



NATIONAL
COUNCIL
ON SEVERE
AUTISM

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Pursuing recognition, policy and solutions for the surging population of individuals, families and caregivers affected by severe forms of autism and related disorders.

NCSA Mission

Educate the public about severe autism and related disorders, and how they require special attention and services.

Provide a platform for think tanks and serious discourse addressing gaps in policy and services.

Educate policy makers about the impact of legislation and policy on our vulnerable, growing, and often overshadowed population.

Promote research into therapeutics for, neurobiology of, and causes of severe forms of autism and related disabilities.

Promote acceptance and awareness of individuals, families, and caregivers affected by severe forms of autism by giving voice to their realities and needs.

Position Statements

NCSA has adopted positions on pressing issues facing our community.

Guardianship

Vocational Options

Personal Safety and Abuse Prevention

Access to Appropriate Health Care and Crisis Care

Medicaid HCBS Residential Policies

Educational Placements

Need for Innovative Research

NCSA Blog

Parent and family voices

Researcher voices

Physician and practitioner voices

Policy issues

Daily living issues

Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ncsautism/>

Twitter: @NCSAutismOrg

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Counted!**

Join our growing community and receive news and updates. Free sign-up bar at ncsautism.org.



Attention Manhattan Families

FAMILY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM!

New



Program Details

OHEL Bais Ezra offers family reimbursement for goods and services, which are not funded through other sources, for family members who have **a child diagnosed with a developmental disability.**

Do I Qualify?

Families qualify by completing an application and their child must be OPWDD eligible.
Reimbursement is based on a first come, first served basis as funding is limited.



For more information:
718-686-3451



Communityservices@
ohelfamily.org



CURRENT PROGRAM OPENINGS

Call (718) 728 - 8476 for inquiries
(see extensions below)

SEPTEMBER 2019



QUEENS

1. Early Intervention (In-Home): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
2. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Ceres Joy Respcio 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. CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
11. Supplemental Day Hab: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222

12. Non-Medicaid Service Coordination: Andrew Toscano ext. 1268
13. Self Direction: Broker Services Kevin Martinez ext.1240
14. Day School: Larisa Muratov ext. 1513
15. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
16. Parent Support Group: Madelyn Wolfin ext. 1519
17. ABA Training: Madelyn Wolfin ext. 1519
18. ACCES-VR: Joseph Amodeo ext. 2016
19. Sibling Support Group: Madelyn Wolfin ext. 1519
20. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services): Annie Washington ext. 2621
21. Preschool Centerbased Openings: Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
22. After School Program (Supplemental Day Hab): Farzana Karim ext. 1233

BROOKLYN

1. Early Intervention (In-Home) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
2. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Ceres Joy Respcio 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. Self Direction: Broker Services Kevin Martinez ext.1240
11. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
12. Day School: Larisa Muratov ext. 1513
13. ACCES-VR: Joseph Amodeo ext. 2016
14. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services): Annie Washington ext. 2621

BRONX

1. Day School: Larisa Muratov ext. 1513
2. SEIT: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
3. SETSS: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
4. Early Intervention (In-Home) : Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
5. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Ceres Joy Respcio ext 1252
6. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512

7. CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
8. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
9. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
10. Self Direction: Broker Services Kevin Martinez ext.1240
11. ACCES-VR: Joseph Amodeo ext. 2016
12. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services): Annie Washington ext. 2621

MANHATTAN

1. Social Skills Group - High Functioning Autism: Rocio Chavez ext. 1414
2. Early Intervention (In-Home): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
3. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Ceres Joy Respcio ext. 1252
4. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
5. SEIT contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
6. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
7. SETSS: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
8. CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
9. Preschool Centerbased Openings: Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
10. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233

11. After School Program - Waiver Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
12. Self Direction: Broker Services Kevin Martinez ext.1240
13. Day School: Larisa Muratov ext. 1513
14. ACCES-VR: Joseph Amodeo ext. 2016
15. Family Reimbursement (Camp): Annie Washington ext. 2621
16. Behavior Mgmt & Parent Training: Kristen Dumoulin ext. 1517
17. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services): Annie Washington ext. 2621
18. Non-Medicaid Evaluations: Kristen Dumoulin ext. 1517
19. After School Program(Respite) Farzana Karim ext. 1233

