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

City Teens Program: A new socialization program in the community for more independent teens ages 12 – 21, must have IDD diagnosis but not be eligible for OPWDD services. Mostly open to teens from Brooklyn but can accommodate a few from other boroughs. Meet Sundays during the school year in Union Square for fun activities around the city. **Overnight Weekend**

Respite Program: Available for people in S.I. and Queens 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. **Manhattan and Queens 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,**

Manhattan, and Brooklyn: (for children). Must be in the HCBS waiver and in the area of the program. Limited openings **Manhattan and Brooklyn** (teens). **School Holiday Respite:** (ages 10 – 17) available in August, 2017.

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 and 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.

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.

EMPLOYMENT and BUSINESS SERVICES:

TechnoStart: Program in S.I. for individuals with I/DD. 12 week pre-vocational training program. Program helps individuals 18 years and older to gain computer and office skills, and obtain certification in Microsoft Office Specialist. Job placement services and benefits assistance provided. Contact Mark Emsak or Anna Chakryan at 718-981-3452.

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 Mark Emsak or Candi Genovese at 718-981-3452 .

Brooklyn Day Hab without walls: Day Hab without walls program target towards employment. Some of the services and activities provided are: resume preparation workshops, interview preparation, 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 Christopher Michael 212-895-3376.

Staten Island Day Hab without Walls: Day Hab without walls program explores the world of work through daily activities out in the community. Some of the services and activities provided are: resume preparation workshops, interview preparation, 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 Irina Brusilovski or Candi Genovese at 718-981-3452.

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).

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, program enrollees will obtain nationally recognized CMI Certification in Janitorial. There are three cycles during the year. The program offers job placement and job supports after graduation. Integrated program great for developing relationships and preparing for employment.

Brooklyn: Alla Gertsik, 212-895-3310; Bronx, Cristina or Yona, 718-944-5099, Staten Island, Anna Chakryan at 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 or Natalya Sarukhanova at 718-981-3452.

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 – Jaclyn Tocco (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 212-895-3478 or 917-715-8035. **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 212-895-3478 or 917-715-8035.

Intensive Behavioral Services Program in the Bronx which provides 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 212-895-3478 or 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 the 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 the five boroughs of NYC. 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.

OVERNIGHT RESPITE (out of home – NOT EMERGENCY; emergency above): 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.

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.**

The Francesca Nicosia Reimbursement Fund

What is it?

The Nicosia Funds are reimbursement awards of up to \$500 to help provide assistance to people with developmental disabilities who live with their families to pay for goods and/or services that are not otherwise available through existing programs or funding sources.

What goods or services may be requested?

The requests may be for goods and/or short term services that will enhance the quality of life of the person with a disability. A wide variety of goods and services will be considered, including:

- Adaptive equipment
(Not covered by Medicaid)
- Special appliances or furniture
- Summer Camp
- Adaptive toys
- Clothing
- Respite

Who can apply?

Applications for assistance are accepted from families in New York City who live with a person with a developmental disability who has also been determined OPWDD eligible.

What happens when a family applies?

The family submits an application, proof of OPWDD eligibility, and a receipt or estimate for the goods or services. The reimbursement coordinator may request additional information from the family.

Who decides if assistance is given?

Once the application is complete, the administrator will present the family's request for reimbursement to a committee, where the decision to award grants is made. The committee is composed of family members of people with developmental disabilities and AHRC staff.



TRAVEL TRAINING VIEWS AND NEWS

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Never Give Up

*Amber Olivia C.
P 373K*

Title: How me, Amber C. did Travel Training with a lovely women named Ms. Walker. And you are not going to believe it but I did it. This story teaches you to never give up.



Amber C. with Travel Trainer Debbie Walker

Once upon a time there was a girl. Do you know who she is? Amber Olivia C.

At first, when I started Travel Training with Ms Walker, I kept messing up. I kept trying and trying because my boyfriend Jamel and my friends, family, teachers and Ms Walker never gave up.

Gracias amigos y amigas [Thank you male and female friends].

