

5 Borough Family Support Services Advisory Council Meeting IS April 19th @ 10 am - Noon **(Video Conference Available: See Details Below)**

It's exciting to have a chance for ALL boroughs to share information, events, thoughts and concerns.

5 Borough FSSAC Meeting:

25 **April 19th, 2017**
45 Beaver Street,
Room 3100 on the 3rd Floor
10 am - Noon

Remember to bring Photo ID to Beaver Street

Spread The Word: Invite Your ENTIRE Email Lists

A great opportunity for everyone to become part of the FSSACs.

No travel, Different Time & Location: Easier Perhaps

Participation in every aspect of the lives of our families is key.
Find out what is happening now & what is planned for the future

Host site:

Metro NY-Manhattan (Rm 3100) for Manhattan AND Brooklyn

Remote sites:

Bernard Fineson-Queens (VC3 – PC Training Rm)

Metro NY-Bronx (Director's Conf Rm)

Staten Island (Bldg 46A Classroom)

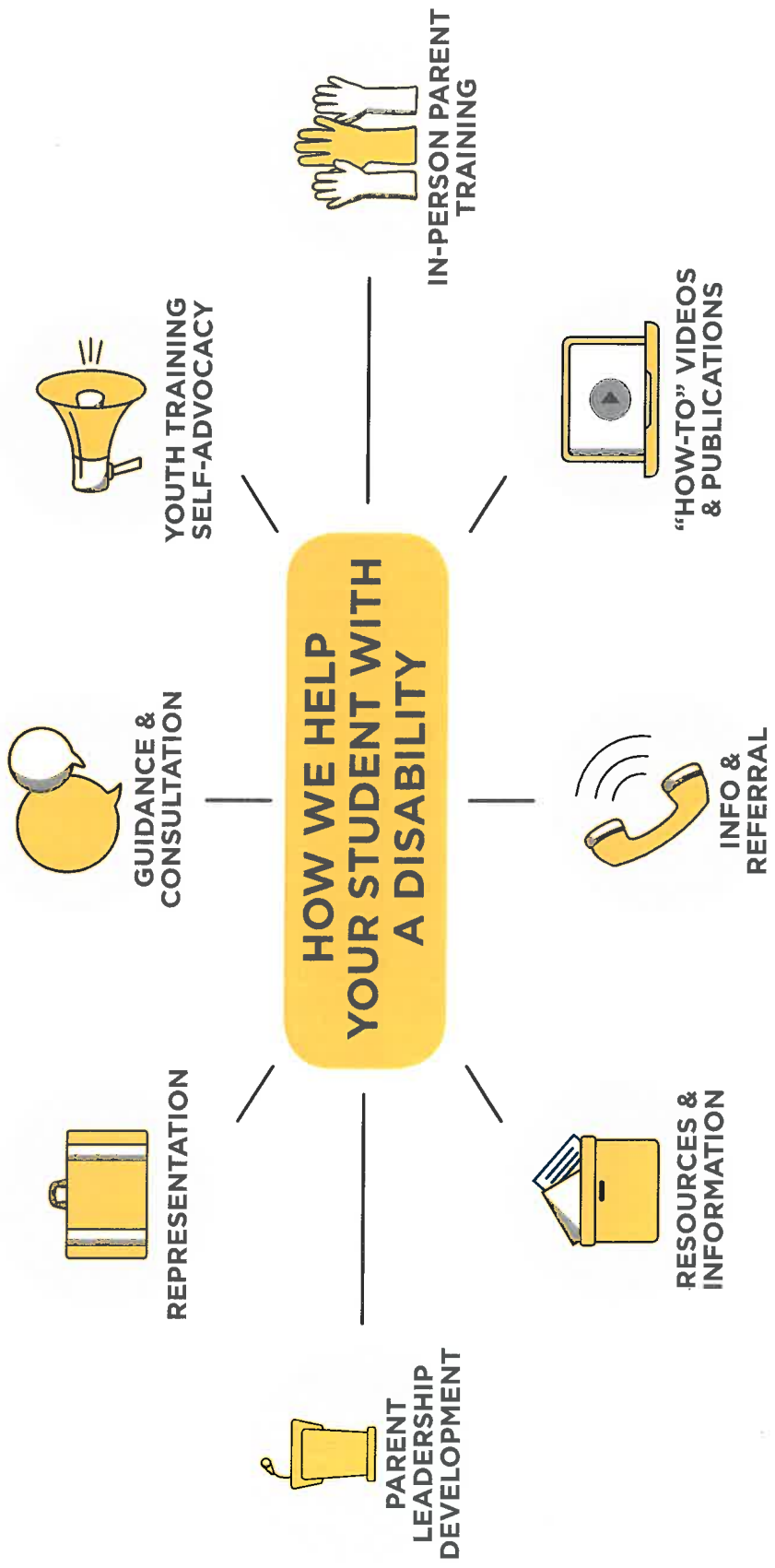
Proposed Agenda: Please Send Additions ASAP