LONG ISLAND

1. Sibling/Parent Support Group and Parent Training: Violeta Macias ext. 1719
2. Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
3. SEIT (Nassau only): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
4. Self Direction: Broker Services Kevin Martinez ext.1240

5. Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
6. Day School: Larisa Muratov ext. 1513
7. ACCES-VR: Joseph Amodeo ext. 2016

STATEN ISLAND

1. Self Direction: Broker Services Kevin Martinez ext.1240
2. Day School: Larisa Muratov ext. 1513

3. ACCES-VR: Joseph Amodeo ext. 2016

WESTCHESTER

1. Self Direction: Broker Services Kevin Martinez ext.1240
2. Day School: Larisa Muratov ext. 1513

3. ACCES-VR: Joseph Amodeo ext. 2016



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

QSAC After School Program in Manhattan OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

SERVICE

- After school service provided by trained QSAC direct care staff
- Transportation is provided

ELIGIBILITY

- Individual must reside in Manhattan with their family
- Individual must have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Individual must have OPWDD eligibility and be waiver enrolled
- Individual must be over 8 years old



PLEASE CONTACT

Contact: Celina Marin
Telephone: (718) 7-AUTISM x1258
Fax: (718) 204-7570
Address: 25-09 Broadway
Astoria, NY 11106

For more information about all of our programs and services, visit www.QSAC.com/what-we-do.



RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES: (Contact the Referral and Information Center at (212) 780-4491). **Summer Day Camp in the City and School Holiday Respite (All Boroughs):** Operates when school is not in session during the school year, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. This program is to provide respite to families when school is not in session. Transportation is provided, must be in the HCBS waiver Current openings in both the children's program (ages 6 – 13 years old); those interested in Summer Day Camp in the City **must not** be HCBS Waiver eligible and is 13 to 21 years of age. Please Contact Joe Antcliff at Joe.Antcliff@ahrcnyc.org. **City Teens Program:** Individuals aged between 12-21 who are diagnosed with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) and are NOT eligible for OPWDD services. Mostly open to teens from Brooklyn but can accommodate a few from other boroughs. Program meets Sundays during the school year in Union Square for fun adventures around the city. Please contact Joe Antcliff at Joe.Antcliff@ahrcnyc.org. **Overnight Weekend/Getaway Respite Programs (Mini Camps, Adult Hotel Respite, Teens Overnight Holiday Respite, and Bronx Escorted Vacations):** Available for independent travelers and individuals that are able to self-medicate and those who enjoy trips to various new places including upstate (Omitted days of trips) New York to discover various local attractions and seasonal activities. All individuals interested in this program must be in the HCBS Waiver. No cost, transportation provided. Please Contact Natalia Brzykcy at Natalia.Brzykcy@ahrcnyc.org. **Manhattan, Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens Saturday Recreation and Socialization Programs for Children, Teens/Young Adults and Adults:** Operates Saturdays from September to June, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Transportation is provided, must be in the HCBS waiver. Current openings in both the children's program (ages 6 – 12 years), teens/young adult program (13+), adults (21+). Please Contact Emily Hirst at Emily.Hirst@ahrcnyc.org OR Sam Emsell at Samuel.Emsell@ahrcnyc.org. **General Recreation Activities: Softball in Central Park, Brooklyn Basketball Program, Staten Island and Brooklyn Restaurant Club, Bowling throughout NYC, Quarterly Dances, Super Saturday, Sunday Trips and Queens Leisure:** Available to people who lives in New York City and NOT eligible for OPWDD services. Please contact Joe Antcliff at Joe.Antcliff@ahrcnyc.org OR Sam Emsell at Samuel.Emsell@ahrcnyc.org for more information of days and time. **Afterschool in Staten Island, Queens, Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn:** (for children and teens, ages 6-21). Children must live in the borough of the program. Each of our afterschool has different eligibility criteria; if you need more information please contact Robyn O'Brien at Robyn.O'Brien@ahrcnyc.org.

