

Manhattan Transition Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair: Kathy Kelly

Co-Chair: Lucy Kramer

Meeting Minutes: 4/9/2014

**Next Meeting: 5/14/2014 @
AHRC, NYC – 83 Maiden Lane – 11th Floor**

Announcements/Adult Day Service Vacancies:

Contemporary Guidance Services (CGS) – Openings in School Holiday Respite in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

AMAC – Openings in Day Hab for individuals with an Autism Diagnosis and Waiver Eligible.

AHRC, NYC – Openings in Supported Employment & Day Hab without Walls. Also openings in Overnight/Emergency In Home Respite.

UCP, NYC – Openings in Day Hab & Supported Employment. Also Openings in Overnight Respite.

UCP NYC is hosting a Front Door Information Session on May 14th See Attached

See attached Vacancy Announcements for additional contact information.

Re-Cap of Student Information Exchange Held on March 12th:

The committee discussed the feedback on the Student Information Exchange event held on 3/12 at P79M. The committee thanked Jennifer Woo & P79 for hosting the event and for the calm manner in which the events of the day with the nearby explosion were handled. It was reported that a few agency representatives were not able to get in the building that morning, no reports of families not able to make it were identified. Those that did attend found it informative and helpful. There was some discussion on whether the Student Information Exchange is worthwhile given the very limited number of families that attend. This year there were 6 family members who signed in & about 7 students. There were 2 additional agencies represented at the event who normally don't attend the ongoing meetings. Some committee members felt that it may be more effective to carve out some of the time at our monthly meetings for the Networking/Information Exchange. We can also explore other ways to reach the families. A decision was not made at this meeting and we will bring it up for discussion at our early Fall meetings later this year.

Status of 2014 Graduates:

The school transition staff reported on the number of graduates they have and the status of where they are in the process of securing adult services. It is estimated that approximately 70 students will be seeking services through OPWDD. Of these, approximately 15 have placements identified. The remainder are all still in the process of having evaluations and OPWDD Eligibility Determinations completed. It was re-iterated again that all 2014 Graduates will need to go through the Front Door Process and the school staff continue to work with Evette Herdsman from Metro DDRO.

**NEXT MEETING:
MAY 14, 2014
AHRC, NYC
83 MAIDEN LANE – 11TH FLOOR**

MANHATTAN TRANSITION COMMITTEE
SIGN IN SHEET
APRIL 9, 2014

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ADULT DAY SERVICES VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
APRIL 9 2014

AGENCY: CGS

TYPE OF PROGRAM: School Holiday Respite

SITE ADDRESS: 52 Broadway 4th Floor

CONTACT PERSON: Leonidas Lee TELEPHONE #: 646-214-1315

E-MAIL: LEE@CGSNYC.ORG

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: DD diagnosis, ages 14-21
Brooklyn + Manhattan

AGENCY: Association for Metroarea Autistic Children, Inc (AMAC)

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Day-Hab

SITE ADDRESS: 25 W 17th St, NY NY 10011

CONTACT PERSON: Goran Bogut TELEPHONE #: 212-645-5005 x 4406 + 3309

E-MAIL: Goran.Bogut@amac.org

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: 21+ Autism diagnosis, Waivered

AGENCY: AHBC Manhattan EBS

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Supported Employment / Group Day Hab w/o Walls

SITE ADDRESS: 254 W. 29th St, 6th Floor NY NY 10001

CONTACT PERSON: Melissa Renz TELEPHONE #: (212) 634-8673

E-MAIL: Melissa.Renz@ahbc.nyc.org

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Supported Employment - ACCES-VR/OPWDD Eligible 18 & up
Day Hab - OPWDD eligible / waiver-enrollment

AGENCY: UCP of NYC

TYPE OF PROGRAM: DAY HAB / Supported Employment

SITE ADDRESS: 23rd Street + W 154th Street

CONTACT PERSON: Project Connect TELEPHONE #: 877-827-2666

E-MAIL: projectconnect@ucpny.org

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Supported Employment - ACCES-VR ~~for~~ Eligible with
DD. DAY HAB - 21+ OPWDD Eligible.

