

Manhattan Developmental Disabilities Council

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INVOICE

Council Membership Dues for non-profit provider agencies: \$150
for Fiscal Year July, 2015 - June, 2016

Why become a member?

- *Agency members are listed on the Manhattan DD Council website with a direct link to their agency website and events from agency members are posted on the "Calendar of Events"*
- *Stay informed regularly regarding updates from the field*
- *Meetings attended by key OPWDD and DOHMH staff*
- *Dues help support the Council's annual Family Support Fair, the MSC Forum, the Legislative Breakfast, Family Advocacy Days, and many other activities that benefit the families, individuals, and providers in Manhattan*

Agency Name: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Please make checks payable to MANHATTAN DD COUNCIL

Mail to: Jessie Backe, AHRC
83 Maiden Lane, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10038



Writing to Heal... Writing to Grow

a free writing workshop for people with chronic disease
and their caregivers

Through writing and theatre exercises, we will unwrap our stories in a gentle, caring environment and be invited to share our writing as supportive witnesses. Research shows that writing about stressful experiences can help people relieve stress, have a more positive outlook, and even boost their immune system.

You don't have to be a "writer" to participate.

Bring something to write with...pad, pen, ipad !

Average group size: 5 - 10 people

TIME: WEDNESDAYS 2 pm – 3:30 pm 10/14/15 - 11/4/15
PLACE: 10 Union Square (bet 14 & 15 St) 5th Floor Room 5K04
INFO: to reserve a space , please email frontli@yahoo.com



OCTOBER 2015
AHRC PROGRAM VACANCIES
www.ahrcnyc.org

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

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES: (Contact the Referral and Information Center at (212) 780-4491 or 4493 for all).

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.

Teen Saturday program: Opening in Queens, ages 13 - 19, must be in the HCBS waiver, transportation provided.

Manhattan Saturday Recreation and socialization programs: Operates Saturdays from October to May, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Transportation is provided, must be in the HCBS waiver. Current openings in both the children's program (ages 6 – 12 years) and adult program (18+).

Staten Island openings in Saturday recreation and socialization programs: Operates Saturdays from October to May, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Transportation provided, must be in HCBS waiver. Current openings in both children (ages 6 – 12) and teens (13- 19).

Openings in programs for independent travelers – **Super Saturdays**, operates in Manhattan but open to all boros; **Basketball program** in Brooklyn, but open to all boros. **Restaurant Club and Bowling, only open to those in Staten Island currently.** Must have ID or DD diagnosis but do not have to be in the waiver. Call Sam Emsell for more information at 212-780-2596.

Limited **Afterschool in Queens** (for children). Must be in the HCBS waiver and in the area of the program. Limited openings in **Manhattan and Brooklyn** (teens). Please contact Miriam Figueroa for additional information at 212-780-2585.

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.

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

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.

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.

STARES, GLARES & HURTFUL WORDS

Gary Shulman, MS. Ed.

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

6-8 pm in the Penthouse

AHRC New York City's Main Office

83 Maiden Lane NYC 10038

Having a child with a developmental disability can be stressful. Dealing on a daily basis with judgmental, curious or downright rude stares can add to that stress.

This interactive workshop will present strategies to help you deal with those experiences and encourage sharing among the audience to describe their own strategies for dealing with these difficult experiences.

DENTAL TREATMENT: PREVENTION & DESENSITIZATION

Michael Feldstein, DDS, ACCESS CHC

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

6-8 pm in the Penthouse

AHRC New York City's Main Office

83 Maiden Lane NYC 10038

Sometimes people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities have a very difficult time going to the dentist. The sights, sounds, smells and confinement are difficult for many to overcome.

Dental hygiene and preventative care is VERY important for overall health. This workshop will explore ways for you to help make this experience less stressful and it will help you understand how important preventative dentistry is.

FAMILY EDUCATION SERIES
AHRC New York City's

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AHRC New York City workshops and events.

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for families/guardians caring for
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Offer information for intellectual and other developmental
disabilities. Professionals are always welcome to
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United Cerebral Palsy of New York City

Services and Supports

2015

Children/Education Services

Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island

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

After-School Program

Brooklyn and Manhattan

- Manhattan PS 138@30
- Brooklyn PS 396
- Transportation is provided by DOE-OPT

Day Habilitation

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

- Persons served must be age 18 or older to apply

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.

Technology Resource Centers/Techworks to Go Van

As the NYC centers of the NYS Assistive Technology Act program, TechWorks is a free, public service to help minimize and overcome barriers due to disabilities. From simple utensil grasps to complex communication devices, a myriad of options can be offered to create more independence. Contact us for our device demonstrations, short term loans, trainings and information and referral service.

SHARE Lending Library

Borrow books, adaptive toys and educational materials. Located in Staten Island, Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx

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

Once a month, Friday nights events held in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island.

