

Manhattan Transition Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair: Kathy Kelly

Co-Chair: Lucy Kramer

Meeting Minutes From: Wednesday, May 13th, 2015

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 10th, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AHRCNYC

See Attached Flyers

Association of Metro Aea: (AKA:AMAC)

Has availability in Day Hab With Walls

Contemporary Guidance Services: (AKA: CGS)

Has availability in the following programs:

Day Hab With Out Walls, Supportive Employment, Work Readiness,
and

School Holiday Respite

Life Adjustment Center: (AKA: LAC)

Has availability in the following programs:

Empire Day Hab With- Walls, (in Crown Heights Brooklyn), for individuals with Autism

Lenox Day Habi With - Walls,, (in Northern Harlem), for individuals with Autism or along the spectrum

Soho Day Hab With -Walls, (in lower Manhattan), for individuals who are mildly to profoundly Mentally Challenged

QSAC:

Has openings in Day hab without walls – see attached flyer

Catholic Guardian Services: Opening of the Community Resource & Transition Center: The purpose of the center is to educate people with I/DD and their families about the array of supports & services available under the HCBS Waiver and to help individuals access these services. See attached flyer for more information.

Graduates:

The focus of this meeting was to review the progress of securing services and supports for those students graduating in June 2015. Each school present reported on the progress of their students who will be needing OPWDD Adult Supports & Services. A summary of the current status of the 108 students reported on at the meeting is as follows:

40 students pursuing Supported Employment

60 students pursuing Day Habilitation – 32 Authorized with provider selected; 16 currently selecting provider; and 12 in Eligibility/Front Door Process.

Provider Agency's need to reach out to the Transitional Coordinators as well as the Transitional Coordinators reaching out to the Provider Agency's. That is: if this hasn't been done already

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 10th, 2015 @ 9:30. AHRC: the 11th floor

MANHATTAN TRANSITION COMMITTEE
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MAY 13, 2015

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MEDICAID SERVICE COORDINATION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
MAY 15, 2015

AGENCY: Catholic Guardian Services
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Resource & Transition Center
SITE ADDRESS: 1907 Westchester Ave, Bronx, NY
CONTACT PERSON: Xie Dillon-Vassell TELEPHONE #: 718-828-0300
E-MAIL: X.Dillon-Vassell @ catholicguardian.org
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: N/A.

AGENCY: General Human Outreach
TYPE OF PROGRAM: MSC. & non-Medicaid Case Manager
SITE ADDRESS:
CONTACT PERSON: PAT LIU TELEPHONE #: (18) 367-6563
E-MAIL: Pat@GHOINC.ORG
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: 6 PWD eligibility

AGENCY: General Human Outreach
TYPE OF PROGRAM: ETP. Day Hub w/b. wait & w/ wait
SITE ADDRESS:
CONTACT PERSON: Pat Liu TELEPHONE #: (718) 367-6563
E-MAIL:
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: 6 PWD waiver eligibility.

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ADULT DAY SERVICES VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
MAY 13, 2015

AGENCY: QSAAC
TYPE OF PROGRAM: DAY HAB
SITE ADDRESS: VARIOUS SITES
CONTACT PERSON: FARAH KAMIN TELEPHONE #: 718-718-8476 X1233
E-MAIL: FKAMIN@QSAAC.ORG
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: _____

AGENCY: AHRC-NYC
TYPE OF PROGRAM: New York League - (Betty Fendler)
SITE ADDRESS: 200 VARICK ST
CONTACT PERSON: EAMON O'LEARY TELEPHONE #: 212 803 7352
E-MAIL: EAMON.O'LEARY@ANCONY.ORG
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Medicaid

AGENCY: Contemporary Guidance Services
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Day hab school holiday respite, SEITP, WR
SITE ADDRESS: 52 Broadway, 4th Floor, NY, NY 10009
CONTACT PERSON: Other P TELEPHONE #: 646 214-1315
E-MAIL: mpresant@cgny.com
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Medicaid & OPWDD eligible