AGENCY: General Human Outreach Inc (GHO)

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Day Hab & DAY HAB w/o wall

SITE ADDRESS: QNS & Manhattan

CONTACT PERSON: Pat Liu Chen TELEPHONE #: 718-307-6563

E-MAIL: pat@GHONC.ORG

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Waiver eligibility;

MEDICAID SERVICE COORDINATION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
APRIL 9, 2014

AGENCY: CGS
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Day Hab without walls
SITE ADDRESS: 52 Broadway 4th Floor
CONTACT PERSON: Leonidas Lee TELEPHONE #: 646-214-1315
E-MAIL: LEE@CGSNYC.ORG
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: DD diagnosis, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx transportation available.

AGENCY: AHRC Manhattan EBS
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Supported Employment / Group Day Hab w/o walls
SITE ADDRESS: 254 W. 29th St 6th Floor NY, NY 10001
CONTACT PERSON: Melissa Benz TELEPHONE #: (212) 634-8673
E-MAIL: Melissa.Benz@ahrcny.org
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Supported Employment - ACCES-UR eligible / OPWDD Day Hab - OPWDD eligible / waiver enrolled Ages 18 and up

AGENCY: _____
TYPE OF PROGRAM: _____
SITE ADDRESS: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: _____
E-MAIL: _____
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: _____

AGENCY: General Human Outreach Inc. (GHO)
TYPE OF PROGRAM: MSC - Manhattan & ONS
SITE ADDRESS: Pat Liu Chang - Manhattan & ONS
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: _____
E-MAIL: _____
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: _____

Medicaid required, bilingual staff available (Cantonese & Mandarin + Koreans)

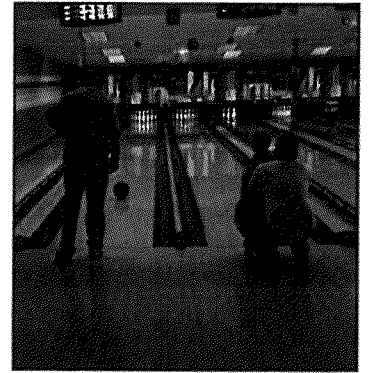
AGENCY: General Human Outreach Inc. (GHO)
TYPE OF PROGRAM: FSS / Case Manager generalist
SITE ADDRESS: MSC - Manhattan & ONS
CONTACT PERSON: Pat Liu Chang TELEPHONE #: _____
E-MAIL: _____
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: non-Medicaid, bilingual staff (Cantonese + Mandarin) Korean

United Cerebral Palsy of New York City

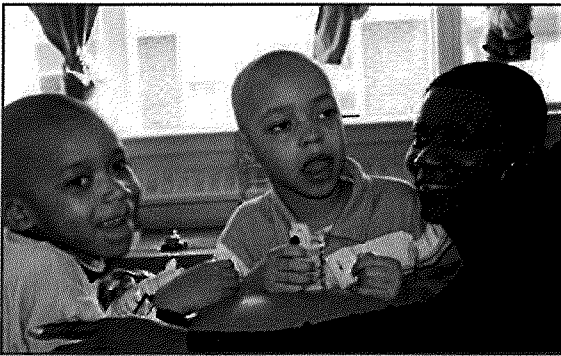
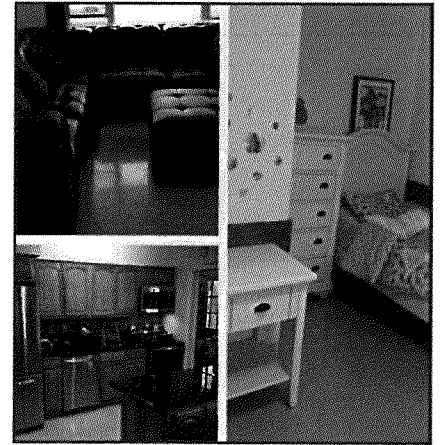
RESPIRE PROGRAM



UCP of NYC Overnight Respite Program offers temporary overnight relief for families in New York City who need a break from the continuous demands of caring for a family member who is developmentally disabled.