- 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
- Dinner and refreshments served

Staten Island Club Disco

- Must be HCBS waiver and live with a family member who resides in Staten Island

Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC)

MSC provides ongoing support and coordination of services for individuals and their families. Services available for Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island.

- Must have Medicaid to be eligible

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

www.ucpnyc.org



United Cerebral Palsy of New York City

Services and Supports 2015

Healthcare Services

Medical Services in Article 28 clinics located in Brooklyn and Bronx, 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

Community Living Options are located in Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island.

- Information about accessing residential opportunities
- 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

Serving Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island

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

Community Habilitation

An individualized, goal-orientated program serving Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island.

- Must be waiver enrolled
- Must be living independently or with a family member
- Should be able and willing to follow and participate in their Community Habilitation Plan.

Doorways to Independence

Housing Assistance Services/Home Modifications

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 and Legal Aid Society referrals
- Home assessments - a developed report on possible modifications and equipment to make the home more accessible.

Home Modifications

- Funds available for eligible individuals to modify their homes for necessary accessibility e.g. Ramps, Stairlifts.

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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United Cerebral Palsy of New York City Family Reimbursement

UCP's Family Reimbursement program provides funds to individuals with disabilities and their families. These funds cover the cost of goods/services that are not obtainable through other sources ie. Medicaid, medical insurance, etc.

Items such as:

- Clothing
- Respite Care
- Eligible Furniture
- and More...

Also, Durable Medical Equipment, such as;

- Wheelchair parts/repair
- Shower chairs
- Hospital beds/mattress
- Commodes
- Walkers



If the request is for medical or adaptive equipment, medical documentation supporting a need for the equipment must be included, such as a letter from the PT, or OT (and must include signature and license #). You must also show proof that Medicaid or your medical insurance does not cover the item.

Families can apply every 12 months.

For more information call 1-877-827-2666
UPC of NYC Family Reimbursement
110 Elmwood Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11230
projectconnect@ucpnyc.org
www.ucpnyc.org

CURRENT PROGRAM OPENINGS

Call (718) 728-8476 for inquiries

OCTOBER 2015



Quality Services for the Autism Community
Serving New York City and Long Island

QUEENS

1. Early Intervention (In-Home) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
2. Early Intervention Service Coordination contact: Johanna Arteaga ext. 1217
3. Early Intervention (Center Based) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
4. Early Intervention Evaluations contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
5. SEIT contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
6. SETSS contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512ww
7. Day Habilitation contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
8. Social Skills Group – Asperger's/High Functioning Autism: Dita DeSena ext.1418
9. Medicaid Service Coordination contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
10. Parent Training/Parent Support Group/Sibling Support Group: Nevena Savic ext. 1204
11. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services, Transportation) contact: Annie Washington ext. 1219
12. CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
13. Evaluations for individuals without Medicaid (Psychological/Psychosocial): Kristen DuMoulin ext. 1517
14. Preschool Centerbased Openings contact Larisa Muratov ext. 1500

BROOKLYN

1. Early Intervention (In-Home) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
2. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Johanna Arteaga ext. 1217
3. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
4. SEIT contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
5. SETSS contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
6. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services, Transportation) contact: Annie Washington ext. 1219
7. Medicaid Service Coordination contact: Farzana Karim ext.1233
8. Non-Medicaid Service Coordination contact: Andrew Toscano ext. 1268
9. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services) contact: Annie Washington ext. 1219
10. CPSE Evaluations contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
11. Preschool Centerbased Openings contact Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
12. Housing Advocacy contact: Andrew Toscano ext. 1268

THE BRONX

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1. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services, Transportation) contact: Annie Washington ext. 1219
2. Medicaid Service Coordination Contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
3. SEIT contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
4. SETSS contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
5. Early Intervention (In-Home) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
6. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Johanna Arteaga ext. 1217
7. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
8. CPSE Evaluations contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
9. Day Habilitation contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
10. Hourly Waiver Respite contact: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222

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1. Social Skills Group - Aspergers/High Functioning Autism contact: Rocio Chavez ext.1414
2. Parent Support Group contact: Annie Washington ext. 1219
3. Early Intervention (In-Home) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
4. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Johanna Arteaga ext 1217
5. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
6. SEIT contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
7. Medicaid Service Coordination contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
8. Hourly Waiver Respite contact: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
9. SETSS contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
10. CPSE Evaluations contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
11. Preschool Centerbased Openings contact Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
12. Day Habilitation contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
13. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services, Transportation) contact: Annie Washington ext. 1219
14. Camp Reimbursement: Contact: Annie Washington ext. 1219

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LONG ISLAND

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1. Sibling/Parent Support Group and Parent Training contact: Nevena Savic ext. 1204
2. Day Habilitation contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
3. SEIT contact (Nassau only): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
4. Medicaid Service Coordination contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233



Youth Services Programs 2015 – 2016

Snack Bar After School Program – October 2015 through June 2016

A work experience training (WET) program for high school students located at VISIONS at Selis Manor. Participants learn how to run a snack bar using a talking cash register, sell a variety of labeled snacks, use a microwave and serve hot beverages. In addition to the prevocational skills, there are rehabilitation lessons too. A Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (CVRT) provides weekly group sessions on skills such as cleaning, using small appliances, clothing maintenance, personal care and money management.