- NYS budget, including #bFair2DirectCare = Update
- Medicaid proposals
- Report on statewide FSS cmte mtg, including CCOs, OPW's 3 yr housing strategy
- Report on all the Legislative Events in all boroughs
- YOUR Additions

See you on 4/19...in person or virtually

Elly Rufer,
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You have access to ALL the resources of the NYS Region 1
PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTER COLLABORATIVE
 for assistance with special education.



WHO WE ARE

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Providing Multicultural, Lifespan Services for People with Disabilities

Free Evaluations

Non-Medicaid Psychological and Psychosocial evaluations provided to Manhattan residents of all ages who are seeking eligibility for OPWDD programs and services

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Please contact our Intake Coordinator at:
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For additional information and questions please contact our Evaluation's Coordinator
Doris Rodriguez at 212-643-2840 ext. 325

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Proporcionando Multicultural, Esperanza de Vida de Servicios Para Personas con Discapacidades de Desarrollo

Evaluaciones Gratuitas

Psicológicos y Psicosociales para personas de todas las edades que vivan en Manhattan y que no tengan Medicaid
Y quieran obtener los programs y servicios de OPWDD
Las Evaluaciones pueden hacerse en la casa y los fines de semana!!!

Por favor comuníquese con nuestro Coordinador de Admisión al: 212-643-2840 ext. 336
Para obtener información adicional o si tiene preguntas por favor comuníquese con nuestra Coordinadora de Evaluaciones Doris Rodríguez al: 212-643-2840 ext. 325

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ADAPT COMMUNITY NETWORK'S FAMILY CONNECT SUMMIT

Advocacy: An Ever-Evolving Need to Stay Current with Services and Supports

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | Wednesday, April 26th

- 8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. **REGISTRATION**
- 9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. **VENDOR FAIR**
- OR**
- 9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. **MORNING SESSION**
[WORKSHOPS AM-A, AM-B, AM-C, AM-D]
- 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. **PLENARY SESSION:**
ACHIEVING CONFLICT-FREE CASE MANAGEMENT ACROSS THE NEW YORK STATE OPWDD SERVICE SYSTEM
- 11:45 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. **VENDOR FAIR**
- OR**
- 11:45 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. **AFTERNOON SESSION**
[WORKSHOPS PM-E, PM-F, PM-G, PM-H, PM-I]

WORKSHOPS

MORNING SESSION | 9:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. | CHOOSE ONE

[AM-A.] FRONT DOOR INFORMATION SESSION FOR FAMILIES

Join us for an overview of the Front Door process which is mandatory for anyone entering the OPWDD system, returning to the OPWDD system, or graduating from the Department of Education. This Front Door Session utilizes a person-centered approach ensuring services are the most appropriate for the individual, foster independence, and are integrated into the community. This session will allow 75 parents or family members to participate and will count as a session so that you can fast-track the OPWDD process.

MODERATOR: Carol Lincoln, Director of Medicaid Service Coordination, ADAPT Community Network
PRESENTER: Kathleen Kingston, NYC Regional Front Door Coordinator, OPWDD

[AM-B.] POSITIVE APPROACHES TO BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES

Dr. Avi Avigdor and Michael Scott, LMSW will present a variety of positive approaches and counseling interventions that could be applied when supporting someone who is experiencing behavioral challenges. They will also discuss the types of behavior support and counseling services available to parents, caregivers, and staff. This discussion includes services provided by Article 28 clinics, Article 16 clinics, day habilitation and residential programs.

