

Benefits Assistance

These agencies provide help in obtaining benefits, such as Medicaid or SSI, to which individuals with developmental disabilities and their families may be entitled.

Agency	Address	Contact	Population Served	Description of Program
Benefits Plus Learning Center	633 Third Ave., 10th floor New York, NY 10017	T: 212-614-5552 & leave a message W: www.benefitsplus.cssny.org Click on benefit tools	Individuals, parents, and caregivers. Resources also available for service providers	Benefits counseling & information and referral regarding SSI, SSDI, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Cash Assistance, Housing searches, Medicare and more. By phone or appointment only. No walk-ins. Spanish spoken.
Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY)	841 Broadway Suite 301 New York, NY 10003	T: 212-674-2300 W: www.cidny.org	Individuals with disabilities living or working in NYC, including individuals with DD & their families.	Benefits advisement on health coverage, housing searches, SSI, SSDI, food stamps & other entitlements. Building is wheelchair accessible. American Sign Language, Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, Edo, Farsi, French, Greek, Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Loma, Mandarin, Nepali, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Tibetan, Urdu, and Uzbeki.
Epilepsy Foundation of Metropolitan New York	65 Broadway Suite 505 New York, NY 10006	Katie Lorenzo T: 212-677-8550 x 21 W: www.efmny.org	Individuals with epilepsy & their families	Information and referral on Earned Income Tax Credit for working individuals and parents with modest incomes. Assistance for individuals & families regarding SSI, SSDI, welfare and public assistance. Spanish spoken.
Harlem Independent Living Center	289 St. Nicholas Ave. Lower Level, Suite 21 New York, NY 10027	Desryl De Souza, Program Coordinator T: 212-222-7122 W: www.hilc.org	Individuals with disabilities living or working in NYC	All issues related to applications for food stamps, public assistance, SSI, SSDI, Medicare, Medicaid, and housing information. Spanish spoken.
Legal Aid Society	199 Water St. New York, NY 10038	Access to Benefits Hotline T: 888-663-6880 W: www.legal-aid.org	New York City residents	Helpline staff and volunteers assist with unemployment insurance benefits, public health insurance, including Medicaid, public assistance, including food stamps, and other health and safety net benefits, as well as employment and immigration issues. Interpreters available. Hours 9:30-12:30 Mon.-Fri. Immigration issues 9:30-12:30 Fri. Several languages spoken.

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Medicaid	Several locations in Manhattan	T: HRA InfoLine 718-557-1399, 8AM-5PM, Mon.-Fri. Have date of birth & Social Security number ready. W: www.nyc.gov/HRA	Eligible individuals with DD & their families	Health insurance for people who cannot afford private insurance, or whose coverage is not sufficient to meet heavy medical expenses. Can request an interpreter for languages other than English. Info on Food Stamps and other HRA services.
Medicare Rights Center	266 West 37th St., 3rd Floor New York, NY 10018	T: 212-869-3850 or 800-333-4114 W: www.medicarerights.org	Seniors & Individuals with DD eligible for Medicare	Information, referrals, & advocacy assistance on Medicare via telephone counseling, publications, & public education. Spanish spoken.
New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)	7 Hanover Square 18th Fl. New York, NY 10004	T: For Social Security Benefits, Michelle Spadafore 212-613-5024 T: All other questions 212-613-5000 W: www.nylag.org	Individuals with DD who reside in New York City and have a low income	Free legal services organization with Disability Advocacy Project regarding social security issues and separate program on public benefits. Several languages spoken.
Public Health Solutions	40 Worth Street, 5 th FL New York, NY 10013	T: 646-619-6759 W: www.healthsolutions.org	Aged (over 65), certified blind, individuals with disabilities	Facilitated Enrollment - Aged, Blind, Disabled, Health Insurance enrollment into Medicaid, SNAP (aka-Food Stamps) Enrollment
Resource Entitlement Advocacy Program (REAP)	1403 Madison Ave New York, NY 10029	Anne Rauch T: 212-423-2800 W: www.wiki.mssm.edu/display/community/Mount+Sinai+R.E.A.P.	Individuals in East Harlem, Central Harlem, Yorkville. All patients of The Mount Sinai Health System who live in the 5 boroughs	Information, assistance & advocacy regarding government entitlements & related community services: Medicare, Medicare Part D, Medicaid, Child Health Plus, managed care, home care, food stamps & eligibility for sliding scale fees through the Financial Assistance Program when patients do not qualify for public health care entitlements. Assistance in applying through NYS Health Marketplace. Wheelchair accessible. Spanish spoken. Interpreters available for other languages.

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Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Multiple offices in New York City	T: 800-772-1213, Mon.-Fri., 7AM-7PM TTY: 800-325-0778 Mon.-Fri., 7AM-7PM W: www.socialsecurity.gov	Eligible individuals with DD	Supplemental Security Income provides monthly payments to individuals with disabilities who have limited income and resources. Interpreters available.