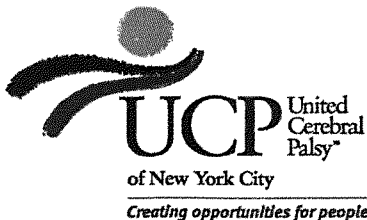


Located on the grounds of UCP of NYC's Hausman Campus in the Pelham Gardens neighborhood of the Bronx, families can be assured of a safe, comfortable, homelike and caring environment for their loved one. With a basketball court and picnic area on 12-acres of land, it's like having a park right in your backyard!



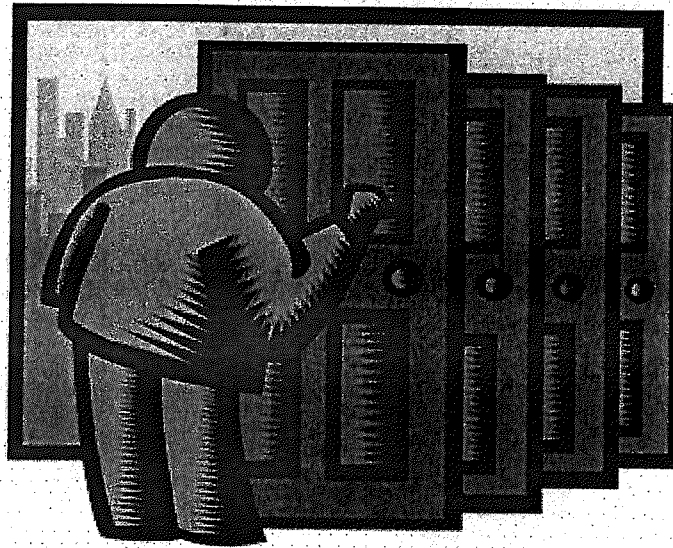
The freestanding residence is completely wheelchair accessible, open 24-hours a day, seven days a week, and is available at no cost to families living in the five boroughs. The program is open to children and adults and can accommodate individuals with multiple disabilities. Wi-Fi available for assistive technology devices.

We also provide **free transportation** for those living in, Manhattan, Staten Island, Queens, and Brooklyn.



For more information please contact
PROJECT CONNECT 1.877.827.2666
projectconnect@ucpnyc.org
www.ucpnyc.org

United Cerebral Palsy of NYC
Family Connect
Presents a workshop for Parents and Professionals on
OPWDD Front Door Information Session



United Cerebral Palsy of NYC-Family Connect welcomes you to a **FREE** presentation by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities Front Door Information Session for individuals who are seeking services for the first time or who are interested in modifying current services. You will learn about the three-step process necessary to be able to use the services:

- Eligibility Determination
- Assessment
- Service Authorization and Implementation

Wednesday, May 14th, 2014

10:00AM

122 East 23rd Street, Room 211

New York, NY 10010

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Family Connect

718-436-7979 Ext. 704

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Familyconnect@ucpnyc.org

Spanish translation available



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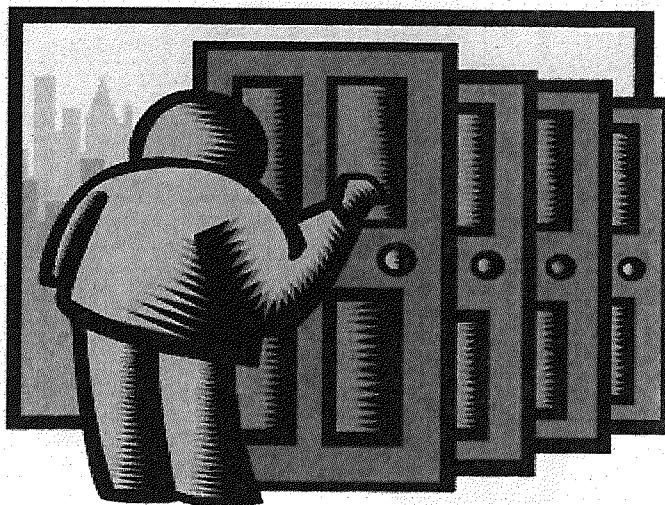
Creating opportunities for people with disabilities

