



MAY 2017
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 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.

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Conference at a glance!

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IAC is pleased to announce that one of the keynote speakers this year will be **Ron Suskind**.

Mr. Suskind is the author of several New York Times bestsellers and a Pulitzer-winning journalist. His most recent book: *Life Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism*, is a heartfelt and lauded account of his family's two decade voyage understanding and accessing the world of an individual with autism. Mr. Suskind is a frequent and longtime contributor to television magazines, appearing on ABC's 20/20 and Nightline shows, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert and PBS' The American Experience, Frontline and Charlie Rose shows.

Highlight from the IAC's 6th Annual Conference

Visionary Leadership: Upholding the 40-year Promise

Impact of Federal Policies and changes to ACA on Developmental Disability Services, Sharon Lewis, Health Management Associates

Special Education Policy in New York State – What 4410 and 853 Providers Need to Know, Christopher Suriano, Assistant Commissioner of Special Education for NYSED

Fiscal Issues Impacting 4410 and 853 Providers, Suzanne Bolling, Director of Special Education Fiscal Services

The New Administration in D.C. and the Implications on Special Education, Deborah A. Ziegler, Ed.D., Director, Policy and Advocacy and Professional Standards, Council for Exceptional Children

Block Grants and Healthcare Reform: What to Expect, from a Federal Policy Maker's Perspective, Dr. Rodney Whitlock, Vice-President, Health Policy

Transportation, and other Initiatives Supporting NYers with Development Disabilities, Victor Calise, Commissioner for the Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities

Olmstead: A Retrospective, and Where We are Headed Next, Talley Wells, Legal Aid Society in Atlanta, and Olmstead Historian

Succession Planning and the 8 Keys of Non Profit Excellence, Sharon Stapel, Executive Director of Non-Profit Coordinating Committee NY

Visionary Leadership: Being the Agent of Change, Eunice Colmon, MGD Enterprises

Organizational Accountability, Peter Smergut, President of Smergut Consulting

How to Use KPI (Key Performance Indicators) to Ensure Sustainability, Jacqueline M. Tiso, Executive Director of JMT Consulting

Directors & Officer Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Crime, Cyber and more, Shane Riccio and Carl Bloomfield, The Graham Company

10 Year Retrospective on the short Film celebrating trailblazing self-advocates, Alice Elliot, Film Director and Diana Braun, Self-Advocate

Effectively Managing the Implementation of an Electronic System, David Mack-Hardiman, Associate Vice-President, People Inc.

Succession Planning: Taking Actions to Secure the Future, Karen Schuler, Managing Director, Search, Transition and Planning of Raffa

Lesson Learned: Pursuing Conflict Free Case Management Compliance in a Local Control State, Josh Rael, JD, MA, Executive Director, Alliance Colorado

The Justice Center and What You Need to Know, Bob Hussar, Partner, Barclay Damon



CURRENT PROGRAM OPENINGS

Call (718) 728-8476 for inquiries

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QSAC

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. Parent Training: Babina Chhetry ext. 1015
10. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services): Annie Washington ext. 1219

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

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
4. SEIT: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
5. SETSS: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
6. Non-Medicaid Service Coordination: Andrew Toscano ext. 1268
7. CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512

8. Preschool Centerbased Openings: Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
9. Housing Advocacy: Andrew Toscano ext. 1268
10. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services): Annie Washington ext. 1219
11. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229
12. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
13. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222

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6. CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512

7. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
8. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
9. Respite After School: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
10. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229
11. 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
6. SEIT contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
7. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
8. SETSS: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512

9. CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
10. Preschool Centerbased Openings: Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
11. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
12. Respite After School: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
13. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229
14. Camp Reimbursement: Annie Washington ext. 1219

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. Self Advocacy: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229
5. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222

STATEN ISLAND

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

Westchester County

WESTCHESTER

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



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Are you 55+ and on the autism spectrum or the aging parent of a child with autism?