So, let me go on with my story. I leave my house then go to Flatbush Avenue to get the B41 bus. I put

the Metrocard in. And then I sit down until the bus gets to Empire Blvd. Then I push the bell all by myself. Then I get up and wait until the bus stops to get off.

Then I go look both ways for any cars that are coming out from the driveway. Then, when my next bus comes I put the card in. Then I sit down for a very, very, very

long time. Then when I see my stop, I push the bell. Then I wait until we pass the school and then I get off the bus.

So now you know my story. Remember, never give up.

Adiso.
The End.

“So now you know my story. Remember, never give up.”



Thoughts and Reflections

Peggy Groce, Director

"You will be a bust, be a bust, be a bust in the Hall of Fame!"

Lyrics sung to Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz

New York City is an amazing place, secrets from the past scattered throughout its five boroughs, often hidden from view. It's like a treasure hunt: finding people, events, and places that tell a story. One found treasure is the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, the first hall of fame in the United States.

Located in the Bronx, completed in 1900, anyone could nominate a citizen of America (by birth or naturalization) for inclusion in this Hall. What a remarkable and democratic place! Honorees include a wide range of people, some you may have never heard of and others are famous, historical figures. Unlike its more modern counterparts, the Hall of Fame for Great Americans is eclectic, including teachers, inventors, scientists, politicians, theologians, and authors. Their contributions to American economic, cultural, or political life are recognized and memorialized.

Not everyone who makes a meaningful difference in the way we live, work, learn, and play is remembered, let alone has a "bust" in a Hall of Fame. If I were creating a

Hall of Fame today it would be to honor those individuals who showed courage in the face of overwhelming odds, who risked the mockery or anger of those who disagreed with them, who dared to question the accepted way of doing things, who forged a new path through the wilderness of exclusion, discrimination, and prejudice. It



would be a place to honor our youth with disabilities and their parents who defied convention by proudly and confidently declaring their right to community living, to public schooling, to travel independently, using public transportation when appropriate.

Why would I choose these individuals to be in my Hall of Fame? They persistently and actively challenged the prevailing political and philosophical belief systems of the majority, demanding recognition of their rights as human beings and as Americans. While they may not have joined protest movements or law suits, they insisted on their rights in their daily lives, causing change in what had been the "normal" way of doing business and providing services.

There may be times when

we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest. Elie Wiesel

Powerful words! Courageous people, confident in the righteousness of their cause, armed with little more than their beliefs, generated change that served to shake up the prevailing way of interacting with people with disabilities.

Nowhere was their determination more evident than in their insistence that public transportation be accessible to all. For many youth with significant disabilities access means learning how to travel. When Travel Training began in the NYC Department of Education in 1970, youngsters with cognitive disabilities were not able to attend an Occupational Training Center unless they travelled independently. The ability to travel was considered essential if occupational training was to be meaningful and to result in employment when their schooling was complete. This was the genesis of the Travel Training Program, initiated five years before the Willowbrook Consent Decree, five years before the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (now IDEA), three years before the passage of the landmark Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, and twenty years before the sign-

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ing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The parents, the young people, and their advocates knew that self-directed mobility was the key to independent living and working in the community.



Over the years these “Hall of Famers” never stopped teaching and guiding the Office of Travel Training to take the steps that were necessary if equal opportunity was to be a reality in their lives. My imminent retirement from the NYC Department of Education and the District 75 Office of Travel Training has created waves of memories, coming and going, unbidden but appreciated. I’d like to share a few that have helped all the Travel Training staff remain resolute when others suggested that a given student cannot learn to travel.

From my earliest experience working with adults with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, I learned the importance and value of listening to the families. They have been wonderful teachers. The Office of Travel Training sends surveys to parents of students who had been travel trained, years after they have exited the school system. Many of the responses echo the same theme over a 40 year period. Some exam-

ples are:

I feel so happy that I really don't know what to do.

At first I had some misgivings but all that's changed now because I know that this program can teach a lot of things and most all it can train him to help take care of himself when he'll need it most.