United Cerebral Palsy of NYC Family Connect

Presenta un taller para padres y profesionales

OPWDD (Front Door)

Sesión de Información sobre la Puerta de Entrada



Family Connect les da la bienvenida a una sesión proveída por la Oficina de Developmental Disability (OPWDD) para individuos que están buscando servicios por la primera vez o que desean modificar los servicios que poseen actualmente. Usted aprenderá los tres pasos necesarios para que usted pueda usar los servicios.

- Determinación de Elegibilidad
- Evaluación
- Autorización de Servicios e Implementación

Miércoles 14 de Mayo 2014

10:00am

122 East 23rd Street, Room 211

New York, NY 10010

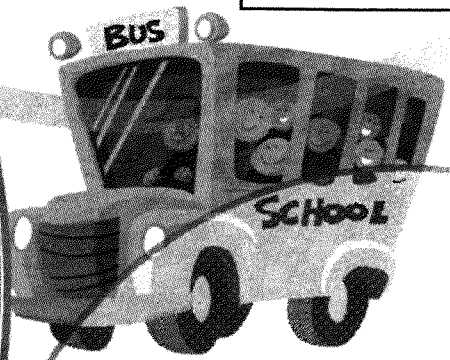
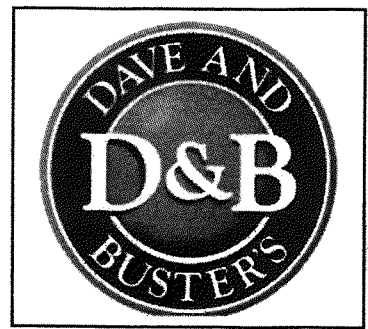
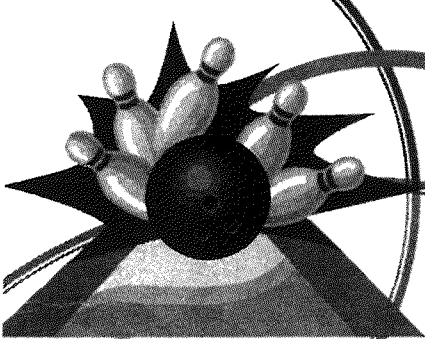
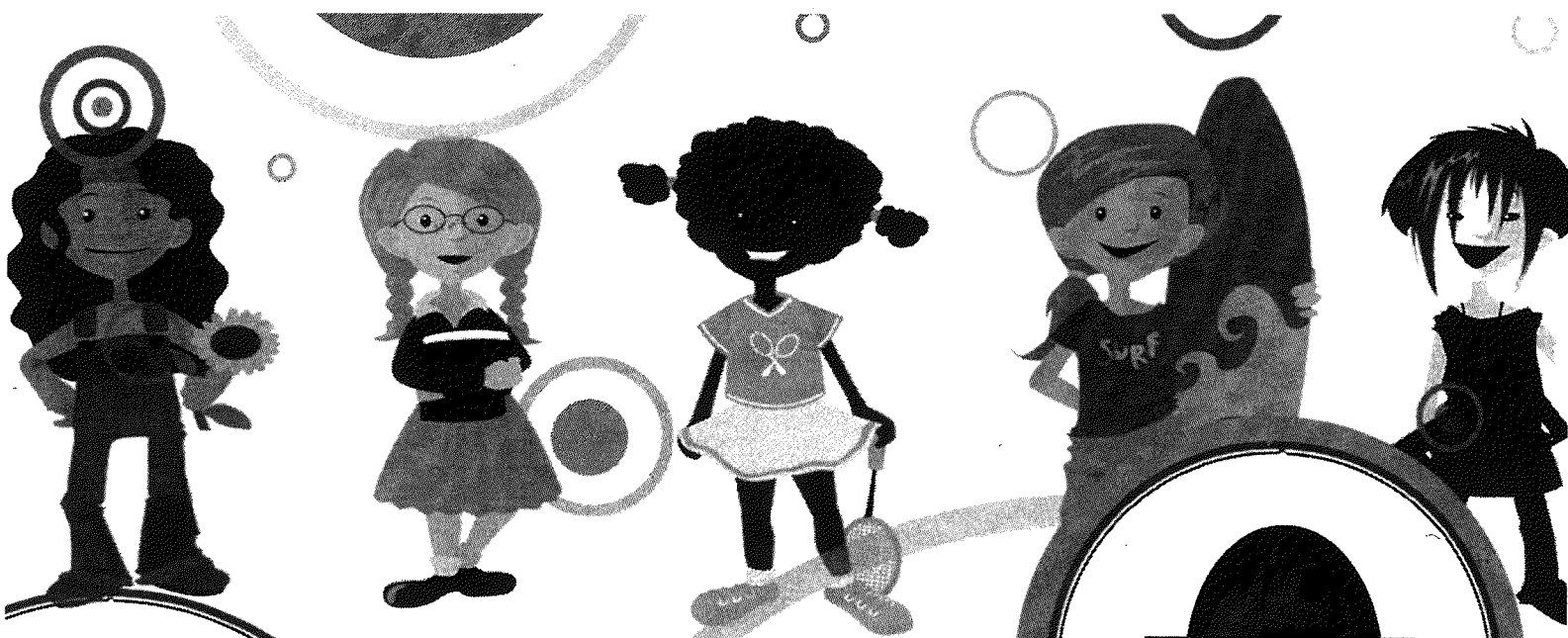
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School Holidays Respite Program (HCBS WAIVER)