AGENCY: AHRC
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Manhattan - Supported Employment
SITE ADDRESS: 254 W 29 St 6th floor, New York, NY 10001
CONTACT PERSON: ISIS Clark TELEPHONE #: (212) 634-2673
E-MAIL: isis.clark@ahrcnyc.org
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Assess - VR open, over 18 years old, Traveled Trained

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CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE #: _____
E-MAIL: _____
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: _____

ADULT DAY SERVICES VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
MAY 13, 2015

AGENCY: Life Adjustment Center
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Day Program w/walk
SITE ADDRESS: all locations
CONTACT PERSON: Way Kramer TELEPHONE #: 212 938 1223 ext 112
E-MAIL: lkramer@lifeadjustmentcenter.com
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: autism

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QSAC

Day Habilitation Without Walls Manhattan & Bronx

Program Description: The Day Habilitation program offers individuals the opportunity to improve their vocational skills by participating in various community based volunteer training sites (i.e., retail stores, parks, community centers, etc). In addition, the program is designed to promote personal choice and independence at home and also out in the community. One day per week, individuals are offered the opportunity to participate in a recreational outing of their choice.

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 2:30pm

Transportation: Supervised transportation is provided to and from home, as well as to volunteer training sites and recreational outings.

Admission Criteria: The program is open to all individuals diagnosed with autism, or other developmental disability with autistic features.

Staffing: 2 individuals to 1 staff

For more information, please contact:

Farzana Karim, Intake Department, (718) 728-8476, ext. 1233



MAY 2015
AHRC PROGRAM VACANCIES
www.ahrcnyc.org

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

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Overnight School holiday respite openings: for residents of Brooklyn for August. Contact Referral and Information Center (RIC) at 212-780-4491.

Overnight Weekend Respite Program: Available in all boroughs for independent travelers and individuals that are able to self-medicate. Enjoy trips to upstate New York from Friday through Sunday to discover area attractions and seasonal activities. All individuals must be in the HCBS waiver. No cost, transportation provided. Call Alice McGlynn at (212) 780-2583 or RIC to make a referral.

Teen Saturday program: opening in Queens, ages 13 - 19, must be in the HCBS waiver, transportation provided, contact Alice McGlynn at 212-780-2583.

****SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**** is now open for Camp Anne and The Lodge! Please contact the RIC for new registrations at 212-780-4491.

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, Staten Island, the Bronx, and immediate opportunities in 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 of the 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 212-895-3370.

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.

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

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.

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 212-895-3370.

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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 – 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, Anna Chakryan at 718-662-1432.

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 – Isis Clark - 212-634-8673

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.

Emergency Respite (Family Support Service): for Queens and Brooklyn residents - Emergency respite is temporary care of a person with a developmental disability provided on an emergency basis due to a family situation of extreme urgency, such as, but not limited to the hospitalization of a family member, unexpected travel plans or relief needed for the caregiver due to special circumstances. Emergency respite may be provided in the eligible person's home or an alternate location where the service of care can be provided. The person providing the service does not have to reside in the home of the person eligible for this service, nor does the service have to occur in the borough of the person's OPWDD registration. Call Michael Wright, 212-895-3467.

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.

Queens Intensive Parent Training: This family support program serves ID/DD parents who reside in Queens, who are living in the community and raising their children. This service provides education, parent training, intensive case management, and advocacy to help the parent improve their parenting skills and help keep children in the home with the parent(s). Criteria: reside in Queens County; parent must be ID/DD. Call Annette Spallino 212-780-2592.

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. Ongoing vacancies in the Bronx for individual and group counseling, psychological, and psychosocial evaluations at our 2488 Grand Concourse Clinic. Services are available in English, Spanish, and Mandarin. 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.

