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CIP Activities Include:

- Volunteer Opportunities: Meals on Wheels, Local Nursing Home, Food Pantry, Friendly Visitor, Goodwill and More!
- Each participant chooses his/her community outings daily.
- Individuals decide if they want to come 1-5 days per week.
- Door-to-Door transportation is provided.

To be eligible for the CIP program, participants must:

- Have eligibility through the NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).
- Be enrolled in or eligible for Medicaid.
- Live within 20 miles of our Center in Newburgh, NY.