**Ages 14-21
Medicaid Eligible
Must reside in Brooklyn or Manhattan
Diagnosed with a Developmental Disability**

Our School Holidays Respite Program provides a variety of safe, age-appropriate, and supervised activities the days public schools are closed. Sharing bowling, movies, apple-picking, playing sports and visiting the South Street Seaport with their new friends from the program are just a few examples of what our School Holidays Respite Program participants have enjoyed! It provides the families of program participants the peace of mind that comes from knowing that their son or daughter is developing skills that foster independence and confidence while enjoying a program supervised by experienced professionals. Transportation in the form of door-to-door pick-up/drop-off is provided.

Contemporary Guidance Services Inc.
52 Broadway,
4th FL
New York, NY 10004

For more information contact:
Ms. Leonidas Lee- Outreach Coordinator
Office: 646-214-1315 ~ E-mail: LLEE@CGSNYC.ORG

Phone: 212-577-5517
Fax: 212-991-6652



APRIL 2014
AHRC PROGRAM VACANCIES
www.ahrcnyc.org

Please look through this list of services offered by AHRC that have projected vacancies for April (or immediately) and contact the person indicated if you have someone who is in need of the service.

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Queens Teens Saturday recreation program for teens ages 13 – 19. Will meet in a central spot in Queens, and offer socialization and recreation opportunities. All programming, staffing and door to door transportation provided. Must be in the HCBS waiver. Now accepting applicants for this new program.

“Mini-camp” overnight weekends for children and teens ages 8 – 20 living in either Manhattan or Queens. Your child will enjoy a weekend away at our camps upstate and participate in seasonal outdoor activities, such as horseback riding, snow tubing or pumpkin picking. All housing, meals, staffing and transportation provided. Must be in the HCBS waiver. Contact Alice McGlynn at 212-780-2583 or the Referral and Information Center at 212-780-4491 to sign up now!