PRESENTERS FROM ADAPT COMMUNITY NETWORK: Avi Avigdor, PhD, Licensed Psychologist and Michael P. Scott, LMSW

[AM-C.] THE WORRY BUG STRIKES AGAIN: STRATEGIES FOR ASD & ANXIETY

Learn about the frequent overlap of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and anxiety disorders and how traditional cognitive-behavioral therapy can be effectively modified to treat this combination. We will also share strategies for use throughout daily routines to help children cope with anxiety and learn strategies to face their fears.

PRESENTER: Sarah Kem, LCSW, Clinical Assistant Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Child Study Center at NYU Langone Medical Center. **FUNDED BY:** NYC Council's Autism Awareness Initiative.

[AM-D.] FAMILY SUPPORT & COMMUNITY SERVICES: WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW DO YOU GET THEM?

This workshop will provide an overview of Family Support Services, including:

[FAMILY REIMBURSEMENT] | [HOUSING ASSISTANCE SERVICES] | [RECREATION SERVICES]

We will also discuss waiver services like community habilitation, an individualized, goal-oriented program aimed at promoting learning and independence with the support of one-to-one staffing.

PRESENTERS FROM ADAPT COMMUNITY NETWORK: Daidra Davis, Project Connect Coordinator, and Shari Fintoni, Director, Family Support

MID-MORNING SESSION | 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

[PLENARY SESSION]

ACHIEVING CONFLICT-FREE CASE MANAGEMENT ACROSS THE NEW YORK STATE OPWDD SERVICE SYSTEM

Join ADAPT Community Network's CEO Edward R. Matthews and panelists in a discussion about Conflict-Free Case Management. The foundation of Conflict-Free Case Management is that an organization should not deliver both case management and waiver services to the same people. This session will discuss the transition to Conflict-Free Case Management.

MODERATOR: Edward R. Matthews, CEO, ADAPT Community Network

PANELISTS: Kate Marley, Deputy Director, Division of Person-Centered Supports, OPWDD, and Deanna Cefenna, CEO, Services for the UnderServed (SUS)

AFTERNOON SESSION | 11:45 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. | CHOOSE ONE

[PM-E.] ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS & ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY: IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Did you know ADAPT Community Network provides environmental modifications and assistive technologies to increase accessibility, safety, the performance of activities of daily living, and independence for individuals with disabilities? These interventions also assist in caregiving and reduce caregiver burden while improving the overall quality of life for the entire family. This workshop will illustrate how home modifications such as ramps, stair lifts, accessible bathrooms, and automatic door openers have impacted individuals and their caregivers on physical, psychological, and social levels and helped them to function at their maximum potential.

PRESENTERS: Dr. Richard Y. Dixon, PhD, Matt Parascondio, Senior Coordinator of Operations (ADAPT Community Network), and Bobbi Jo Yeager, Vice President of Workforce Development (ADAPT Community Network)



ADAPT
COMMUNITY NETWORK

[family connect]

PLEASE CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

New York Academy of Medicine
1216 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street
[ENTRANCE ON 103RD STREET]

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* [FORMERLY UCP OF NYC]

<http://www.adaptcommunitynetwork.org/familysummit2017>

[PM-F.] PUTTING POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY INTO PRACTICE: CARE FOR THE CAREGIVERS

Dr. Dan Tomasulo will present an inspiring program on the power of positive being. We all want to lead significant lives and to support what is the very best in ourselves. Positive psychology helps to uncover people's strengths and promote positive functioning and a meaningful existence. There are times when caregivers and community members can become overwhelmed and feel isolated. During these times, they may perceive limitations rather than opportunities. Being able to manage these thoughts and feelings while adding more positivity will be central to this presentation. The application of positive psychology is to focus on potentials, not shortcomings. When we feel good, we enhance our experiences of work, love, and play and we enrich the lives of those we care for and care for us. This workshop will leave you with a smile on your face and a new way of looking at your life—and the lives of others.

PRESENTER: Dan Tomasulo, Ph.D., TEP, MFA, MAPP

[PM-G.] WORKING WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL: ADVOCATING FOR YOUR CHILD AND PARTNERING WITH TEACHERS

Partnerships between parents and school staff are critical to a child's long-term success. This workshop identifies strategies to develop effective classroom accommodations and behavioral plans for attention and behavioral concerns. We also cover helpful behavioral interventions, including Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504, and Daily Report Cards.