QSAC'S SENIORS WITH AUTISM AND AGING CAREGIVERS PROJECT

The QSAC Aging Project focuses on issues related to aging and autism or other developmental disabilities. The project serves individuals who are 55+ and have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or another developmental disability with some features of autism. In addition, the program serves people who are 60+ who are the primary caregivers for individuals with autism or another developmental disability with features of autism.

Eligibility

Eligibility for insurance or services such as Medicaid, Medicare, or related services is NOT a requirement for participation in the program. The QSAC Aging Project will take referrals regardless of how many or how few services someone receives.

Assistance Provided by the Program

Participants receive assistance in areas of specific concern related to aging including:

- Consultation provided to an individual's case managers, service coordinators, and direct service providers for solutions to unique issues involved with aging and disabilities.
- Benefit and entitlement counselling (such as Medicare, Social Security, HEAP etc.).
- Housing, Community, and Transportation assessment and advocacy (environmental modifications, transportation services, barrier-free living and workplace etc.).
- Crisis intervention, short-term counseling, safety calls.
- Long-term planning guidance (Special Needs Trusts, residential planning, end-of-life planning).

For Referrals or to Join Our Resource Network

For referrals, inquiries, or to become part of our resource network for older adults with developmental disabilities, please contact:

Patrick Paglen, LMSW
(718) 728-8476, ext. 1242
ppaglen@qsac.com

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DOES MY CHILD QUALIFY?

Any child with both **hearing** and **vision** loss may qualify for services.

Deaf-blindness refers to any combination of vision and hearing loss that impacts an individual's communication, learning and access to the environment. Other terms used to describe deaf-blindness are **dual sensory impaired** or **dual sensory loss**.

Children and youth who are deaf-blind may or may not have additional disabilities. Regardless, individuals with both hearing and vision loss are considered to be deaf-blind and may qualify for services. **Students with multiple disabilities are at high risk for undetected hearing & vision loss.**



WHY CONNECT WITH NYDBC?

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- Supporting educational teams with assessment, curriculum adaptations & communication plans
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- Training & coaching educators & related service providers in best educational practices for children who are deaf-blind.

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Does your child
have hearing
loss?



Does your child
have a visual
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- Instructional Practice
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- Educator & Related Service Provider Training
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- Transition Planning



To Request Services

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Esperanza Center's Transportation Reimbursement Program
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Apply for reimbursement for travel expenses for children and adults with developmental disability.

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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

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

UCP of NYC Family Connect Centers offer free weekly workshops, support services, and educational resources for New York City parents and families of children with disabilities. Through the 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 UCP of NYC to assist individuals with achieving or maintaining independent living.