OVERNIGHT/EMERGENCY In-Home Hourly Respite Hourly Program: This type of Respite is a temporary care of a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities provided on an emergency basis due to a family/caregiver situation of extreme urgency, such as the hospitalization of a family member or unexpected travel plans. The overnight/emergency respite services ensure that the person receiving supports is safe and his/her basic needs are met. Emergency respite is provided in individual's home. A caregiver must reside with the individual in the same household to be eligible for services. An applying person should be OPWDD eligible. Services are provided to families residing in the boroughs of Queens and Manhattan. Contact Kesha Sutton, Program Intake Supervisor at 212-780-4482. **IN-HOME RESPITE PROGRAM:** is designed to provide a relief for the caregiver. The in-home respite services ensure that the person receiving supports is safe and his/her basic needs are met. A caregiver must reside with the individual in the same household. The caregiver does not need to be present in the home during service provision hours. Services can be provided in the home or out in the community. We are open for people ages 3 and over in 5 boroughs of NYC. Contact the Referral and Information Center at (212) 780-4491, **COMMUNITY HABILITATION:** CH is a goal oriented service designed to train and support individuals to increase their independence. Services can be provided in the home or out in the community and the caregiver does not need to be present in the home during service provision. Individual applying for services must be OPWDD waiver eligible. We are open for people ages 3 and over in 5 boroughs of NYC. Contact the Referral and Information Center at (212) 780-4491.

EMPLOYMENT and BUSINESS SERVICES: TechnoStart: Program in S.I. for individuals with I/DD. 12 week vocational training program. Program helps individuals 18 years and older to Become Certified in Microsoft Office Applications and become Document Management Specialists learn about digital archiving, data entry and more. Job placement services and benefits assistance provided. Contact Cynthia Azueta 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. A variety of internship sites are available and this offers great opportunity for thorough discovery. Contact Jessica Waardal at 718-981-3452 for Staten Island; Pilar Jones at 212-895-3339 for Brooklyn; Ana Kuharik at 718-944-5099 for Bronx, Flora Nikogosyan at 212-634-8700 for Manhattan; Belma Dautovic at 718-639-5500 for Queens. **Brooklyn Day Hab without walls:** Day Hab without walls program explores the world of work through daily activities out in the community. Some 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 Pilar Jones 212-895-3339. **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 Jessica Waardal 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 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) **Youth**: Train & Earn Careers in Environmental Services Program is a vocational training program for NYC residents with DD/ID/MI and LD and/or low income; 18–24 years old. 15 weeks of training combines classroom instruction with paid internship at major NYC businesses. Successful graduates will become Certified Custodian Technicians- certified by third party. 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: Jeremiah Jenkins, 212-895-3310; Bronx, Cristina Mapoy 718-944-5099, Staten Island, Cynthia Azueta at 347-504-4882. **Staten Island Intern & Earn 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 Cynthia Azueta at 347-504-4882 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: Melissa Levin-Tormos 917-662-6496. Bronx: Wayne Thomas, 718-944-5099. Staten Island: Jaclyn Tocco (718) 981-3452. Manhattan: Mikala Abrahams - 212-634-8673. **Job Connection Center- Psycho-social Clubhouse (Brooklyn)**: A small, innovative, community-based membership program specifically designed to support people living with mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Voluntary participations allows members to gain free access to opportunities to rejoin the worlds of friendship, family, employment and education, and to the services and support they may individually need to continue their recovery. Call Blessing Nwulu at 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. **There are vacancies at all ADS sites throughout the 5 boroughs.** For more details, call Central Intake at 212-780-4491.

Emergency Reimbursement Program (Family Support Service): The Emergency Program provides reimbursement up to \$1,000 for people who have developmental disabilities and need emergency support. The requests may be for goods and/or short term services that will support the person during the time of an emergency. A wide variety of goods and services will be considered, including: costs to replace items lost in a fire, mattress replacement after bed bug infestation, utility suspensions, eviction risks and Emergency Respite Care. Emergency Respite Care 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 emergency travel plans or relief needed for the caregiver due to special circumstances. Criteria for program enrollment: resides with family in Brooklyn or Queens, OPWDD eligibility. For more information call 212-895-3478. **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: OPWDD eligibility, resides with family, vacancies for those living in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx or Staten Island. For more information call 212-895-3478. **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 assisting families through the Medicaid application process, 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: resides with family,



