



United Cerebral Palsy of New York City Services and Supports 2014

Children/Education Services

Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island

- On-site therapeutic services
- Preschool services
- Integrated programming
- Universal Pre-K
- School-Age Program (Brooklyn Only)
- Early Childhood Direction Center (Brooklyn Only)

After-School Program

Brooklyn and Manhattan

- Manhattan PS 138@30
- Brooklyn PS 396
- Family Support eligible.
- Transportation is provided to the child's home only.

Day Habilitation

Opportunities in Day programs available in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island.

- Persons served must be age 21 or older to apply and have Medicaid or are eligible for Medicaid.

All sites are wheelchair accessible and transportation is available.

Supported Employment

Employment services for adults with DD. Available for Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island residents. Applicants must go through ACCES-VR orientation and referral process.

Technology Resource Centers/Techworks to Go Van

Technology Resource Specialists are available to answer your assistive technology questions.

Information on various assistive technology products and services, their costs, obtaining them and hands on demonstrations

- Demonstration centers
 - SHARE: Lending Libraries
 - Durable medical equipment program
 - Hands on Assistive Technology trainings
- Free informal evaluations on Assistive Technology devices and softwares
Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island

ACTION DAY CAMP

Three week summer day camp

experience for young people who reside in Brooklyn, ages 13-21, live with a family member.

Must be in OPWDD waiver

SPIRIT

Saturday Recreation Programs offered in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island.

- Individuals between the ages of 13-29, DD eligible and live with a family member who resides in Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island
- Transportation is provided

EXPLORE Club Disco

Friday nights events held in Manhattan and Brooklyn two times per month

- 18 yrs or older, DD eligible and live with a family member who resides in Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn
- Wheelchair accessible
- Transportation is not provided
- Light supper served

Staten Island Club Disco

Friday night once a month

- 18 yrs or older, who have the HCBS waiver and live with a family member who resides in Staten Island
- Wheelchair accessible
- Transportation is not provided
- Light supper served

PROJECT CONNECT

Information and referral for supports and services offered in Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island.

1-877-827-2666 projectconnect@ucpnyc.org

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Healthcare Services

Medical Services in Article 28 clinics located in Brooklyn, Bronx, and Manhattan, serving residents of the five boroughs of New York City. Clinics are wheelchair accessible. Services include Family Medicine, Women's Health, Dental, Audiology Services, Psychiatry, Podiatry, Optometry and Neurology.

Residential Services

Residential settings are located in Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island.

- Information about accessing residential opportunities & NYS Cares registration list
- Must be OPWDD eligible

Bronx Overnight Respite

Serves all five boroughs.

- Transportation provided in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island
- Serves all ages
- Site is fully accessible
- Must be waiver eligible

In-Home Respite

Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island

- Must be waiver eligible and live with a family member.

Doorways to Independence

Housing Assistance Services

Available in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island and Queens

- Must be Family Support eligible
- Provides housing case management services, advocacy and referrals

- NYCHA application status checks and assistance processing requests for transfers
- Housing Court Advocacy - South Brooklyn Legal Services contract for Brooklyn and referrals to the Legal Aid Society for the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island

Home Assessments

Home assessments can be completed providing families with a report on possible modifications and equipment to make their home more accessible for their family member. Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island.

- Must be Family Support eligible

Family Reimbursement

Funds available in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island

\$500.00 limit for Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan

Staten Island limit is \$300.00

Special Brooklyn Camp Funds available.

Manhattan Durable Medical Equipment Funds available.

Funding available to assist families in paying for an item Medicaid or other funds will not cover.

Families can apply every 12 months.

Family Connect

UCP of NYC Family Connect Centers offer free weekly workshops, support services, and educational resources for New York City parents and families of children with disabilities. Through the UCP of NYC Family Connect Centers, families are encouraged to learn, explore resources, and participate in improving outcomes for children with disabilities.