While changing the scope of his life, it has also allowed him to function as most teenagers do. This has not only changed Marcel's life, but it has changed ours as well.

My daughter is 27 years old. She was travel trained when she was around 19. It has opened a whole world to her. She feels she is just like everybody else.

Since participating in travel training Linda's learning has exponentially increased

We feel relieved that she is able to be part of the community and do things she loves to do without having to depend on someone else.

The young people we taught to travel are amazing; resilient and determined, motivated by a universal desire for freedom, independence, and respect. In expressing what independent travel means to

them, they have said:

It is the only time when I am treated like everybody else.

Now that I have finished my travel training I feel like a free person out in the world I could smell the fresh air outside. I could go to the store or library by myself.

One thing I like about travel training is you get to travel independently by yourself.

Traveling on my own was my BIGGEST success in my school history.

And I really like traveling on the city bus.

And for now, I am nothing more than a happy traveler, with the “golden ticket of independence” (the MetroCard) in my hand.

It has been a humbling experience and a privilege to have shared in our young people's quest for equal opportunity to live, work, and enjoy life in the community and their parents' determination to make it a reality.

A special section of my Hall of Fame would honor the Travel Training staff, from the pioneers of 1970 to the present Travel Training personnel.

The complex nature of the environments in which they work, the multifaceted aspects of their professional activities, and the misunderstandings of others about their professional skills and abilities has never deterred their commitment. They are determined that all the students they engage with are treated with respect and dignity, and given an equal opportunity to participate in community life. My appreciation for the Travel Training staff over the years only deepens when I consider all the young people and families who have benefited from their dedication to the proposition that *All 'people' are created equal, endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness* (Declaration of Independence). Words are really insufficient when it comes to express how grateful I am that all in my Hall of Fame have been part of my journey.

“A special Thank you.

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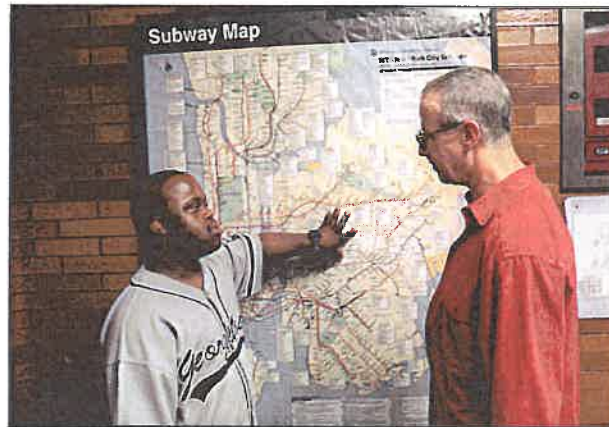
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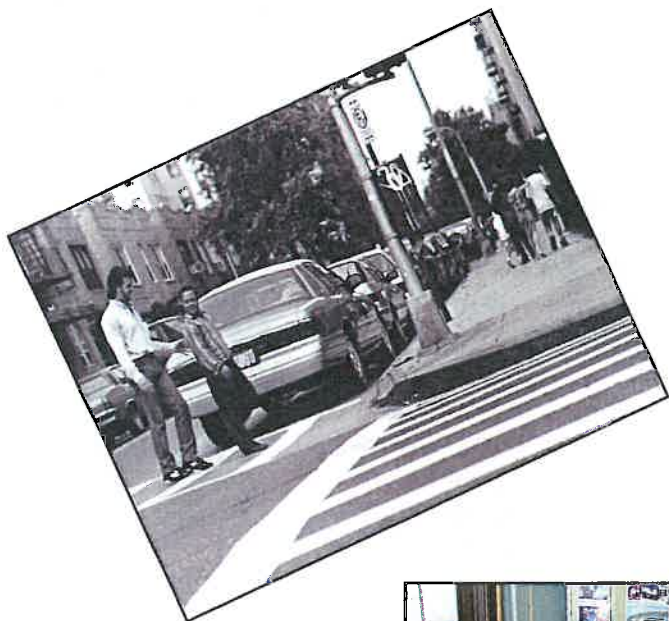
Travel Training