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AHRC PROGRAM VACANCIES
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vacancies for Manhattan, Queens, Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island. No Medicaid required. For further information please call 212-895-3478. **Article 16 Clinic Services:** Ongoing vacancies in Manhattan for psychological and psychosocial evaluations, individual and group counseling and nutrition services. There are also 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 and Spanish. Anyone interested in these programs should contact AHRC Central Intake at 212-780-4491. **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 who do not have Medicaid and are residents of the five boroughs of NYC. Services are available in English and Spanish. For more information or to make a referral, call AHRC Central Intake at 212-780-4491. **PEIR:** The program offers drug and alcohol prevention education groups for individuals with ID/DD and/or TBI who are at risk of abusing substances. The program also provides positive alternative groups such as creative arts therapy, recreation trips, and a weekend planning group. For more information contact Jason Conover at 212-780-2658. **Linkages:** Provides intensive case coordination for individuals diagnosed with ID/DD, TBI, and substance use disorder to assist with access to substance use disorder treatment and to help them maintain sobriety after they complete a rehabilitation program. The coordinator can assist individuals in accessing vocational training programs, psychosocial clubs, outpatient SUD programs, AA community meetings, and assistance applying for appropriate HRA housing. These services can be used by people already receiving other types of service coordination. For further information contact Danielle Kain at 646-845-6036

RESIDENTIAL: There are vacancies in supervised and supportive IRA's for people who do not have any ambulation issues. If you have any questions please contact: 212-780-4457. If you would like to make a referral, please contact 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. There are availabilities in Manhattan, the Bronx, and Queens only. *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.

Healthcare Services

Medical Services in Article 28 clinics located in Brooklyn and Bronx, serving residents residing in the five boroughs of New York City. Clinics are wheelchair accessible. Services include Family Medicine, Women's Health, Psychiatry, Dental, Audiology, Podiatry and Neurology.

Article 16 clinic offers services in all five boroughs. Services include Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy and Mental Health Counseling for adults (18+) who are OPWDD eligible.

Residential Services

Community Living Options are located in Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island.

- Information about accessing residential opportunities
- OPWDD eligibility is required

Bronx Overnight Respite

Open to all five boroughs. Fully accessible site.

- Transportation provided in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island.
- 3 years and older
- Waiver enrollment is required

Community Habilitation

Individualized service focused on personal goal attainment. Services are offered in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island.

- Waiver enrollment is required.
- Must be living independently or with a family member.
- Should be able and willing to work on self-identified valued outcomes.

Housing Assistance Services

Assists persons with disabilities and their families navigate New York City's vast housing systems while linking people with service and supports to navigate through housing challenges.

- Services available to people who are OPWDD eligible and living with family.
- Offers advocacy support, information and referrals on such topics as:
- Eviction prevention, housing court, rent arrears
- Affordable housing, low income and accessible housing (NYCHA, Subsidized Housing, Housing Connect/Lottery)

Doorways to Independence: Home Modifications

A program focused on assisting persons with disabilities in addressing their home accessibility needs.

- Funding available to cover the cost of wheelchair ramps, stairlifts, accessible bathrooms, widening of doors, grab bars, railings, Adaptive Equipment and other necessary modifications.
- Home Assessments conducted by an Accessibility Consultant to determine feasibility of the requested modification and for scope of work development.
- Persons with permanent physical disabilities, elderly, and medically frail are eligible to apply.

Family Reimbursement

Funds available in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island.

- \$500.00 limit for Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island
- Camp Funds available in Bronx, Brooklyn, Staten Island
- Durable Medical Equipment Funds available
- Funds available to cover items denied by Medicaid or other funding sources.
- Families can apply once per fiscal year (July 1- June 30).

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, Queens and Staten Island

- On-site therapeutic services
- Preschool services
- Universal Pre-K
- Integrated programming
- School-Age Program (Brooklyn only)

After-School Program

Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan

- Manhattan PS 138@30
- Brooklyn PS 396 & Annex at ADAPT Community Network
- 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
- Must be waived/enrolled (if living at home with family).

Supported Employment

Service is available to Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island residents. Employment services and supports for people with disabilities. Waiver eligibility is preferred.

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.

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, and live with a family member.

- OPWDD and Waiver-enrollment required

SPIRIT

Saturday Recreation Programs offered in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island.

- Individuals between the ages of 13-40, OPWDD 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 night events held in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island (SI individuals must be HCBS waiver).

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

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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FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES: WORKSHOP SERIES

A series of workshops for professionals, families, self-advocates and all individuals interested in the latest information regarding intellectual/ developmental disability services and supports for children and adults.