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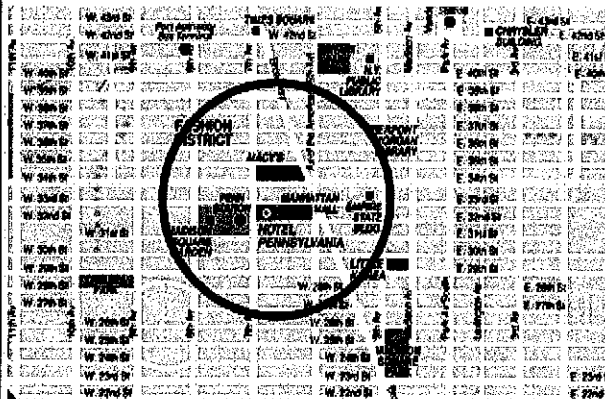
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TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL PENN

Subway: Take the 1, 2, 3, A, C, E to
34th St./Penn Station.

Or take the B, D, F, M, N, Q, R to
34th st./Herald Square.

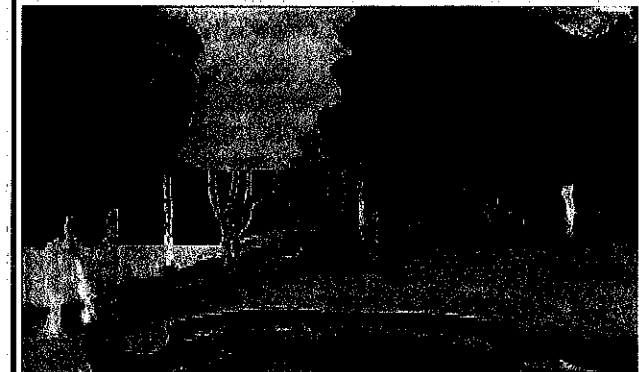
Bus: M34 or M16 crosstown to 34th St./7th Avenue
M7 downtown to 34th St./7th Avenue
M7 uptown to 34th St./6th Avenue
M20 downtown to 34th St./7th Avenue
M20 uptown to 34th St./8th Avenue

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**United Cerebral Palsy
of New York City's
Family Connect Conference**

The World is What We Make It



Free conference to address services and supports for people with
developmental disabilities and their families.