PRESENTER: Christina Di Bartolo, LMSW, Research Coordinator and Clinical Assistant Professor at the NYU Langone Child Study Center. **FUNDED BY:** NYC Council's Autism Awareness Initiative.

[PM-H.] GOVERNMENT BENEFITS: ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR MORE?:

The Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY (CIDNY) will provide information on public benefits, eligibility, and how CIDNY can help you apply. Learn about:

[PUBLIC BENEFITS AND ELIGIBILITY] | [AFFORDABLE HOUSING INFORMATION] | [SSI] | [SNAP AND OTHER BENEFITS]

The SNAP benefits program at CIDNY assists consumers with submitting new applications for food stamps benefits. Also, the program assists consumers with recertification applications and change forms to report updates on the food stamps case. Additionally, the program offers mediation assistance, which consists of referring food stamps cases to contacts at the HRA office for review and correction, when discrepancies between the individuals they serve and the HRA have caused a reduction or cancellation of benefits.

MODERATOR: Karen Liebman, Assistant Director of Medicaid Service Coordination, ADAPT Community Network

PRESENTERS: Homalrah Salam, National Council on Aging Coordinator, and Deiny Sabio, Nutrition Outreach and Education Program Coordinator, Center for the Independence of the Disabled, New York

[PM-I.] PARTNERS HEALTH PLAN (PHP)

Join Partners Health Plan (PHP) for an in-depth overview of their plan and the benefits of their person-centered case management program. Learn about the ease of enrollment, what opportunities become available when you are a member of PHP, and how they strive to keep members healthy, happy, and safe!

PRESENTER: Anirose Barzani, MHA, Marketing Representative, Partners Health Plan

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [email:familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org) tel: 718-436-7979 ext. 704
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

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 and Neurology.

Article 16 clinic offering Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy to adults who are OPWDD eligible.

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

Serving all five boroughs. Fully accessible site

- Transportation provided in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island
- 3yrs and older
- Must be waiver enrolled

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 Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island
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

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 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@adaptcommunitynetwork.org

www.adaptcommunitynetwork.org

Children/Education Services

Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island

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

After-School Program

Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan

- Manhattan PS 138@30
- Brooklyn PS 396 & Annex at UCP
- Bronx P721x
- Transportation is provided

Day Habilitation

Day Programs available in Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island. Persons served must be age 18 or older to apply.

- OPWDD eligibility
- HCBS Waiver (if living at home with family)

Supported Employment

Available for Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island residents. Employment services for adults with developmental disabilities.

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

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

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 or Staten Island. Transportation is provided

EXPLORE Club Disco

Once a month, Friday nights events held in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island (SI individuals must be HCBS waiver)

- 18 yrs or older, DD eligible and live with a family member who resides in Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn
- Wheelchair accessible. Transportation not provided
- Dinner and refreshments served

Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC)

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

- Must have Medicaid to be eligible

Individualized Supports & Services (ISS)

OPWDD Housing Subsidy administered by ADAPT Community Network to assist individuals with achieving or maintaining independent living.

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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

MANHATTAN

Crisis Intervention
Emergency Respite Reimbursement
Family Reimbursement
FREE psychological and psychosocial evaluations
In Home Behavior Management
Parent Training: Behavior Management
Parent Training: Sexuality and Relationships
Parent Training: Parents with Special Needs
NYSTART: Crisis Prevention and Response for People with Developmental Disabilities (212-273-6300)
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

BRONX

Day Habilitation
Parent Training: Behavior Management
NYSTART: Crisis Prevention and Response for People with Developmental Disabilities (212-273-6300)

STATEN ISLAND

Parent Training: Behavior Management

QUEENS

Afterschool Program
Crisis Intervention
Day Habilitation
Emergency Respite Reimbursement
Family Reimbursement
FREE psychological and psychosocial evaluations
Non Medicaid Community Habilitation
NYSTART: Crisis Prevention and Response for People with Developmental Disabilities (212-273-6300)
Overnight Respite
Parent Training: Sexuality and Relationships
Parent Training: Parents with Special Needs

BROOKLYN

FREE psychological and psychosocial evaluations
Emergency Respite Reimbursement
Parent Training: Parents with Special Needs

ALL REGIONS

Free Education Workshops: For people with disabilities, caregivers and professionals
Independent Living Program
Premier HealthCare: Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Dental and Ophthalmology
Social, Camping and Recreation Services
Supportive Employment Services
Autism Assessments, Neuropsychologicals
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

**YAI also provides services in Long Island, Rockland, Westchester and New Jersey
Visit yai.org for more information**

XIII CONFERENCIA LATINA 2017

PARA FAMILIAS DE PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDADES DEL DESARROLLO

Afrontando Retos, Realidades y Mitos

Miércoles 3 de mayo



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de la discapacidad.

