

# Putnam Recreation Programs and Habilitation

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## I. Description of the Agency

Putnam Recreation Programs and Habilitation (PRPH) a parent founded non-profit Corporation incorporated in 1979. It provides community-based recreation, socialization, and respite services to Putnam County residents.

## II. Services Provided

An array of events is conducted year-round in community-owned venues that offer participants the most normalized and least restrictive environments where the free choice of expression and activity decisions are exercised. The organization offers professional supervision during activity choices as well as important family outreach, transportation, and respite care services as required by each participant.

## III. Mission Statement

PRPH provides high quality recreation services in normalized settings for residents of Putnam County who are Developmentally Disabled regardless of ability to pay for these services.

## IV. Population Served

PRPH serves over 125 families who have a family member is eligible for services from age 7 – Adult. Participants reside at home with family caregivers. Accommodation for the person's care needs, assistive technology devices, and unique personality traits are all part of participation decisions. Participants are typically qualified for services by NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities – Family Support Services.

## V. Significant Events and Accomplishments

- Holiday and Summer Camps at Veteran's Memorial Park
- Weekly Sports Training (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer)
- Seasonal Socials and Dinner/Dances
- Special Olympic Team and Individual Sports Competitions
- Aquatic Participation and Instruction
- Golf Instruction by the Pro at Putnam County Golf Course
- Community Trips to popular venues throughout Putnam County
- Participation in Community Cultural Events (parades and street fairs)
- Evening Social events (line dancing, and Bingo Nights)
- Annual Gingerbread Decorating Party (continuous since 1979)

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### **VI. Staffing**

The Agency is guided by an elected and volunteer Board of Directors consisting of Parents and other interested community partners. Operations are guided by a part-time Executive Director and a part-time staff consisting of 25 part-time activity facilitators. Programs are staffed to ensure participant safety and maximum support. Staff support varies by program activity.

### **VII. Sources of Revenue**

- Putnam County Legislative and Executive Contract
- Office of Children and Family Services through Putnam County Youth Bureau Sports Training Grant
- NYS Office of People with Developmentally Disabilities – Family Support Services
- The Carmel Rotary Club
- The Nearing Buttremuk Foundation
- The Mary Clancy Charities
- Un-Restricted Donations from many generous individuals
- Organization sponsored Fund Raising Events – Memorial Bowling Tournament, Mother’s Day Plant Sale at Veteran’s Memorial Park, Annual Golf Outing, Annual Brunch and Silent Auction at Putnam County Golf Course

### **VIII. Goals for 2026**

- PRPH looks forward to being a partner with the County Executive and the Legislature to provide an important service to an historically underserved constituency.
- Continuously evaluate services maintain high standards in the most fiscally efficient way possible.
- To continue to support the dedicated staff who are the backbone of the organization.
- To meet or exceed the expectations of our various partners and stakeholders.