



Agency Name: National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Upstate New York Chapter, Inc.

Program Name: Multiple Sclerosis Knowledge, Independence and Health

Program Success Story:

Approximately 1½ years ago a young woman came to the office seeking information about multiple sclerosis. It turned out that her younger sister, only 13 at the time, had just been diagnosed with MS. The younger girl and family were living in Jordan at the time and the older sister wanted to learn as much as possible about the disease.

The older sister spent much time reading our MS news sheets, Research Updates, using our lending library and gaining information and knowledge about MS and treatments that she was able to send to her family living overseas. A few months later the family moved back here to Vestal, where the young daughter with MS enrolled in school and sought local treatment for her MS.

The entire family has frequented the MS office to learn more about living with MS. They are now active participants in educational programs, support groups, and chapter events. Though the teen's MS remains active and progressive, she and the family are much better able to cope with the disease because of the education and support afforded by our programs and services.