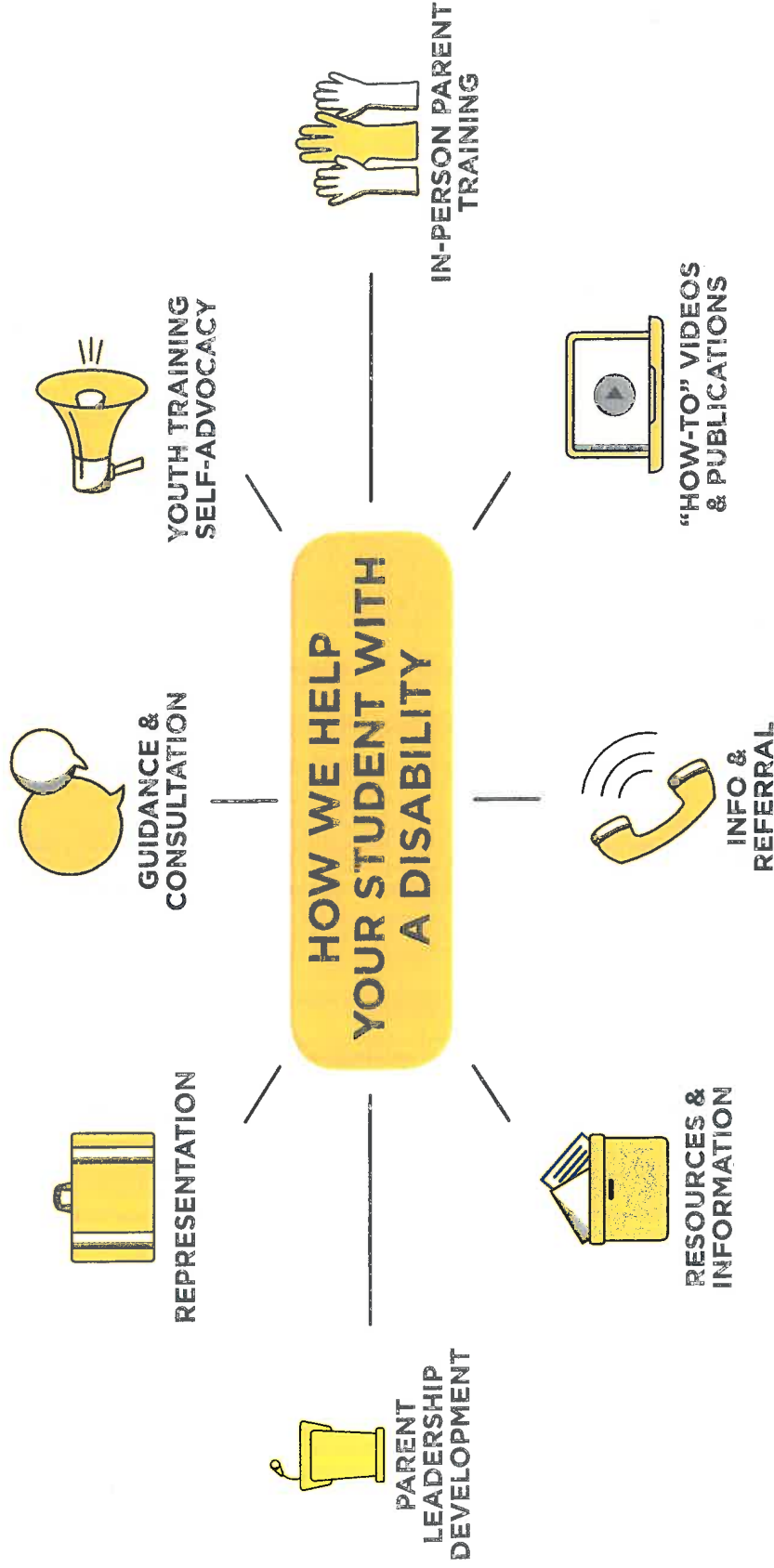
PROJECT CONNECT

Information and referral for supports and services offered in Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island.

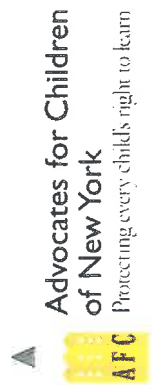
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You have access to ALL the resources of the NYS Region 1
PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTER COLLABORATIVE
 for assistance with special education.



WHO WE ARE



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 advocatesforchildren.org



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 sinergiany.org



631-234-0467
 theliac.org



Providing Multicultural, Lifespan Services for People with Disabilities

FAMILY SUPPORT CASE MANAGEMENT

Non-Medicaid Case Management services are available for families with individuals diagnosed with a developmental disability who reside in **Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens.**

Services may include:

- ⇒ Coordination and linkage to services
- ⇒ Assistance with SSI, Medicaid and other Public Benefits
- ⇒ Referrals for camp, respite, family reimbursement and
- ⇒ Assistance with school issues
- ⇒ Medicaid Waiver Enrollment

For information and eligibility requirements please contact our Family Support Coordinator at (212) 643-2840 ext. 325.

