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## "Magic Paintbrush" coming to Norwich, volunteers needed

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NORWICH – Sometimes a mess can be a beautiful thing. Sometimes, we spend too much time trying to clean one up before it's allowed to happen.

That's the message behind "The Magic Paintbrush Project," an exercise in expression for the developmentally disabled and their families that's scheduled to land this summer at the Chenango County Council of the Arts in Norwich.

Armed with only themselves, a colorful array of paint and a room covered in canvas, project participants are welcomed into a place where their challenges and hardships don't matter, program founder and coordinator Jennifer O'Brien said.

"We focus on the child's ability, rather than their disability," said O'Brien, a Greene resident. "It's a place where these kids can come and just have fun and act like kids."

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