Top experts in the field will discuss topics including advocacy, family support services, supported decision-making and the future transition to managed care.

YOU'RE INVITED!

ADAPT COMMUNITY NETWORK

5030 Broadway | Cafeteria

New York, NY 10034

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 9, 2019

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

ADAPT COMMUNITY NETWORK

160 Lawrence Ave. | Atrium

Brooklyn, NY 11230

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 24, 2019

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES:

WHAT ARE THEY AND HOW DO YOU GET THEM?

This workshop will provide an overview of the vast array of Family Support Services. Services to be presented include community habilitation, family reimbursement, housing assistance services, recreation programs, home modification and Project Connect, an information and referral service.

PRESENTERS FROM ADAPT COMMUNITY NETWORK: Amy Bittinger, V.P. of Family Support Services, Nicole Pagano, Director of Family Support Services, and Gloria Enriquez, Project Connect Coordinator

**Please RSVP to PROJECT CONNECT,
projectconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org or 1.877.827.2666.**

**September 2019
&
October 2019**

Workshops for all parents, professionals, and caregivers. No children please.

HOW TO ADDRESS BUSING ISSUES

Thursday, September 19th, 2019 **80 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10023 - Room 124** **Time: 10am-12pm.**
This workshop will explore: How to handle problems that can arise when students with disabilities are bused to and from school, how to work with the Office of Pupil Transportation and secure appropriate bus services, solutions with on-the-spot strategies! Know your role, what to expect, who to contact. Having trouble understanding the process of getting busing? Is busing on your child's IEP? And Where's the Bus?
Presenter: Kpana Kpoto, Family Educator -Include NYC formerly RCSN

HOW TO ADDRESS BUSING ISSUES

Thursday, September 26th, 2019 **160 Lawrence Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230 – Room 205** **Time: 10am-12pm.**
This workshop will explore: How to handle problems that can arise when students with disabilities are bused to and from school, how to work with the Office of Pupil Transportation and secure appropriate bus services, solutions with on-the-spot strategies! Know your role, what to expect, who to contact. Having trouble understanding the process of getting busing? Is busing on your child's IEP? And Where's the Bus?
Presenter: Ruth DiRoma, Family Educator -Include NYC formerly RCSN

COMMUNICATING WITHOUT WORDS

Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 **281 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10302 – Lower Level** **Time: 10am-12pm.**
Whether a child is verbal or nonverbal, visuals improve communication and behavior. Let's stop telling children what to do and start showing them. In this workshop you will create visual supports to help children understand and follow routines and take home the materials you have made. Materials will be provided.
Presenter: Ramapo for Children

EMPOWERED PARENTS: BUILDING YOUR TOOLBOX

Thursday, October 10th, 2019 **1770 Stillwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469– Second Floor** **Time: 10am-12pm.**
This workshop will provide parents, caregivers and professionals with specific skills and strategies to connect with your child to improve behaviors. Parents, caregivers and professionals will learn to identify the child's strengths to create success. The goal is to increase connection with the child or student to build mutual trust. Parents and caregivers can create healthy families by using tools that meet individual needs and teach skills.
Presenter: Ramapo for Children

EMPOWERED PARENTS: BUILDING YOUR TOOLBOX

Thursday, October 17th, 2019 **80 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10023 - Room 124** **Time: 10am-12pm.**
This workshop will provide parents, caregivers and professionals with specific skills and strategies to connect with your child to improve behaviors. Parents, caregivers and professionals will learn to identify the child's strengths to create success. The goal is to increase connection with the child or student to build mutual trust. Parents and caregivers can create healthy families by using tools that meet individual needs and teach skills.
Presenter: Ramapo for Children

To register for a workshop please

Call 718-436-7979 Ext. 704 or

Email familyconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org



Septiembre del 2019

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Octubre del 2019

Talleres para padres, profesionales y cuidadores. Favor no traer niños

CÓMO RESOLVER PROBLEMAS CON EL TRANSPORTE ESCOLAR

Jueves, 19 de Septiembre del 2019 **80 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10023 – Salón 124** **Hora: 10am-12pm.**
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Jueves, 26 de Septiembre del 2019 **160 Lawrence Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230 – Salón 205** **Hora: 10am-12pm.**
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COMUNICARCE SIN PALABRAS