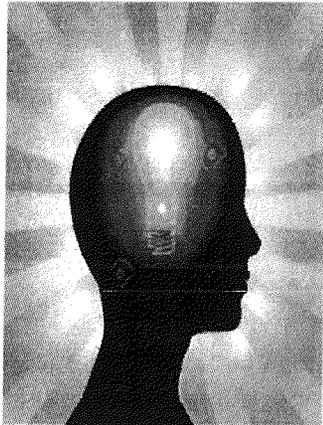
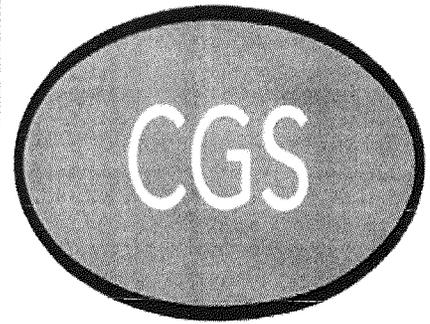
FREE Psychological/Psychosocial Evaluations: AHRC Article 16 Clinic is offering Psychological Evaluations and Psychosocial Evaluations for individuals who are developmentally disabled that do not have Medicaid and are residents of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, or the Bronx. Services are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

RESIDENTIAL: Anticipated and immediate openings in all boroughs. Details vary depending on the setting.

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.

Contemporary Guidance Services

Young Adult Career Exploration & Development



**Monday—Thursday 3:30pm to
7:00pm**

- As an extension of our existing Work Readiness program, CGS offers a program geared to youth transitioning to the world of work.
- The Young Adult Career Exploration and Development program will offer a unique curriculum beginning with exploring career paths and developing the essential soft skills necessary for today's competitive work environment.
- Upon successful completion of this initial training, participants will be placed in a community work experience.
- During this paid internship students will be able to apply and further develop skills they learned in the classroom setting.

*For more information please
contact*

Debbie Merav,

Director of Vocational Services

at 646-214-1278 Or

Angela Bruen,

Career School Director

at 646-214-1305



CONTEMPORARY GUIDANCE SERVICES
52 BROADWAY 4TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10004
212-577-5512

Contemporary guidance services is proud to announce we are ***now accepting applicants*** for our new program entitled

ENHANCED SUPPORTED SERVICES

This program will offer a variety of assistance which includes peer to peer counseling, personalized soft skills training, time management, social & interpersonal skill development, appropriate employee relations, and adjusting to workplace culture. Our Enhanced Supported Services will provide each individual with a Job Coach to oversee and encourage their journey and progress into employment.

The Enhanced Support Services is also here to assist those already enrolled in SEMP-Intensive transition over to SEMP-Extended to maintain long-term support throughout their employment.

To be eligible for this program you must fit the following criteria:

- Medicaid & OPWDD eligible prior to enrollment
- High School graduates, SEMP-Intensive participants, or Day Habilitation individuals that have expressed an interest in employment ***and*** they are travel trained or currently employed individuals who are ready for the competitive employee market.
- Residents of The Bronx, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens or Staten Island

If you have any individuals that may be a good fit for our ***Enhanced Supported Services*** please feel free to contact us so that we may set up an appointment and begin planning their job success story!!!!

Esther Piersaint
Outreach Coordinator
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646-214-1315



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Announcing the Opening of the Community Resource and Transition Center (CRTC)

Since 1978, Catholic Guardian Services (CGS) has provided supports and services to Individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) through its Developmental Disability Services Program (DDSP). Today, the program serves a total of 201 young people, adults, and senior citizens with I/DD in New York City and in Suffolk County, Long Island.

We are pleased to announce the opening of our new **Community Resource and Transition Center (CRTC)**. The center's purpose is to educate people with I/DD and their families about the full array of supports and services that are available under the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver and to help individuals access these services. We will help individuals and families navigate supports and services to meet their needs and desires from start to finish, with the goal of achieving greater independence in the most integrated community-based settings.

Please contact us if:

- You or your family member with I/DD is new to receiving services funded by OPWDD.
- You or your loved one is interested in new or additional supports and services.

We will work with your Medicaid Service Coordinator (MSC) or help you to obtain one and assist you to navigate the road to receiving the services you want.

For more information, please contact CRTC.

Tel: 718-828-0300, ext: 267

Email: CRTC@catholicguardian.org

Xie Dillon-Vassell, MSW
CRTC Director

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