OVERNIGHT/EMERGENCY In-Home Respite Hourly Waiver Services to families residing in the boroughs of **Queens and Manhattan**. Emergency respite is temporary care of an individual with developmental disabilities provided on an emergency basis due to a family situation of extreme urgency, such as the hospitalization of a family member or unexpected travel plans. Emergency respite may be provided in individual’s home or a family care home. Overnight respite is a service that provides relief to a caregiver who is responsible for the primary care and support of an individual with a developmental disability. When a family member or Family Care provider has to deal with such things as illness, emergency, and caregiver vacation; emergency respite services can ensure that your loved ones are safe and their needs are met. A caregiver must reside with the individual in the same household and be a primary caregiver. An eligible person should be OPWDD eligible. Eligibility must be established before a referral can be made. An eligible person should have a current Level of Care (LOC) determined. LOCs are needed for all waiver services. An eligible person should be enrolled in a HCBS Waiver program. If you believe that your families or individual(s) might benefit from Overnight or Emergency In- Home Respite, please contact, Luba Zborovskaya at 212-780-2340 and/or Gillian David, Intake Field Supervisor at 212-780-4482.

IN-HOME RESPITE: Waiting list for people ages 3 and over in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx, and Queens. Require proof of developmental disability. Contact the Referral and Information Center at (212) 780-4491 or 4493.

COMMUNITY HABILITATION: Waiting list for people from birth (with EI Service Coordination) and up in all 5 boros. Person must meet eligibility for Medicaid Waiver. Contact the Referral and Information Center at (212) 780-4491 or 4493.

OVERNIGHT RESPITE (out of home): Guests must be age 4 and up, and must be weight bearing if non-ambulatory. Cannot be seriously medically involved where extra nursing staff would be necessary. Staten Island is the only wheelchair accessible respite facilities. *Families should apply for respite before the need arises; the application has to be approved beforehand.* Contact the Referral and Information Center at (212) 780-4491 or 4493.

EMPLOYMENT and BUSINESS SERVICES:

Brooklyn Day Hab: Some the of services and activities provided are: personal hygiene skills, self care, socialization skills, money management, mobility training, life skills training, reading and writing, anger management, relaxation techniques, proper nutrition, healthy exercise and recreational type activities. Additionally, individuals volunteer at different sites and participate in diverse community events. Contact Shameeka McDuffie at 646-845-6013.

Senior Retirement Services: Day Hab Without Walls program for individuals over age 55, must be a Bronx resident. Contact Ana Kuharik at 718 944-5099.

Job Connection Center-Psycho-social Clubhouse (Brooklyn): A small innovative program, with highly trained and experienced staff, specifically designed to support individuals who are dually diagnosed (IDD/MI) in obtaining and maintaining a job. Call Shameeka McDuff at 646-845-6013.

Staten Island Day Hab Without Walls: This program offers the opportunity for community activities including volunteering and social outings. The primary premise is to prepare people to move out of the DH and into employment.

Staten Island Janitorial Training program: Pre-Vocational training program for S.I. residents with DD 18 years and older. 11 weeks of training combining classroom instruction with internship at S.I. institutions. Upon successful completion, graduates will be placed in janitorial careers with high earning potential. For all S.I., call Candi Genovese, 718-981-3452.

Bronx Day Hab Without Walls: This program offers the opportunity for community activities including volunteering and social outings. The primary premise is to prepare people to move out of the DH and into employment. Contact Ana Kuharik, 718-944-5099.

HIRE - Supported Employment, placement in jobs dependent on applicant’s skills and abilities

Brooklyn – Sofiya Nibelitskaya, 212-895-3325

Queens – Derek Johnson, 646-210-0066

Bronx – Wayne Thomas, 718-944-5099

Staten Island – Candi Genovese, 718-981-3452

Manhattan – Melissa Renz - 212-634-8673

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Youth Careers Training Programs: OSY Pre-Vocational training program for NYC residents with DD or LD and/or low income; 18–21 years old. 15 weeks of training combines classroom instruction with internship at major NYC institutions. Upon successful completion, graduates will be placed in Janitorial and Food Services careers. Enrollment is ongoing. Cycle begins on March 17th – there are openings for Janitorial and Food Services in Brooklyn, Janitorial Services in Queens and Staten Island. For Brooklyn, call Gohar Gharibyan at 212-895-3370 or Alexis Hines at 212-895-3380; for Queens, Derek Johnson at 646-210-0066 or Sonia Nieves at 347-723-1952 and for Staten Island, Ana Chakryan at 718-981-3452.