Jueves, 3 de Octubre del 2019 **281 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY – Nivel Inferior** **Hora: 10am-12pm.**
Ya sea que un niño pueda comunicarse verbalmente o no, los símbolos visuales son una excelente estrategia para mejorar la comunicación y el comportamiento. Dejemos de decirle a los niños qué hacer y comenzar a mostrárselos. En este taller usted creará símbolos visuales para ayudarles a los niños a entender y seguir rutinas. Usted podrá llevarse a casa el material que haya creado. Nosotros proveeremos los materiales. **Presentador: Ramapo for Children**

VENGA Y APRENDA A CONSTRUIR SU CAJA DE RECURSOS PARA MEJORAR EL COMPORTAMIENTO DE SU NIÑO (A)

Jueves, 10 de Octubre del 2019 **1770 Stillwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469 – Salón Segundo Piso** **Hora: 10am-12pm.**
Este taller proporcionará a los padres, cuidadores y profesionales estrategias y técnicas para mejorar el cambio de comportamiento. Un énfasis en como identificar las habilidades del niño (a) para crear éxito y aumentar la posibilidad de dicho proceso e incrementar la mutua confianza entre padres y niños. Los padres y cuidadores pueden crear familias saludables mediante el uso de herramientas que satisfagan las necesidades y enseñan habilidades.
Presentador: Ramapo for Children

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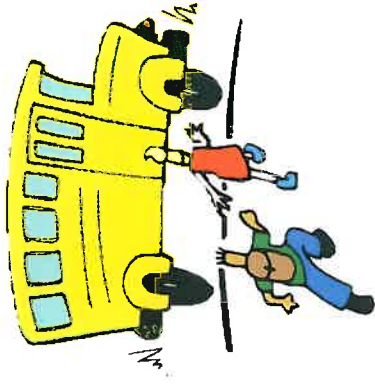
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FREE WORKSHOP

HOW TO ADDRESS BUSING ISSUES

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COMMUNITY NETWORK



Date: Thursday, September 19th, 2019

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Address: 80 West End Ave., New York, N.Y. 10023

Where: Room 124

Presenter: Kpana Kpoto, Family Educator -
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WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS
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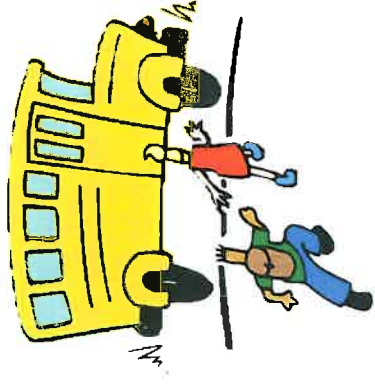
- How to handle problems that can arise when students with disabilities are bused to and from school.
- How to work with the Office of Pupil Transportation and secure appropriate bus services.
- Solutions with on-the-spot strategies! Know your role, what to expect, who to contact.

Where's the Bus?

TALLER GRATUITO CÓMO RESOLVER PROBLEMAS CON EL TRANSPORTE ESCOLAR

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- Cómo trabajar con la oficina de transporte estudiantil para obtener los servicios de autobús apropiado.
- Soluciones con estrategias sobre el terreno! Conozca su rol, qué esperar, a quien contactar.

¿Dónde está el autobús?

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FREE WORKSHOP

EMPOWERED PARENTS: EMPOWERED CHILDREN: TOOLS FOR SELF-MANAGEMENT

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RESPONDING,
REFLECTING,
REPAIRING

ADAPTING FOR
INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

CLEAR EXPECTATIONS,
STRUCTURES & ROUTINES

RELATIONSHIPS &
ROLE MODELING

•Date: Thursday, October 10th, 2019

•Time: 10am to 12pm.

•Address: 1770 Stillwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469

•Where: Room – 2nd Floor

•Presenter: Ramapo for Children

This workshop will:

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VENGA Y APRENDA A CONSTRUIR SU CAJA DE RECURSOS PARA MEJORAR EL COMPORTAMIENTO DE SU NIÑO (A)

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At YAI Network, we are committed to supporting people with I/DD in broadening opportunities for greater independence, community involvement, and overall quality of life through travel instruction.

