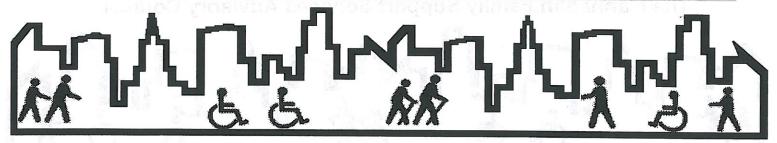
### The Manhattan Family Support Services Advisory Council



## For family members of people with developmental disabilities and self-advocates with developmental disabilities!

Join with other family members and individuals from all neighborhoods in Manhattan to build a better life for people with developmental disabilities and their families. **Developmental disabilities** include intellectual disabilities, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and neurological impairments.

#### Come and Be Empowered:

- Learn about the many services that can help your family
- Help us advise the state and city about needed services
- Meet other family members and people with disabilities
- Advocate with us for more and better services

Spanish or Cantonese interpretation provided if requested by January 25, 2016. Contact Margaret at 212-799-2042 or <a href="margaret.puddington@gmail.com">margaret.puddington@gmail.com</a> to request interpretation.

## **How Will the Proposed NYS Budget Affect Your Family?**

Governor Cuomo's budget proposals will have an enormous impact on people with developmental disabilities and their families. **Wini Schiff**, Associate Executive Director for Legislative Affairs at the InterAgency Council (IAC), will tell us what's included and what's cut in the OPWDD portion of the budget. She will "translate" the budget clearly and simply and explain how it will affect our families. Join us to get all the information we need to advocate effectively for our family members!

## Thursday, February 4, 2016

10:00 AM - NOON

CENTER FOR FAMILY SUPPORT
333 SEVENTH AVENUE (AT 28<sup>TH</sup> STREET), 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10001

SUBWAY: 1 TO 28<sup>TH</sup> STREET. 2, 3, A, C, E, N, R, Q, B, D, F TO 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET. BUS: DOWNTOWN: 7, 20 TO 28<sup>TH</sup> STREET/7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE; 4 TO 32<sup>ND</sup> STREET/7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE. UPTOWN: 20 TO 28<sup>TH</sup> STREET/8<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE; 5, 7 TO 28<sup>TH</sup> STREET/6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE. CROSSTOWN: 23 TO 23<sup>TD</sup> STREET/7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE; 34, 34A TO 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET/7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE.

#### REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

For further information, contact Margaret Puddington, chair, 212-799-2042, Margaret.puddington@gmail.com

## **New York State Legislators**

## Senator Bill Perkins Assemblymember Robert J. Rodriguez

Invite you to attend a

## **Public Hearing**

A chance for Families, Self-Advocates and all who support people with IDD (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) to express their concerns to legislators.

## Thursday, January 14th, 2016

6 to 8pm
Adam Clayton Powell, Jr
Office Building
163 West 125th Street

8th Floor: Conference Rooms A, B, & C

Subway: #2 & 3 stops at 125th and Malcolm X Blvd (Lenox Avenue)

Buses: M7, M102 on Malcolm X and 125th
and coming from the west the BX15, M100, M101 stop across the street

from the building. See; Map Here

Questions? Contact Phillipe Marius: pemarius@nysenate.gov

This event was requested by Willie Mae Goodman, Parent, Advocate, Willowbrook Litigant, and member of the Gouverneur Parents Association.

Additional Support from: NYC FAIR and The Manhattan Developmental Disabilities Council

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO ATTEND AND TO SPEAK** 



## United Cerebral Palsy of New York City Family Reimbursement

UCP of NYC Family Reimbursement program provides funds to family of individuals with disabilities that reside in Manhattan for Durable Medical Equipment.

These funds cover the cost of items that Medicaid or your medical insurance does not cover, such as:

- Wheelchair
- Wheelchair Parts and Accessories
- Lap Trays
- Walkers
- Shower Chair
- · and more....



. Medical documentation supporting a need for the equipment must be included. You must also show proof that Medicaid or your medical insurance does not cover the item.

For more information please contact Danielle Raymond at 718-859-5420 ext 244



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#### **PROGRAM VACANCIES**

(January 2016)

#### **Overnight Respite**

- Serving Manhattan Individuals
- •Must be Medicaid waiver eligible and live with a family member
- MSC service amendment needed

Contact Claudia Vidal (212) 643-2840 ext. 351

#### **In-Home Respite**

- ·Serving Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens
- •Must be Medicaid waiver eligible and live with a family member
- MSC service amendment needed

Contact Claudia Vidal (212) 643-2840 ext. 351

#### **Community Habilitation**

- Serving Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens
- Must be Medicaid waiver eligible
- MSC service amendment needed

Contact: Thainesse Caro (212) 643-2840 ext. 324

#### **Housing Advocacy**

- Advocacy provided in all five boroughs
- •Assistance with homelessness prevention, subsidies, NYCHA, section 8, low income housing applications, housing court, repairs and more.
- •Must be family support eligible or live in our neighborhood preservation catchment area (96<sup>th</sup> street to 126<sup>th</sup> river to river)

Contact: Intake specialist (212) 643-2840 ext. 336

#### **The Metropolitan Parent Center**

- Parent Training and Information Center
- •Provides information, training and one-to-one support to families of children with the full range of disabilities ages 0-26.

•Parents will develop skills and knowledge that will help their children achieve academic and functional skills that lead to independent productive adult lives, to the maximum extent possible.

Visit our website for a calendar of workshops: <a href="www.sinergiany.org">www.sinergiany.org</a> or call our intake specialist (212) 643-2840 ext. 336

#### The Autism Initiative @ Sinergia

Offers Free Education Workshops and Support Group

•Open to individuals, families, caregivers and professionals.

Visit our website for a calendar of workshops: <a href="www.sinergiany.org">www.sinergiany.org</a> or Contact: Paola Jordan (212) 643-2840 ext. 305

#### **Family Support Case Management**

•This is a non-Medicaid case management service that provides coordination and linkage to services, assistance with SSI, Medicaid and other benefits referrals to camp, respite, reimbursement and other services, Medicaid waiver enrollment, educational advocacy and more.

•For residents of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens

For eligibility and requirements Contact: Doris Rodriguez (212) 643-2840 ext. 325

#### **Family Reimbursement**

- •Family Brooklyn and Bronx residents
- Must be OPWDD eligible
- •Up to \$500 reimbursement for respite, in-home respite, transportation, furniture, appliances and camp.

Contact: Clara Romero (212) 643-2840 ext. 336

#### **We Are Parent Too**

- Parenting skills for parents with developmental disabilities
- •Weekly classes on topics such as: family planning, nutrition, increasing advocacy skills and budgeting.
- •Advocacy available for issues related to ACS, child custody and foster care. Contact: Gina Peña (212) 643-2840 ext. 322

#### Pathway to Employment services/Caminos

- •Offers services to individuals interested in achieving employment. This service offers an individualized planning process that helps identify career or vocational direction.
- •Individual must be enrolled in the Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBS). Contact: Intake specialist (212) 643-2840 ext. 336

Biweekly parent support group available in Spanish!!!



#### 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.

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# Services and Supports

#### 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
- 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.

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



#### 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

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

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