

Manhattan Transition Committee Meeting  
Chair: Kathy Kelly

Meeting Minutes From: 5/11/2016

**\*\*Next Meeting: 6/8/2016**

Time and Place: 9:30 @ AHRC, NYC – 83 MAIDEN LANE – 11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

**Announcements/Vacancies (Also see attached Vacancy Announcements for additional info):**

**AHRC, New York City:**

AHRC has Day hab openings at their Varick St, & 315 Hudson St locations. Openings in Supported Employment & the Hotel Housekeeping training program.

See attached flyers for ALL program openings

**General Human Outreach:**

Has opportunity's in Pathways to Employment as well as Intensive SEMP and Employment Training Program (ETP)

Additional opportunities are available in Day Hab as well as MSC with languages in Mandarin as well as in Cantonese

**Sinergia:**

Has openings in Supported Employment as well as Pathway to Employment

**UCP NYC:**

Has openings in Day Hab, Overnight & Emergency Respite, & Family Reimbursement for Durable Medical Equipment

**Urban Resource Institute**

Has openings in Supported Employment. They will provide Travel Training & there is also a stipend for lunch and transportation.

**June 2016 Graduates Update:**

The school transition representatives continue to work with the graduating students and families to ensure appropriate supports are in place post-graduation. The representatives each gave an update with progress noted and suggestions made for any identified obstacles. There are still a few students/families in the early stages of the Front Door Process, but most anticipate a smooth transition. The committee also strategized on a few more challenging situations.

**Next Meeting: JUNE 8, 2016 9:30am – AHRC, NYC – 83 MAIDEN LANE, New York, NY – 11<sup>th</sup> Floor**

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MAY 11, 2016

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ADULT DAY SERVICES VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
MAY 11, 2016

AGENCY: General Human Outreach INC  
TYPE OF PROGRAM: SEMP, Pathway to Employment  
SITE ADDRESS: 125-10 Queens Blvd #2711 Kew Gardens NY 11415  
CONTACT PERSON: Steven Inerant TELEPHONE #: (718) 307-6583  
E-MAIL: SINESVAN@GHOINC.ORG  
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: IP/DD number  
Heavily impaired individuals

AGENCY: UCPNYC  
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Day Rehabilitation  
SITE ADDRESS: 5030 Broadway  
CONTACT PERSON: Maggie Maldonado TELEPHONE #: 212-683-6700 x291  
E-MAIL: mmaldonado@ucpnyc.org  
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: waiver and non-waiver -  
non ambulatory and ambulatory w/ varied disabilities

AGENCY: UCPNYC  
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Day Rehabilitation  
SITE ADDRESS: 2432 Grand Concourse  
CONTACT PERSON: Maggie Maldonado TELEPHONE #: 212-683-6700 x291  
E-MAIL: m.maldonado@ucpnyc.org  
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: waiver and non-waiver -  
ambulatory w/ varied disabilities and programming for persons w/ autism.

AGENCY: Urban Resource Institute - UOR program  
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Supported Employment  
SITE ADDRESS: 50 Court Street, Suite 1012  
CONTACT PERSON: Shavon Fields TELEPHONE #: 718-742-2121  
E-MAIL: sfields@uri.nyc.org  
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: 18 yr old, medicaid eligible  
I.D.D. diagnosis (age of onset prior to age 22), Motivation for work.

AGENCY: Sinergia, Inc.  
TYPE OF PROGRAM: Pathway to Employment  
SITE ADDRESS: 2082 Lexington Avenue 3rd Fl NYC, NY 10035  
CONTACT PERSON: LORE Barcelona TELEPHONE #: 2126432840 Ext 318  
E-MAIL: lbarcelona@sinergia.nyc.org  
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Waiver (or non-waiver) eligibility  
and 21 years and older.

MEDICAID SERVICE COORDINATION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
MAY 11, 2016

AGENCY: Catholic Guardian Services  
TYPE OF PROGRAM: MASC  
SITE ADDRESS: 1011 First Ave. New York, NY (10<sup>th</sup> Fl)  
CONTACT PERSON: Eric Davis TELEPHONE #: (212) 371-1011  
E-MAIL: edavis@catholicguardian.org  
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MAY 2016  
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.

**\*\*\*\*OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMPS\*\*\*\*** Apply now to reserve a spot – ages 5 to adult; call Gleidy Morel at 212-780-2583 or contact the Referral and Information Center at 212-780-4491/4493.

**RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES – For the fall of 2016:** (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, and on Wednesday nights in the Bronx, 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 **Manhattan and Brooklyn** (teens).

**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 Yulia Yaroshevskaya, 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 8 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:**

**Pathway to Employment:** The Pathway to Employment program offers individuals already enrolled in a waiver service an opportunity to discover their employment interests and improve their skill set. Participants will experience 3-4 job roles in the community through volunteer sites, receive job readiness training and personalized vocational discovery throughout this 1 year service with the goal of transitioning to paid employment. Contact Gina Piersanti Gioe at 917-807-5142.

**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 and Staten Island 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 Day Hab and into employment. Contact Ana Kuharik, 718-944-5099 (Bronx) and Gina Gioe, 917-807-5142 (Staten Island).

**Staten Island Janitorial Training program.** Pre-vocational training program for S.I. residents with DD 16 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. Contact 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; 18–24 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 the Bronx & Brooklyn, Janitorial Services in Queens, Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island. For Brooklyn, call Alla Gertsik at 212-895-3310 or Lourdes Punzalan at 212-895-3380; for Queens, Derek Johnson at 646-210-0066 or Sonia Nieves at 347-723-1952, Bronx, Cristina or Yona at 718-944-5099 and for Staten Island, Anna Chakryan at 718-662-1432.

**Staten Island Microsoft Office Specialist Training program:** OSY- Pre-Vocational training program for S.I. residents with DD 18-24 years old who are out of school and out of work. 11 weeks of training combining classroom instruction with an internship at S.I. institutions. Upon successful completion, graduates will be placed in administrative careers with high earning potential. For all referrals, call Anna Chakryan 718-662-1432.

**Staten Island Young Adult Internship Program:** DYCD- 14 weeks of a paid internship program for young adults from 16-24 years old, who are out of school and out of work. Internship opportunities include; clerical, retail, culinary and maintenance. 350 hours of paid internship followed by job placement. Call Anna Chakryan 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 – Pamela Sosa (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 Michael Wright (917-715-8035).

**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 212-780-4491/4493.**