YAI Network has been awarded a grant from the New York State Department of Transportation to provide a comprehensive travel training program for people across the New York metropolitan area, which includes:

- Mobility management training for people with I/DD
- Training for staff from I/DD agencies on the travel training process
- Person-centered mobility management assessments for people with I/DD
- Travel training information sessions for families and caregivers

This is a funded program so YAI is able to offer this training to other I/DD agencies **FREE OF CHARGE**. We encourage you to register as soon as possible in order to secure a spot.

For more information or to register, please visit our website at www.yai.org/traveltraining

Call 212.273.6100 x6233 | Email traveltraining@yai.org

YAI Seeing beyond disability.



TRAVEL TRAINING

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BRONX

- Adult Recreation
- Club Fun
- Community Habilitation
- Friday Night Social
- Holiday Respite
- Independent Life Skills Program
- In-Home Respite
- Parent Training: Behavior Management

MANHATTAN

- Community Habilitation
- Crisis Intervention
- Day Habilitation: Site-Based and Without Walls
- Emergency Respite Reimbursement
- Family Reimbursement
- Holiday Respite
- Independent Life Skills Program
- In-Home Behavior Management
- In-Home Respite
- Parent Training: Parents with Special Needs
- Parent Training: Sexuality
- Skills Building: Transition to Independence for Young Adults on the Autism Spectrum
- Social Skills for People with Autism
- You and I: Social and Networking Skills

STATEN ISLAND

- Parent Training Workshops

MULTI-REGION

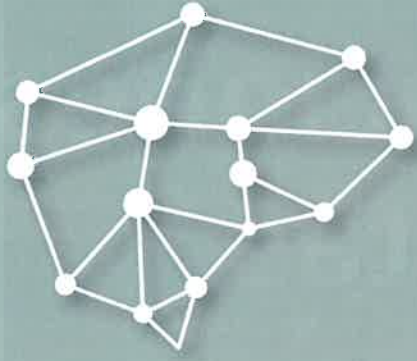
- Free psychological, psychosocial, and autism evaluations
- International Academy of Hope (iHOPE)
- NYSTART: Crisis Prevention and Response for People with I/DD (212.273.6300) - M, Bx, Qns
- Self Direction Broker Services - M, Bx, Bk, Qns
- Supported Employment Services
- Manhattan Star Academy
- Navigating the Service System Workshops: Learn about the I/DD System and Services
- Travel Training: For teens and adults with disabilities and Train the Trainer Program

BROOKLYN

- Ballet Yoga Group for Children on the Autism Spectrum
- BCAP Weekend Recreation Program
- Day Habilitation
- Emergency Respite Reimbursement
- Family Reimbursement
- Independent Life Skills Program
- In-Home Behavior Management
- Parent Training: Parents with Special Needs
- Saturday Recreation Program
- Social Skills Group for Children on the Autism Spectrum

QUEENS

- Afterschool Program
- Crisis Intervention
- Emergency Respite Reimbursement
- Family Reimbursement
- Independent Life Skills Program
- Non-Medicaid Skills Training
- Overnight Respite
- Parent Training: Sexuality
- Parent Training: Parents with Special Needs
- Saturday Adult Respite/Recreation



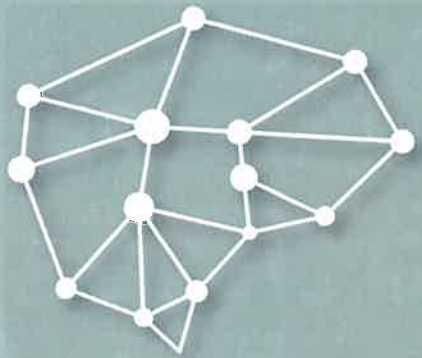
Free Evaluations

Free Psychological, Psychosocial and
Autism Assessments for Brooklyn,
Queens, and Manhattan residents*

*Eligibility criteria varies by borough.
Applicants must be *ineligible* for Medicaid.