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Travel Training Views and News



Memories from 1970-2017



From the Travel Training Photo Archives maintained by David Abrahams

Back in the Old Days

Full page written by Martin M. P 811Q @ QHST

Remember back in the old days when the subway tunnels didn't have cell phone signals. That would force you to use a pay-phone to make a call. Now those days are over. The MTA has installed cell phone connections in almost every single underground station. This has made life easier



for many commuters that take the subways every single day, myself included. Not only that but they have also installed internet Wi-Fi so that commuters can see their favorite videos or check on the subway updates with their cell phones. So it is true that the future is near and we have

to be prepared for it. I wonder what MTA's new plan is? We will have to wait and see.



*“So it is true
that the future
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Way Back in '09

Way back in 2009 you would get to the bus stop and start waiting for 20-30 minutes and then get impatient and walk away and get into a taxi. Delays have been an inconvenience for passengers since the bus system was created. The ridership went down because of the buses not showing up or coming at the wrong time.

Somewhere around 2010 the MTA had made a convenient



GPS system that lets passengers know how far away the bus is with their Smartphones or computers. This tracking system is called Bus Time. The service first started in Staten Island. The system expanded into the Bronx and Manhattan. The last place the system was installed was in Brooklyn and Queens providing better service for the residents of all the 5 boroughs. There are 2 ways to find out on the phone and 1 way on

the computer. The first way is by looking on Safari on your computer or phone. The second is by checking for the numbers at the bus stop and texting it to 511123 and there are your results. The third is by taking a picture of the barcode that is located on the bus schedule to see your results on your Smartphone. I hope this GPS system makes traveling easy for the kids who are planning to get travel trained in the following years.

Journal Entries from Jarrell

Jarrell W.

Collegiate HS

1/4

Today it was really fun because it is my first time taking the city bus. I can't wait to look back and be "oh my God."

I was a little scared but by the end of this program I will master this and I am going to love this.

1/5

Today it was better than yesterday because I walked up a hill. I felt like I ran for 2 minutes straight without stopping and I can't wait to do this on my own.

1/6

Today it was cold but taking the train was the best. I think I can do this, all I have to do is know where to get off the train.

1/10

Today it was really good taking the city bus. It was cold and a good thing I had my

gloves with me. I love taking the city bus and I will take the bus this whole week and next week.

1/11

I still have a lot to learn from taking the train. Can't wait to be done with the training. When I'm done I can go to my new after school program.

I wonder what waits for me tomorrow.

1/13

I really love this. Once I'm done I'll be able to go to school on my own.

I also asked the conductor for help. It was a little scary but I think that helped me a lot along the way.

1/15

Today I feel like I have to read my signs. What if I get lost and did not read the signs. Now I know my landmarks. On my way to school is another school and on my way back home is a CVS. It's across from a deli.

1/23

Today I took the city bus here by myself. I wasn't scared, I was just fine. After this I'm going home.

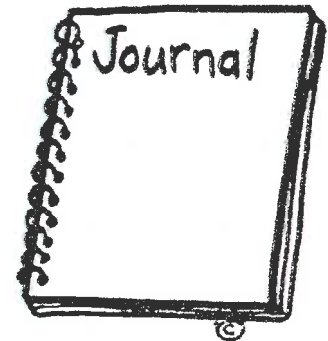
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Today looks like it's going to be my last day of travel training. Doing this was really fun. This took a lot of training...but now that I'm done I can start doing after school and with that being said I can teach my sister what they trained me.

Thank you guys for teaching me how to do this travel training.



Thanks once again.



**"THANK YOU
GUYS FOR
TEACHING ME
HOW TO DO THIS
TRAVEL
TRAINING"**

NYC DOE OFFICE OF TRAVEL TRAINING

A Travel Trainer Near You!