Prevocational Day Program at VISIONS at Selis Manor – February 16 – 18, 2016

A day time prevocational program specifically for participants unable to attend a residential session. The curriculum is geared for students unable to attend a residential session (i.e. developmental delay, medical concerns). The focus of the session is career exploration, interview skills, volunteering, and creating résumés. There are also sessions with a Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (CVRT) including lessons on meal management, budgeting, and business attire.

Prevocational Training at VISIONS VCB – April 25 – 28, 2016

A residential prevocational program at VISIONS VCB for high school students. The curriculum contains information on interview skills, team building, budgeting, communication, mock interviews and career exploration. There are also sessions with a Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (CVRT) including lessons on meal management, clothing maintenance, and personal care.

Precollege Program at Manhattanville College – TBD (usually 4 weeks in July)

The goal of the Pre-College Program is to provide high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to refine their academic, social and independent living skills before commencing full time college studies. All students reside

in college dormitories, eat in dining halls and visit the library on campus. They participate in a non-credit "Introduction to College Life" course and an online Developmental Writing/Technology Seminar. Students focus on developing internet skills, and a number of skill building writing exercises.

Summer Transition Program at Queens College – TBD (usually 4 weeks in July)

The Summer Transition Program is designed to build students' skills for independence, college and employment in a residential program at Queens College. Students will refine their skills for college and work readiness, including use of technology, orientation & mobility, social interaction, fitness and recreation on Queens College campus as well as around New York City. Self-Advocacy and strategies for access will be promoted throughout the program.

Summer Work Experience Training Program – July and August 2016

Internships for high school students are provided at VISIONS at Selis Manor, VISIONS VCB (over age 18), and in a variety of community settings including senior centers, day cares, and offices. Participants receive a financial reimbursement to cover the cost of transportation, lunch and other expenses. There is a 3 day prevocational training at VISIONS at Selis Manor before participants go to their worksites.

All programs are sponsored by the New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB). All programs are for participants age 14 through 21.

For more information, please contact Melissa Phipps, Senior Director of Youth Services at (646) 486 - 4444, ext. 12 or mphipps@visionsvcb.org.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Eligibility Services for:

- Caregivers who are assisting older adults 60 years and over who are blind or visually impaired
- Grandparents, 55 years and older who are the primary caregivers for a child under the age of 18 where either the grandparent or the child is blind or visually impaired.

Services include information and assistance, supportive counseling, day and overnight respite at Selis Manor and VCB, monthly support groups, training and education, outreach and other activities.

CALL (212) 625 - 1616 EXT. 149

BLINDLINE®

A toll free number for access to a New York Statewide database of products and services for people who are blind or visually impaired, their family members, caregivers and professionals.

Fully accessible website www.blindline.org

CALL CENTER (212) 625-3301

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM-5PM

TOLL FREE: (888) 625-1616

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Intergenerational volunteer program starting at age 16. Volunteers assist in home with reading, computer shopping and escorting clients in the community, etc. Adult volunteers teach classes or workshops. Volunteers set their own schedules based on classroom space availability on a particular day and time. Make a difference today!

CALL (646) 486 - 4444 EXT. 13

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a nonprofit rehabilitation and social service organization. VISIONS purpose is to develop and implement programs to assist blind and visually impaired people of all ages to lead independent and active lives, and to educate the public to understand the capabilities and needs of people who are blind and visually impaired.

VISIONS / VCB

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New York, N.Y. 10013

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Website: www.visionsvcb.org

VISIONS at Selis Manor

135 West 23rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10011

Phone: (646) 486 - 4444

Fax: (646) 486 - 4343



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VISIONS services are partially funded by:

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VISIONS

services for the blind and visually impaired

Promoting the independence of people of all ages who are blind and visually impaired



We are the agency that says YES to people who only hear no

Established in 1926

(212) 625-1616

www.visionsvcb.org

WHAT WE DO

- We are the agency that says **"YES"** to people who only hear **"NO."**
- Our services are provided **FREE** of charge.
- Yes, we help even if vision loss is one of many conditions or disabilities that you, or your loved one, experience.
- Yes, we do it **your way** . . . an individualized plan to help you become or remain as independent as possible at home, school, work or in the community.
- Yes, we provide services in **your language** of preference by a multi-lingual full-time staff and part-time interpreters.
- Yes, we help even if your needs are complex and complicated.
- Yes, we serve you in **all five boroughs and Long Island** and at VCB in Spring Valley, NY and at VISIONS at Selis Manor in Manhattan.
- Yes, we offer services provided by 80+ staff, all licensed and/or certified in their profession who bring **years of experience.**

OUR SERVICES

VISION REHABILITATION

VISIONS helps individuals who are blind or experience vision loss. Professionals provide instruction at home, in the community or the work place to increase independence. Consumer driven goals improve safety and confidence in all the individuals' desired environments with a Vision Rehabilitation Therapist and Orientation and Mobility Specialist and/or social worker.