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Programa

8:30am REGISTRO Y REFRIGERIOS

9:00am-12:00pm APERTURA

Bienvenida

Rocio Ruiz, MA, Senior Coordinator, Clinical and Family Services, YAI

George Contos, JD, CAP®, CEO, YAI Network

Sarah Molinari, Events Coordinator, Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies



ORADORA PRINCIPAL

Berenice Gartner, Reportera de "Noticias Univision 41 A Tu Lado"

Nacida en Colombia, ha recibido numerosos reconocimientos a lo largo de su carrera. 8 premios Emmy de la Academia Nacional de Artes y Ciencias de la Televisión; 1 premio Edward R. Murrow; 3 premios Gabriel y 12 nominaciones al Emmy.

VIVENCIAS QUE NOS INSPIRAN: VENCIENDO LA ADVERSIDAD

Ricardo Corral, LCDO, periodista y atleta paralímpico

ALMUERZO

12:00-1:00pm

1:00-2:30pm TALLERES

A Enfermedades psiquiátricas asociadas con el trastorno del espectro autista: Diagnóstico y tratamiento

Ah Young Kim, MD, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, New York University, NYU Child Study Center

Pilar Trelles, MD, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Seaver Autism Center for Research and Treatment, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

B Inmigración: Lo que usted debe saber acerca de los cambios en la inmigración bajo el nuevo gobierno

Tania Mattos, MA, Education and Outreach Coordinator, UnLoCal, Inc., Board of Immigration Appeals Accredited Representative

C Entendiendo la educación especial: Habilidades de formación para padres y defensores

Paola Martínez Boone, MSW, Senior Advocate, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

registrarse en yai.org/latino

Registro

El cupo es limitado.

No se permite la asistencia de niños.

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Registrarse antes del día
Viernes 28 de abril del 2017

Opciones de registro

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Enviando el formulario adjunto

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Attn. Mara Henriquez

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¡Gratuita y en Español!

Miércoles 3 de mayo

UBICACION

CUNY Graduate Center

365 5^{ta} Avenida, Ciudad de Nueva York

(En la esquina de la calle 34)

Miembro de familia Profesional

Nombre

Apellido

Agencia *(solo para profesionales)*

Dirección

Ciudad

Estado

Código Postal

E-mail

Teléfono

TALLERES 1:00-2:30pm

Seleccione uno solamente

- A** Enfermedades psiquiátricas asociadas
con el trastorno del espectro autista
- B** Inmigración
- C** Entendiendo la educación especial



Viendo más allá
de la discapacidad.

ESTA CONFERENCIA HA SIDO POSIBLE
GRACIAS AL VALIOSO APOYO DE:

Taft Foundation

New York City Council's Autism Initiative

The Guy's American Heartland Foundation

Brooklyn Caribe Lions Club

YAI

Attn: LINK Dept

460 West 34th Street, 11th floor

New York, NY 10001

La misión de YAI, es ayudar a otros a alcanzar una vida lo más plena posible, mediante la creación de nuevas oportunidades para vivir, amar, aprender y trabajar.



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CURRENT PROGRAM OPENINGS

Call (718) 728-8476 for inquiries

APRIL 2017

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

QUEENS

1. Early Intervention (In-Home): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
2. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Ceres Joy Respicio ext 1252
3. Early Intervention (Center Based) : Joe Traegler 1521
4. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
5. SEIT: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
6. SETSS: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
7. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
8. Social Skills Group – High Functioning Autism: Dita DeSena ext.1418
9. Medicaid Service Coordination: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
10. Parent Training: Babina Chhetry ext. 1015

11. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services): Annie Washington ext. 1219
12. CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
13. Evaluations for individuals without Medicaid (Psychological/Psychosocial): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
14. Preschool Centerbased Openings: Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
15. Supplemental Day Hab: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
16. Non-Medicaid Service Coordination: Andrew Toscano ext. 1268
17. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229
18. Day School: Todd Merritt ext. 1420

BROOKLYN

1. Early Intervention (In-Home) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
2. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Ceres Joy Respicio ext 1252
3. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
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11. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services): Annie Washington ext. 1219
12. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229
13. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
14. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222

THE BRONX

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8. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
9. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
10. Respite After School: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
11. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229
12. Day School: Susan Sylvestri ext. 2535

MANHATTAN

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1. Social Skills Group - High Functioning Autism: Rocio Chavez ext.1414
2. Parent Support Group: Annie Washington ext. 1219
3. Early Intervention (In-Home): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
4. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Ceres Joy Respicio ext. 1252
5. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
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10. CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
11. Preschool Centerbased Openings: Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
12. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
13. Respite After School: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
14. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229

LONG ISLAND

1. Sibling/Parent Support Group and Parent Training: Joan Moore ext. 1948
2. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
3. SEIT (Nassau only): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512

4. Medicaid Service Coordination: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
5. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229
6. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222

STATEN ISLAND

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1. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229

2. Medicaid Service Coordination: Farzana Karim ext. 1233

Westchester County

WESTCHESTER

1. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229

2. Medicaid Service Coordination: Farzana Karim ext. 1233



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

****SUMMER CAMP:** Overnight camp programs – openings for adults, children and teens of all abilities at residential camps upstate during July and August. Must have diagnosis of DD or ID, session length 12 days, sliding fee scale. **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 the of 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 the of 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.**

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PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Starting the week of April 3, 2017

Birch Family Services' Across the Lifespan series will provide 3 distinct parent support series to address the needs of parents/family members supporting children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

PRESCHOOL SUPPORT SERIES

Lead by Lori Vallejo, MS, Ed., S.B.L.

Queens Early Childhood Center
145-02 Farmers Blvd, Jamaica

**Wednesday evenings
starting April 5, 2017**

6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

SCHOOL AGE SUPPORT SERIES

Lead by Sharon Budoff, LCSW

Birch's Administrative Office
3rd floor conference room
104 W 29th St, New York City

**Tuesday evenings
starting April 4, 2017**

6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

YOUNG ADULT PARENT SUPPORT SERIES

Lead by Deb Bardavid, LCSW

Birch's Administrative Office
3rd floor conference room
104 W 29th St, New York City

**Wednesday evenings
starting April 5, 2017**

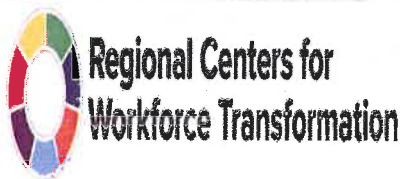
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For more information or to register please contact: Kari-Ann Wanat, Assistant Director of New Frontier at newfrontier@birchfamilyservices.org or 212-616-1845.

Parent Support Services is presented under the auspices of **ACROSS THE LIFESPAN**, a series of seminars and workshops for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.



Birch Family Services is dedicated to supporting children, adolescents and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities as they learn, through our education and community programs, to live more independently, obtain competitive employment and become integral members of their communities. We are committed to empowering the individuals and families we support to realize their dreams and reach their fullest potential.



The Regional Centers for Workforce Transformation (RCWT) are beginning 2017 led by a team of workforce champions named recently as Regional Leads to coordinate the ongoing work of supporting New York's more than 110,000 Direct Support Professionals.

The RCWT mission is to advance the practice of the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals' (NADSP) Code of Ethics and the NYS Direct Support Professional (DSP) Core Competencies among New York State's DSPs, assisting agencies in building DSP capacity in the changing service landscape within the field.

- **How can we assist?**
 - Support agencies and their implementation teams and/or HR or Training Departments
 - Share resources
 - Training support
 - Monthly meetings to collaborate
- **Stay Connected**
 - New Facebook page
 - New Website- workforcetransformation.org
- **Training Resources**
 - Training DVD's
 - Shared resources from provider agencies on RCWT website
- **Region 4**
 - **Region 4 Lead** - Sonja Williams-Richardson, YAI
 - Next regional meeting at YAI on 4/21 from 10-12 (11th floor Board Room)
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