There is a Travel Training Office in every borough in New York City. We accept referrals from community high schools and District 75 schools. Information about student eligibility and the Travel Training Referral Process and Forms are on the Office of Travel Training website at

<http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/District75/Departments/TravelTraining/default.htm>

Below is a list of our offices with their address, telephone number and name of each Travel Training Teacher. We welcome your questions, comments, and/or requests for information about the program, including bus demonstrations, trips to Safety City, parent and professional development workshops.

Email: D75traveltraining@schools.nyc.gov

The Bronx	Brooklyn	Queens	Manhattan	Staten Island
<p><u>Gus Chaviano</u> P72IX 2697 Westchester Ave Bronx, NY 10461 (718) 597-6404 Ext. 2010 GChaviano@schools.nyc.gov</p>	<p><u>Phillipe Jean Louis</u> P373K 185 Ellery Street Brooklyn, NY 11206 (718) 782-6800 Ext. 2275 PJeanLo@schools.nyc.gov</p>	<p><u>David Abrahams</u> P752Q 142-10 Linden Blvd. Jamaica, NY 11436 (718) 558-2083 DAbraha5@schools.nyc.gov</p>	<p><u>Gerard Grillo</u> P75IM 113 E. 4 Street New York, NY 10003 (212) 477-2454 (212) 673-1242 GGrillo3@schools.nyc.gov</p>	<p><u>Florence Shomer</u> P72IR 155 Tomkins Street Staten Island, NY 10304 (718) 273-8622 Ext. 2242 Ftuchmanshomer@schools.nyc.gov</p>
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FREE WORKSHOP AUTISM SERIES

PARENTING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)

DATE: Friday, June 16th, 2017

TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

LOCATION: The Graduate Center, CUNY
365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016

DESCRIPTION: This workshop will focus on exploring the joys and difficulties of caring for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

PRESENTED BY GARY SHULMAN

Gary Shulman, MS. Ed. was the Program Director of Social Services, Training Coordinator and Special Camp Fair Coordinator for Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc. (RCSN) for over 24 years. He transitioned 3 years ago from that position to the role of consultant/trainer on a private basis. Prior to RCSN, Gary was the Special Needs Coordinator for the Brooklyn Children's Museum for 10 years, a multisensory interactive learning environment. He began his career working with children with and without disabilities as a Head Start teacher for 5 years. Gary's passion is bringing relief to families of children with disabilities as well as to the professionals who support them.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Parents, family members, caregivers and professionals who want to enhance the lives of children, teenagers & young adults. Although our primary focus is for individuals who have autism, we welcome anyone who strives to achieve the same goals.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

BY EMAIL: familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org

BY PHONE: 718-436-7979 EXT. 704

All attendees should bring a photo ID to present at the lobby security desk.

****Childcare not available****

Limited MetroCards for family members will be provided

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TALLERES GRATUITOS SOBRE AUTISMO

CRIANZA DE NIÑOS(A) CON DIAGNOSTICO DEL TRASTORNOS DEL ESPECTRO AUTISTA

FECHA: Viernes, 16 de Junio del 2017

HORA: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

DIRECCIÓN: The Graduate Center, CUNY
365 5ta Avenida (en la esquina de la calle 34)
New York, NY 10016

DESCRIPCIÓN DEL TALLER: Este taller se centrará en explorar las alegrías y las dificultades de cuidar a los niños con trastorno del espectro autista.

PRESENTADORA: GARY SHULMAN

Gary Shulman, MS. Ed. era el Director del programa de servicios sociales, Coordinadora de capacitación y Coordinador de feria campo especial de recursos para niños con necesidades especiales, Inc. (RCSN) por más de 24 años. Él hace 3 años la transición desde esa posición el rol de Consultor/formador en forma privada. Antes de RCSN, Gary fue el coordinador especial de las necesidades para el Museo infantil de Brooklyn durante 10 años, un ambiente de aprendizaje interactivo multisensorial. Él comenzó su carrera trabajando con niños con y sin discapacidad como maestro de Head Start durante 5 años. Pasión de Gary es llevar alivio a las familias de niños con discapacidad, así como a los profesionales que los apoyan.