**Thursday, November 20, 2014
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

**New York's Hotel Pennsylvania
401 Seventh Avenue, 18th Floor
(between 32nd and 33rd Streets)
New York, NY 10001
Subway/Bus/LIRR/NJ Transit
"Fully and Easily Accessible"**

~~~~~**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROVIDED**~~~~~

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



8:30 AM-9:30 AM REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST  
 9:30 AM-10:45 AM OPENING SESSION: THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Panelists will share their perspectives regarding changes to services available to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### MODERATOR:

- Margaret Gould, Director of Special Projects, UCP of NYC

### PANELISTS:

- Edward R. Matthews, CEO, UCP of NYC
- Kate Marley, Deputy Director, Division of Person-Centered Supports Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

10:45 AM-12:00 PM MORNING SESSION  
 12:00 PM-1:00 PM LUNCH  
 12:00 PM-2:30 PM VENDOR FAIR  
 1:00 PM-2:15 PM AFTERNOON SESSION  
 2:30 PM-3:30 PM CLOSING SESSION: COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

**Communicating with Parents: A Workshop for Professionals:** Strategies and techniques to ensure that our communications with families will result in successful outcomes. *Presenter: Gary Schulman, MS. Ed., Special Needs Consultant and Trainer*

# WORKSHOPS

**MORNING SESSION**  
 10:45 AM TO 12:00 PM (CHOOSE ONE)

**A** **Where to Start!**: Accessing services for your family member. From school age to transition to adult programming, this workshop will review eligibility requirements, obtaining evaluations and negotiating the Front Door of OPWDD to obtain services.

*Presenters: Carol Lincoln, Director of Medicaid Service Coordination (UCP of NYC), Maggie Maldonado, Coordinator of Day Program Admissions (UCP of NYC) and Anisha Cumber, Transition Specialist (Resources for Children with Special Needs)*

**B** **Needs, Wants, Wishes, and Dreams: Programs and Services that Bring Relief to Parents of Children with Special Needs and Disabilities:** There are many programs, services, systems, and strategies that help maximize the strengths, skills, and talents of children with disabilities while providing support for the disability. The goal of this workshop is to provide information, motivation, and inspiration. *Presenter: Gary Schulman, MS. Ed., Special Needs Consultant and Trainer*

**C** **Durable Medical Equipment What You Need to Know Now and for the Future:** This workshop will discuss what items are covered and not covered through insurance, including items such as wheelchairs, strollers, braces, and speech generating devices, etc. *Presenters from UCP of NYC: Laura De Carlo, Director of Operations Clinic Services, Mary Jean Dyczko, Speech-Language Pathologist/AAC Specialist, Issac Friedman, Occupational Therapist and Equipment Clinic Coordinator, and Doug Whitman, Occupational Therapist and Equipment Clinic Coordinator*

**D** **Planning for the Future:** This workshop will discuss special needs planning for loved ones with disabilities. Adrienne Arkontaky, the parent of a young adult with severe disabilities will discuss special needs estate planning including special needs trusts, guardianship and how to protect access to government benefits. She will also discuss transition planning and government benefits including protecting access to Medicaid and SSI benefits. *Presenters: Adrienne Arkontaky, Managing Partner, The Cuddy Law Firm*

**E** **Developing Social Skills: Strategies for Helping Children and Adolescents Make and Keep Friends.** *Presenter: Sarah Kern, LCSW, Program Coordinator, Autism Spectrum Disorder Clinical and Research Program, Child Study Center (NYU Medical Center)*

**AFTERNOON SESSION**  
 1:00 PM TO 2:15 PM (CHOOSE ONE)

**F** **The Power of Speaking Up!**: Learn about key issues affecting current and future funding of services for people with disabilities across the age span. Hear from advocacy organizations and parents about effective strategies to make your voices heard.

*Presenters: Winnifred Schiff, Associate Executive Director for Legislative Affairs (IAC NY), Parent Panel: Lori Podvesker, Program Manager (Resources for Children with Special Needs), Paola Jordan, Autism Initiative Coordinator/Educational Specialist (Sinergia), Elly Rufer (NYC FAIR) and Iriss Shimony (Parents for Inclusive Education)*

**G** **There Is an App for That: Using iPads to Achieve Common Core Goals for Preschool and School Age Children:** The Common Core expects educators to give children with disabilities the opportunity to practice and master higher level of thinking skills through Universal Design and Assistive Technology. Join us to explore one popular technology tool, the iPad, and the apps that support academic advancement. *Presenters from UCP of NYC: Mary Beth Frey, Technology Resource Specialist and Marvin Pinnock, Assistant Director of Technology Resources (TRAID)*

**H** **Strategies and Techniques for Increasing Safety:** Overview of safety risks for individuals with developmental disabilities and proactive methods for reducing the likelihood of serious incidents. Focus will be on elopement and wandering; recommendations will be geared toward family members. *Presenter: Geoffrey Debery, Eden II Diagnostic and Outreach Center Director*

**I** **Moving Away from Center-Based Programs for Individually Directed Supports and Services:** In this session a panel of staff will discuss some of the changes in the field, such as Person Centered Planning, Self-Directed services, Personal Outcome Measures (POMS) and the Council on Quality Leadership (CQL). This information is essential to creating a happy and fulfilling life. *Moderator: Michele Quigley, Director of Research and New Initiatives (UCP of NYC)* *Presenters from UCP of NYC: Jacqueline Conley, Director of Operations, Dahlian Porter, Director, Residential Services, and Michael Putis, Clinical Coordinator*

# PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY NOVEMBER 12, 2014**  
 \*Space is limited\*

**Mail To:** UCP of NYC  
 160 Lawrence Avenue, Room 205  
 Brooklyn, NY 11230

**Call:** 718-436-7979 Ext. 704

**Fax to:** 718-436-0071

**Attn:** Family Connect

**Email:** familyconnect@ucpnyc.org

**Visit:** www.ucpnyc.org

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**MORNING SESSION 10:45 AM (CHOOSE ONE)**

- A. Where to Start!
- B. Needs, Wants, Wishes, and Dreams
- C. Durable Medical Equipment...
- D. Planning for the Future
- E. Developing Social Skills

**AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00 PM (CHOOSE ONE)**

- F. The Power of Speaking Up!
- G. There Is an App for That
- H. Strategies and Techniques...
- I. Moving Away from Center-Based Programs