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

APOYO A LAS FAMILIAS COORDINACIÓN DE SERVICIOS NO REQUIERE MEDICAID

Sinergia Inc. proporciona servicios de coordinación a personas con incapacidades de desarrolló y sus familias que son residentes de los condados de **Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens** y el **Bronx**.

Servicios pueden incluir:

- ⇒ Coordinación y enlace con servicios
- ⇒ Asistencia con SSI, Medicaid, y otros beneficios públicos
- ⇒ Referidos a campamento y otros servicios
- ⇒ Asistencia para asuntos escolares
- ⇒ Matrícula en Excepción de Medicaid

Para más información y requisitos necesarios favor de llamar a nuestra coordinadora de servicios de apoyo a familias, (212) 643-2840 Ext. 325.

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Free Evaluations

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

Evaluations can be conducted in the home and on weekends!!!

Please contact our Intake Coordinator at:
212-643-2840 ext. 336

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

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Evaluaciones Gratuitas

Psicológicos y Psicosociales para personas de todas las edades que vivan en Manhattan y que no tengan Medicaid
Y quieran obtener los programas 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
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HEAR FROM & TALK TO
JASON HELGERSON,
New York State Medicaid Director at a
NYC FAIR's Town Hall Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 12th,
6 – 8pm
IAC,
150 West 30th Street, 15th Floor

How will changes to Medicaid affect our families?
What do they plan for Managed Care for people with ID/DD?

Video Conferencing WILL Be Available on Long Island
& Rockland County: Details to follow

Will add more locations if possible: Request can be made on
the Registration Form

Translation Available if Requested Before June 1st

REGISTER NOW:

<http://bit.ly/2qwUSoC>

Be patient with the link OR go to our website to register
www.nycfair.org

NYC FAIR session will be a discussion of how the Medicaid
Transformation impacts individuals with Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities

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

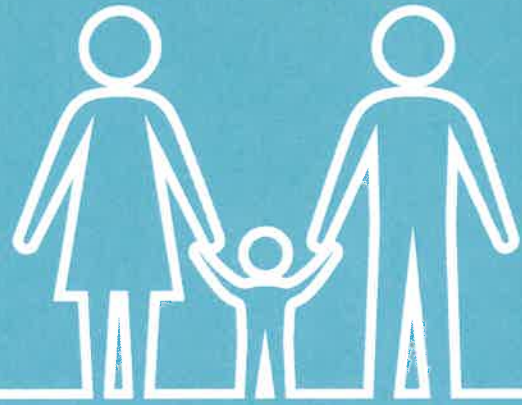
FREE psychological and psychosocial evaluations
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Parent Training: Parents with Special Needs

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

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

718.793.2182 x 4458 or nafiza.somaipersaud@yai.org



In crisis?

Getting help in a crisis.

Taking care of a family member with ID/DD is stressful at times. But when the family is overwhelmed, the right support can make all the difference.

WE PROVIDE EXPERT ASSISTANCE WITH

- ▶ **Getting needed services**
Our social workers will help connect you with the supports you need.
- ▶ **Crisis counseling**
Short-term counseling to help enhance coping skills and identify solutions to problems.
- ▶ **Behavior management**
We will teach you how to address and modify challenging behaviors – in your home.
- ▶ **Emergency respite funds**
Funding for respite services in emergency situations.

212.273.6200

Must reside in Manhattan & Queens

yai.org/helpinacrisis



¿En crisis?

Obtener ayuda durante la crisis

Cuidar a un familiar with ID/DD es a veces estresante, pero cuando la familia está estresada, el apoyo correcto puede hacer la diferencia.

NOSOTROS LE PROVEEMOS ASISTENCIA CON

- ▶ **Obtener los servicios que usted necesita**
Nuestros trabajadores sociales le ayudarán a conectarlo con los servicios que usted necesita.
- ▶ **Consejería en momentos de crisis**
La consejería a corto plazo le ayuda a usar las estrategias para lidiar con el estrés e identificar soluciones a sus problemas.
- ▶ **Modificación de los comportamientos**
En su propio hogar le enseñamos a manejar y cambiar los problemas desafiantes.
- ▶ **Fondos para respite de emergencia**
Fondos para los servicios de respite en situaciones de emergencia.