QUIÉN DEBERÍA ASISTIR: padres, familiares, cuidadores y profesionales que desean mejorar la vida de los niños, los adolescentes. Aunque nuestros enfoques principales es para individuos que tienen autismo, damos la bienvenida a quien se esfuerza por alcanzar los mismos objetivos.

SE REQUIERE REGISTRACIÓN

POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO: familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org

POR TELÉFONO: 718-436-7979 EXT. 704

Todos los asistentes deben traer una identificación con fotografía para presentar en el primer piso.

****EL CUIDADO DE NIÑOS NO SERA PROVEIDO****

Se proveerán MetroCards para miembros de la familia

ESTE TALLER ES POSIBLE POR LA INICIATIVA DE AUTISMO DEL CONSEJO CIUDAD DE NUEVA YORK

For information about connecting to YAI services, go to yai.org/link or call us at 212.273.6182 - age range and eligibility requirements vary

BRONX

Day Habilitation
Holiday Respite
In-Home Respite
Parent Training: Behavior Management
Saturday Recreation (Club Fun)

MANHATTAN

Crisis Intervention
Emergency Respite Reimbursement
Family Reimbursement
Holiday Respite
In-Home Respite
In-Home Behavior Management
Parent Training: Behavior Management
Parent Training: Sexuality and Relationships
Parent Training: Parents with Special Needs
Skills Building: Transition to Independence for Young Adults on the Autism Spectrum
Social Skills for Children with Autism
You and I: Social and Networking Skills

BROOKLYN

Emergency Respite Reimbursement
In-Home Behavior Management
Parent Training: Parents with Special Needs
Saturday Recreation

QUEENS

Afterschool Program
Crisis Intervention
Day Habilitation
Emergency Respite Reimbursement
Family Reimbursement
Non Medicaid Community Habilitation
Overnight Respite
Parent Training: Sexuality and Relationships
Parent Training: Parents with Special Needs
Saturday Recreation

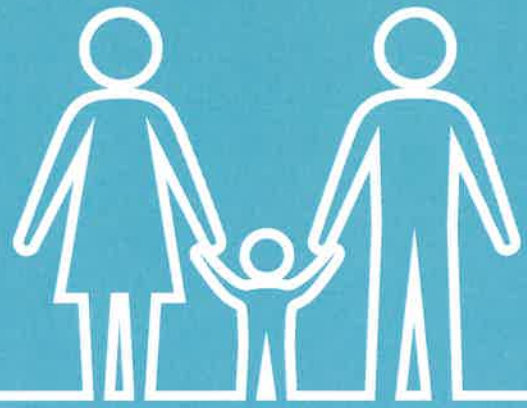
STATEN ISLAND

Parent Training: Behavior Management

MULTI REGION

Autism Assessments
FREE psychological, psychosocial and autism assessments - M, Bk, Qns
Free Education Workshops: For people with disabilities, caregivers and professionals
NYSTART: Crisis Prevention and Response for People with I/DD (212.273.6300) - M, Bx, Qns
Premier HealthCare: Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Dental and Ophthalmology
Supported Employment Services
Manhattan Star Academy: Private School
Resources and Supports Workshop: Learn about the I/DD System and Services
Residential: Contact YAI LINK for information on our residential waiting list

PWSN



Parents With Special Needs

PWSN empowers parents with developmental disabilities*, through direct support and skills training, to become more independent and successful parents.

One-on-one home and community based training and support groups focus on:

- Parenting and Family Empowerment
- Skill Training: Infant Care, Behavior Management, Safety Awareness and Money Management
- Self Advocacy and Community Resources
- Exploring Independence vs. Interdependence
- Enhancing Parental Self Esteem and Confidence

**Parents must reside in Queens, Brooklyn or Manhattan, meet OPWDD eligibility and have parental rights*

For more information visit yai.org/PWSN

Or contact Nafiza Somaipersaud at

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New York Service for
the Handicapped
Accessible since 1906

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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