advantage Program. We will also have a separate scholarship process for families who do not meet criteria for public financial support. Once registration and eligibility are confirmed, a member of our team will be in touch to discuss any applicable payment schedules and answer any questions you may have.

Our goal is to keep Advantage running with minimal expense to the families we serve. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this new process. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about registration or programming questions, please contact us at [Advantage@familyservicesociety.org](mailto:Advantage@familyservicesociety.org) or 607-936-3507.

Warm regards,

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