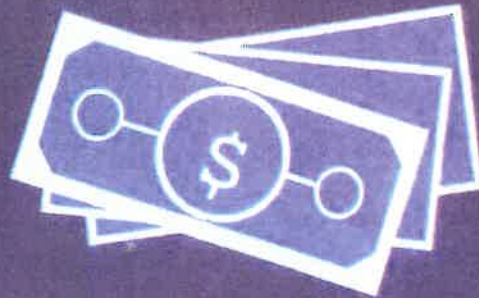
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Residentes de Manhattan y Queens

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Emergency Respite Fund



Funding for eligible* families to help pay for respite services in an emergency situation.

Covered emergencies can include:

- medical hospitalization and recuperation
- attending a funeral
- family member sickness
- assistance with challenging behaviors
- other emergencies (please call)

For more information, please call:
YAI LINK at 212.273.6182 or email link@yai.org

**OPWDD eligibility required; must reside
in Brooklyn, Queens or Manhattan*

Fondos para Respiro de Emergencia



Los fondos de reembolso para familias* elegibles ayudan a pagar los servicios de repite en una situación de emergencia.

Las emergencias pueden ser:

- hospitalización médica y recuperación
- asistencia a funeral
- enfermedad de un miembro de la familia
- asistencia en comportamientos desafiantes.
- para otras emergencias (por favor llame)

Para mayor informacion, comuniquese con:
YAI LINK al 212.273.6182 o email link@yai.org

**Se requiere ser elegible por OPWDD; la persona debe residir en Brooklyn, Manhattan o Queens.*



Introduction

The NYC Kids Project is an award winning theatre arts program bringing a message of inclusion, respect, and anti-bullying to schools in NYC. NYC KP uses puppetry and theatre to teach children of all abilities to embrace diversity, question stereotypes and show respect for all. Children have many questions about differences in general. They notice everything but don't always know how to discuss what they see. Through the magic of theater and facilitated dialogue, children seeing NYC KP programs are encouraged to interact with disabled and non-disabled characters and openly discuss friendship and inclusion in a non-threatening and fun way.

It is the goal of the Kids Project to make our programs available and affordable to all schools and community venues that indicate an interest and need.

History

NYC KP presented *free* programs for over 30 years with public funding from the NY State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. Over 1 million children were served. This funding was entirely eliminated in 2012. With the conviction that its message still needed to be heard by all children, two teaching artists reorganized in 2014 to form a 501c(3) non profit organization. Since then, NYC KP has been raising funds to bring our message of inclusion and respect to all children, regardless of their ability to pay. Last year, we were able to serve approximately 5,000 children.

Originally set up to tackle social exclusion of people with disabilities, NYC KP has also responded to schools that felt ill-equipped to address difficult issues such as racism, bullying, homosexuality and events like 9/11. We believe our role in nurturing a positive school culture provides the conditions that best allow schools to carry out their mission of educating children for success in school and life and preparing them to be responsible, productive, caring adults

Purpose

Puppetry has the capacity to reach across social barriers and enter the hearts and minds of children. It can be used to introduce sophisticated social competency skills including conflict resolution and developing empathy. Our scripts introduce characters with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, ADHD, blindness, learning differences and mental retardation. Children learning social competency skills at an early age are better prepared to address the complex issues of our time. They become empowered to enhance their relationships at home, school and with the wider community. Puppetry performances can increase the student's ability to identify others feelings and perspectives and respond empathetically.

Programs

The NYC Kids Project currently offers three age-appropriate programs:

Making Friends

Designed for early childhood groups, utilizes soft-sculptured dolls or puppets. Through storytelling, simulations, and direct interaction children are exposed to new ideas and concepts, learn factual information about disabling conditions, and explore the concept of "making friends."

