



Agency Name: Broome County YMCA  
Program Name: Y's Kids Early Child Care  
Program Success Story:

Susan came to the Broome County YMCA Child Care Center through a phone call from the Department of Social Services Preventive Protective Unit. Her mother was a recovering drug user and was to take part in continued therapies. Susan was an infant with many challenges. She was born prematurely and had physical limitations and difficulties. She was diagnosed with a severe curvature of her spine. Her mother was very concerned about where Susan was going to be placed while she was at her therapies. She was involved with Susan's needs but had many of her own.

While in our care, Susan began to receive speech and physical therapy services through the Broome County Health Department's Early Intervention Services. She began to walk and talk. Her mother continued her own services and followed through with any requests made for Susan. She was referred through her pediatrician to Shriner's Hospital for an examination of her spine. To help with her severe curvature, she was fitted for a body cast to help correct the spine. She is currently in the cast and has to have it changed every several weeks.

Susan's mother has been open to discussions with all staff who come in contact with Susan. She recently came into the director's office to get input on how to handle common concerns for a two year old. She continues to seek support from the center's teachers and supervisors.

Susan and her mother have overcome many obstacles. We have seen both Susan and her mother reach many goals for themselves and are pleased we could support them through everything they have endured.