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*Funding provided by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
and the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities*



Evaluaciones Gratuitas

Evaluaciones psicológicas,
psicosociales y de autismo gratuitas
para residentes de los condados de
Brooklyn, Queens y Manhattan*

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Manhattan Social Skills Group

For Adolescents & Young Adults (aged 9+) with Autism*

yai.org/socialskills-manhattan



Group topics include:

- friendships
- communication
- social boundaries
- awareness of others
- assertion/choice making

Sessions are open to people who live at home with their families in **Manhattan**

10 weekly sessions in Fall and Spring

A light snack and travel reimbursement will be provided

For information call social skills intake at:

718.793.2182 x4993

**Registration and New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Eligibility Required*



Independent Living Skills Program

Supportive group for adults looking to develop skills in independence*

yai.org/ilsp

The course runs one day a week in the late afternoon to the early evening. ILSP has two 12-week semesters that cover topics such as:

- budgeting
- nutrition & kitchen safety
- decision making
- problem solving
- community & internet safety
- stress management
- and other topics to help individuals make strides towards independence

A light snack and travel reimbursement are provided weekly

To apply online visit yai.org/ilsp

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**Registration and OPWDD eligibility required.*

Open to individuals living at home with their families in
Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, or the Bronx



Transition to Independence

For young adults, ages 17 - 21 on the autism spectrum.

Yoga & Mindfulness

Engage in calming physical and mental activities that promote movement, relaxation, self-awareness, stress reduction and socialization.

Life Skills

Develop and enhance life skills that focus on judgement, decision making, risk-taking, problem-solving and self-advocacy. Group topics include money management, community safety, self-care, relationships, and more!

Kitchen Skills

This course introduces cooking fundamentals like measuring, safety, and knife skills that are necessary in being able to prepare meals independently.

Groups available in the late afternoon and evening

For more information, please call:

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Must meet NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene program criteria.



Navigating the System for People with Developmental Disabilities

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Evening (6pm-8pm)
Please note the entrance is closed to public after 7pm
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- Communication Skills Development
- Social Skill Development
- Behavioral Skill Development
- Community Integration and Inclusion
- Travel and Safety Skills
- Recreation Activities
- Money Management/Use
- Personal Safety and Hygiene
- Daily Living Skills
- Music Therapy
- Fitness and Wellness

Day Habilitation Offers a choice of settings and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Programs focus on increasing independent living skills and cognitive skills in structured and diverse environments. Promoting Self and Environmental Awareness Training and assistance is provided by a talented, interdisciplinary team of Direct Support Professionals, experienced in assisting individuals with complex medical and adaptive behavior needs.

For more information please contact: Sabrina Robinson, Program manager, Telephone 212-388-9156 90-96 Clinton Street New York, N.Y. 10002 Email srobinson@lifeadjustmentcenter.com

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Brookhaven National Lab

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INVOICE

Council Membership Dues for non-profit provider agencies: \$150
for Fiscal Year July, 2019 - June, 2020

Why become a member?

- *Agency members are listed on the Manhattan DD Council website with a direct link to their agency website and events from agency members are posted on the "Calendar of Events"*
- *Stay informed regularly regarding updates from the field*
- *Meetings attended by key OPWDD staff*
- ***Discounted rates at the Manhattan Family Support Fair!!***
- *Dues help support the Council's annual Family Support Fair, the Legislative Breakfast, Advocacy, and many other activities that benefit the families, individuals, and providers in Manhattan*

Agency Name: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

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83 Maiden Lane, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10038*



Manhattan Developmental Disabilities Council, c/o Kathy Kelly, AHRC NYC, 83 Maiden Lane, 9th fl, New York, N.Y. 10038

The Manhattan DD Council Transition Committee is being reestablished!

The goal of the Manhattan Transition Committee is to promote successful transition from school to adult services through OPWDD for students with developmental disabilities.

This month, come join us for an overview and open discussion on transition planning.

October Meeting Topic: **Successful Transition from School to Adult Services**

Wednesday 10/16 @ 10:00 a.m.
ADAPT Community Network – 80 Maiden Lane

Do you have a child with a developmental disability who is graduating or aging out of school and needs ongoing services, or do you work in schools supporting students in transition? Come learn about transition planning and the services available through NY State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), including supported employment services, day habilitation programs, and more. We'll discuss:

- What services are available after high school
- How you can successfully navigate the system
- Unique challenges and solutions

We will also hold a planning forum for families and school staff to discuss areas of interest and needs so we can best support youth in transition. Family members, school staff, and provider agency representatives are all encouraged to join! We want to hear everyone's voice, concerns, and ideas.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us:

Maggie Maldonado, ADAPT Community Network, mmaldonado@adaptcommunitynetwork.org
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SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

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