The Puppet Show

A theatrical puppet show designed for 2nd through 5th grade audiences.. The goal is to allow open exploration of the underlying humanity all people possess, no matter what their "exterior" may look like, and to address fears, bullying, and stereotypes around disabilities and other differences.

Mainstreet

This program is designed for middle school to high school students. Through theatrical presentation, discussion, role-playing and simulations, attitudes, preconceptions and bullying mechanisms are explored.

For more information:

Visit us	www.nyckidsproject.org
Watch us	https://vimeo.com/135594941
Email us	info@nyckidsproject.org
Call us	646 766 3456

BRING NYC KIDS PROJECT PUPPET SHOWS AND TAILORED PROGRAMMING TO YOUR ORGANIZATION

ABOUT US

The NYC Kids Project inclusive team of educators can tailor programs to meet individual classes' needs or address specific issues in your community.

OUR VENUES

Presentations are done in schools, for community groups, fairs, festivals, libraries, and even on occasion for adult groups. We can present in any large open space where children can sit comfortably on the floor. Making Friends is done best in a classroom.

HOW IT WORKS

Programs work best when children are only told they will be seeing a puppet show or presentation – the characters and topics do not need to be revealed.

Follow-up material can be provided to extend learning and answer questions in the days and weeks following the presentations.

Programs are provided on a sliding-scale basis.

TESTIMONIALS

"It was a pleasure to have the NYC Kids Project and your amazing puppets back at our school this year. We always look forward to your performances and the thought provoking connections you help our students make."

... PRINCIPAL P.S.51, MANHATTAN

"Students are skillfully guided to deepen their understanding and sensitivity towards others..."

The NYC Kids Project is a treasure."

... ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GUIDANCE
COUNSELOR P.S.40, MANHATTAN

"I learned that people don't like to be called names. I learned that everyone is different and everyone has something to work on."

... 3RD GRADE STUDENT

"The puppet show made me happy too because it feels good just to talk about standing up to people who tease and/or are mean."

... 4TH GRADE STUDENT

CONTACT US TO BOOK A PROGRAM TODAY

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WELCOME TO THE NYC KIDS PROJECT!

NYC Kids Project is a social justice arts organization. Using disabilities as a springboard, we dispel stereotypes and embrace the commonality of all people.

Our inclusive team of teaching artists has been bringing programs to the schools and communities of New York City for more than 30 years.

Presentations focus on character development, anti-bullying, and foster empathy, awareness, and respect.

We create inclusive and safe spaces where children can be heard and where they ask questions and share their stories. We invite you to join us!

Cecilia Arana & Mindy Pfeffer
Co-Directors

Our Programs

CHOOSE FROM OUR TWO PROGRAMS OR CONTACT US ABOUT CREATING A TAILORED PERFORMANCE FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION.

KIDS PROJECT PUPPET SHOW

The “Puppet Show” features child-size hand & rod puppets. Each show features two – four puppet characters in theatrical scenes.

The two educators presenting the shows encourage audience participation through facilitated dialogue, allowing the students in the audience to learn by interacting directly with the puppet characters.

AGE GROUP: Grades 2–5
VENUE: Any large space
GROUP SIZE: 40 – 100
LENGTH: 45 – 55 minutes



KIDS PROJECT MAKING FRIENDS

“Making Friends” is a fun, interactive introduction to disabilities and differences presented by one educator using dolls or small soft-sculptured hand puppets, adaptive equipment, storytelling, and sign language.

Children learn from the doll or puppet “characters,” exploring the processes required in making friends.

AGE GROUP: Pre K–1st Grade
VENUE: Classroom
GROUP SIZE: Up to 30
LENGTH: 30 – 40 minutes





Manhattan Developmental Disabilities Council

May 11, 2017

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