

Washington, DC -- Today, U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) announced \$1,700,265 for Opportunities for Otsego, Inc from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to administer Head Start programs in Otsego County.

“As the father of two children, I know how important it is to provide all children with a solid foundation so they can succeed in school and later on in the workplace,” **Arcuri said**. “I am glad to see local tax dollars come back to Otsego County that will allow Opportunities for Otsego to provide services to local children and families.”

“It is vitally important that efforts continue to be made to work with low income families with very young children,” **said Dan Maskin, Chief Executive Officer of Opportunities for Otsego, Inc** . “This continued funding allows us to provide services in 11 classrooms in communities in Otsego County as well as critical home visiting and outreach services in extremely rural areas.”

Opportunities for Otsego, Inc provides Head Start programming for 295 children and Early Head Start for 100 children and families.

In the 110th Congress, Arcuri voted for the Improving Head Start Act of 2007 (H.R.1429) to improve and reauthorize federal funding for Head Start programs through 2012. Head Start was created in 1965 and provides the most vulnerable preschool-aged children with a pre-kindergarten education, health and nutrition programs, and social development activities.

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