CALL (212) 625-1616 EXT. 134 / 141



VISIONS CENTER ON BLINDNESS (VCB)

VCB is an overnight respite, training and vision rehabilitation facility. The 37.5 acre campus is adapted to meet the needs of people who are blind, visually impaired and independent wheelchair users. VCB offers programs year round focused on wellness and skill development.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

VISIONS teaches the skills to handle the tasks and functions in the workplace:

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- Interviewing prep, job search techniques, resume-writing, financial literacy, career interest inventories, internships, on the job training, etc.)

YOUTH (646) 486-4444 EXT. 24

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VISIONS AT SELIS MANOR

An adapted learning environment and meeting place for blind youth, adults and seniors. We provide one on one counseling, referrals, Braille instruction, support groups, arts & culture, health and wellness programs, computer classes, and an extraordinary library lending program.

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The first senior center for older adults who are blind or visually impaired in the United States offers a wide range of activities, educational classes and workshop. Chair Yoga, Nutrition Workshops, Radio Station, Breakfast Club, GlamourGals makeovers, Computer Classes, Library Events, Zumba, Trivia, Movie Night, Coupon Club, Photography, Bowling, Ceramics.

Mon.-Thurs. 9am-8pm (Serving food 3:30pm-5pm)
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND TRAINING

VISIONS conducts presentations, offers public forums, participates in community events to raise awareness of the needs and abilities of blind and visually impaired persons. Community Outreach Coordinators and Rehabilitation Specialists provide training on how to work with blind and visually impaired individuals.

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OUT-OF-HOME OVERNIGHT RESPIRE AT CAMP OAKHURST

**FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL
AND/OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Why overnight respite at Camp Oakhurst?

Families caring after a relative with disabilities in their own home need period breaks. They can get one, while their relative with disabilities enjoys a 2-12 night stay at Camp Oakhurst. Respite sessions are scheduled year-round, and in the summer take the form of a sleep away camp. On a limited basis, emergency respite care is also available.

What will happen at an overnight respite?

Clients stay in barrier-free heated and air conditioned cabins with age appropriate groups. Care and supervision provided by trained experienced staff living on-site is provided 24/7. Clients have access to a full program of adapted recreational activities, including trips off-camp.

Does my family qualify for overnight respite?

Individuals who live in New York City or New Jersey and have a physical and/or developmental disability, including autism, may qualify for state-supported respite. Even if not eligible for state-supported respite, clients may apply and attend all sessions. Registration starts with an application and includes a personal interview with a staff member.

How long are respite periods and how can I get there?

There are separate sessions for children and adults. Registered families receive a yearly calendar of scheduled respite and summer camp sessions. They vary in length from a weekend to 3, 4, 5, 7 or 12 night sessions. Some families get to and from Oakhurst on their own, others receive central site transportation from NYC in lift-equipped vehicles.

What does it cost?

There is no fee for those qualifying for state-supported respite. Others pay a fee that may be scaled according to income and family size.

When should I apply?

Applications are received throughout the year. Confirmation for a particular respite session depends on space and transportation needs. Call us or visit www.nysh.org for applications and a schedule.

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NEW YORK SERVICE FOR THE HANDICAPPED

CAMP OAKHURST

New York Service for the Handicapped provides services at Camp Oakhurst to enhance the quality of life for children and adults with special needs, including autism and physical and intellectual disabilities, and provide respite for their families through a year-round camp experience, based in Monmouth County, NJ.

Camp Oakhurst, established in 1906, is an independent nonprofit social service agency with offices in New York City and Oakhurst, New Jersey. The camp is located on a scenic 15-acre site, about one mile from the Atlantic Ocean. Clients live in barrier-free modern cabins, surrounded by tall trees, grass and fresh air, with all the counselors, support and adapted facilities it takes to make their stay at Camp Oakhurst a fun and memorable experience. Camp Oakhurst helps clients discover new abilities and new strengths, that helps foster more independence and self-confidence.

Camp Oakhurst's services include:

- Summer sleep-away camp for children and adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities
- Out-of-home overnight respite for children and adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities
- Out-of-home overnight respite and summer camp for youth diagnosed with autism
- Emergency overnight respite care for children and adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities, including autism.

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