Nicosia Family Reimbursement: The service provides the opportunity to be reimbursed for purchased services and goods, and the possibility of purchasing services and goods that are not funded through any other sources. The goods and services have been deemed appropriate to meet the needs of the person being served. Criteria for grant: Reside in the 5 Boroughs and Eligibility. Call Michael Wright, 212-895-3467.

Intensive Behavioral Services This is a newly offered program in the Bronx the purpose of which is to provide Intensive Behavioral Services for individuals who live in non-certified or Family Care Homes and present with substantial challenging behaviors that put them at risk of placement in a more restrictive living environment. The service involves in home behavior management evaluation and treatment by psychologists who specialize in Functional Behavioral Assessment and Intervention. For information about the application or questions, contact Lisa Adorno at 718-643-2566.

ADULT DAY SERVICES: A variety of programs where individuals become valued community members in different ways, including volunteering, shopping, visiting local attractions, etc. The programs offer many life enhancing experiences in the arts, travel training, and vocational services. There are also programs that operate solely in the community, and in higher education programs in cooperation with local colleges. For more details, call Central Intake at 212-780-4493/4491.

Non-Medicaid Service Coordination: The service includes information and referral services, outreach, parent networking and service access assistance for individuals and their families. Service Coordinator is able to make connections with diagnostic, residential, habilitative, educational, vocational, medical and recreational services. In addition, the Service Coordinator can assist with accessing benefits and entitlements, such as Medicaid and SSI. Criteria for program enrollment: - reside in the five boroughs, No Medicaid and Eligibility. Call Sharett Bood, 646-845-6020.

Clinical Evaluation Reimbursement: The service provides the opportunity for individuals to receive clinical evaluations (psychological or psychosocial), who do not have Medicaid or their health plans do not pay for such testing. The clinician or vendor is reimbursed for the completed and approved evaluation. Criteria for grant: Reside in Manhattan and Eligibility. Call Michael Wright, 212-895-3467.

Article 16 Clinic Services: Ongoing vacancies in Manhattan for psychological and psychosocial evaluations, individual and group counseling and nutrition services. Immediate vacancies in the Bronx for individual counseling, psychological, and psychosocial evaluations at our 2488 Grand Concourse Clinic. Anyone interested in these programs should contact Clara Cordero at (212) 780-2387.

REHAB Services: Immediate openings for physical, speech, and occupational therapy. Call Robin Phillips at (212) 780-2762 for more information on how to request services.

FREE Psychological/Psychosocial Evaluations: AHRC Article 16 Clinic is offering Psychological Evaluations and Psychosocial Evaluations for individuals who are developmentally disabled that do not have Medicaid and are residents of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, or the Bronx. Services are available in English and Spanish. For more information or to make a referral call AHRC call Central Intake at 212-780-4493 or 212-780-4491.

RESIDENTIAL: Supervised IRA's: **Queens** – ambulatory male (mild to moderate IDD), ambulatory female (mild to moderate IDD); **Manhattan** – two ambulatory males (one mild IDD, one moderate to profound IDD), and one ambulatory female (mild or moderate IDD). **Supported IRA's:** **Brooklyn** – one ambulatory male or female (mild IDD), and two ambulatory females, one ambulatory male (mild IDD); **Bronx** – two ambulatory females (mild IDD); **Queens** – two ambulatory males, one ambulatory females (mild IDD).

If you have any questions please contact: 212-780-4457. If you would like to make a referral, please contact 212-780-4491 or 212-780-4493.