

# **BROOKLYN FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES GUIDE 2021-2022**



Programs for Individuals and Families with Developmental  
Disabilities

New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

[www.opwdd.ny.gov](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov)

# INTRODUCTION

## ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

This directory lists services available to Brooklyn individuals with a developmental disability and/or their families. **In order to use many of these services, the person with a developmental disability must live with his or her family in Brooklyn.** Developmental disabilities include intellectual disability, autism, cerebral palsy, neurological impairment, global delays and epilepsy.

This directory includes the programs for Brooklyn families that are funded by the New York State Office of People With Developmental Disabilities and administered through its local office, the Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Services Office. Also included are several other programs appropriate for families with a relative with a developmental disability. Please call Family Support Coordinator Angela Blades at (718) 264-3928 or email [Angela.Blades@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:Angela.Blades@opwdd.ny.gov) to obtain additional copies of this guide or if you have questions regarding any of the services provided in this directory.

## ABOUT THE BROOKLYN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

The Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Council collaborates with the New York State Office of People With Developmental Disabilities, as well as the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on many issues. This Council is made up of service providers, governmental representatives, and families of people with developmental disabilities. The Council sponsors monthly meetings that offer families of people with developmental disabilities an excellent opportunity to join with others in advocating for whatever is needed. Please join us. For information and a meeting schedule, please call Joyce Levin at 718-422-3268 [Joyce.Levin@heartshare.org](mailto:Joyce.Levin@heartshare.org). Vice Chairperson – Christopher Greif. Email: [bfssac@yahoo.com](mailto:bfssac@yahoo.com) Website: [bfssac@yahoo.com](mailto:bfssac@yahoo.com) Tel. (347) 589-1691 or (718) 642-8512

## ABOUT THE BROOKLYN FAMILY SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Brooklyn Family Support Committee is a sub-committee of the Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Council. The Committee meets monthly to share resources, network, and learn about programs and services that may benefit persons with developmental disabilities and their families. They also assist the Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Council in identifying needs and priorities for this population. This Committee is responsible for the Annual Brooklyn Family Support Fair. Professionals, family members, advocates and individuals with disabilities are welcome. For more information please call Joyce Levin, Tel. **718-422-3268** Email: [Joyce.Levin@heartshare.org](mailto:Joyce.Levin@heartshare.org)

## ABOUT THE BROOKLYN FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

At each of OPWDD's Developmental Disabilities Regional Offices (DDROs) to help families access Family Support Services. Each DDRO also has a Family Support Services Advisory Council to represent the interests of family members and people with developmental disabilities. The councils work in partnership with the DDROs to make decisions supporting families and loved ones.

Family Support Services can help in times of crisis when a family member or loved one becomes ill, or when things get difficult at home for other reasons. With assistance and support, families can often work these situations out and stay together. Find out more information about these services and supports by calling the Family Support Services Coordinator at the DDRO representing the county in which the individual/family lives. DDROs continually work with local community agencies to ensure that other family support services for people with developmental disabilities and their loved ones are available when and where they are needed.

The Brooklyn Family support Service Advisory Council also serves in an advisory capacity to the New York State and New York City Government. We have representatives from the Brooklyn office of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Brooklyn DDRO and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the leadership. In addition, we advise and get support from the Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Council (BDDC) and Inter-Agency Council of Developmental Disability Agencies (IAC). For information call BFSSAC at 718-642-8512 EMAIL [BFSSAC@YAHOO.COM](mailto:BFSSAC@YAHOO.COM) WEBSITE [WWW.BFSSAC.COM](http://WWW.BFSSAC.COM)

# Additional Resources

Additional resources including programs and services for people with developmental disabilities include the following:

- For list of OPWDD/DDRO4 service and MSC vendor agencies day service providers and family support agencies, please visit website – [www.bfssac.com](http://www.bfssac.com)  
Email: [bfssac@yahoo.com](mailto:bfssac@yahoo.com) Tel: (718) 642-8512
- For general information for all individuals with developmental disabilities call the Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Regional Office **Front Door** at 718-642-8576.
- For multi-lingual information about special educations services for children ages 3-21 go to <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/special-education> or **CALL 311**
- For multi-lingual information about programs and services available throughout New York City go the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities [MOPD]  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/index>  
(212) 788-2830 Or **CALL 311**
- Additional resource information is available through the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (518) 402-0836, 800-577-2229 or **CALL 311**
- For Early Intervention information, contact the Brooklyn Regional Early Intervention Office at 718-722-3310 Or **CALL 311**
- The Brooklyn Family Support Service Advisory Council 718-642-8512 and [www.bfssac.com](http://www.bfssac.com)  
Email: [bfssac@yahoo.com](mailto:bfssac@yahoo.com)
- ACCES-VR – Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation (formerly known as VESID) 718-722-6700. Website: <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr>
- Residential Request List contact the Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Regional Office at 718-642-8569
- Advocates for Children for educational rights. 8 language available. 212-947-9779
- INCLUDEnyc. (formally Resources for Children) 212-677-4650 (English) or 212-677-4668 (Spanish) [www.includenyc.org](http://www.includenyc.org)
- Adult Protective Services (city wide intake system) 212-630-1853. Services de Proteccion Para Adultos – 1-844-697-3505
- Administration for Children's Services Central Registry to report child abuse and neglect **1-800-342-3720**. Mandated Reporters should **CALL 311** in NYC or Call SCR's Mandated Reporter Hotline directly at **1-800-635-1522**. If the child is in immediate danger, **CALL 911**

- New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped 866-871-3000.  
TDD – 1-866-871-6000. Website: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb>
- New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) info line 718-557-1399 or **CALL 311**
- Verizon Services for people with disabilities 800-974-6006  
To reach Customer Service for People with Developmental Disabilities contact Verizon Wireless National Accessibility Customer Service dedicated team at **888-262-1999, Mon – Fri, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST.**
- The Cross-Island Y has adaptive recreation programs on a sliding scale fee structure. Find out more at <https://ymcanyc.org/locations/cross-island-ymca/programs-classes/adaptive-programs> or call 718.551.9325,
- Shore Front Y also has adaptive recreation and sports programs on a sliding scale fee structure. Find out more at <https://www.shorefronty.org/community-support/special-needs/special-needs-children> or CALL 311. Additional information can be found at: <https://ymcanyc.org>  
**Click on >Locations>Type>Amenities.**
- Extreme Kids and Crew has sensory friendly arts and movement programs. Some are free. Find out more at [info@extremekidsandcrew.org](mailto:info@extremekidsandcrew.org) or call (347) 410-6050
- Brooklyn Center of Independence of the Disabled (BCID) is a non-profit, grass roots organization operated by a majority of people with disabilities for people with disabilities since 1956. BCID is dedicated to guaranteeing the civil rights of people with disabilities. Find out more at <https://bcid.org/> or call (718)998-3000.
- Care Coordination Organizations (CCO)
  1. **ADVANCE CARE ALLIANCE of NYC Inc.**  
833-MYACANY – 833-692-2269  
P.O Box 1977, New York, NY 10113  
1410 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr., New York, NY 10018
  2. **CARE DESIGN NY**  
518-235-1888  
8 Southwood's Blvd., Suite 110, Albany, NY 12211  
**New York City Address:** 33 Maiden Lane, Suite 601, New York, NY 10038. (646) 491-6497
  3. **TRI-COUNTY CARE**  
844-504-8400 x 9202  
829 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230

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## ADVOCACY

- **AHRC New York City  
Educational Advocacy Program**

80 Maiden Lane, 2nd Floor, New York, NY, 10038

### Contact Information

Katherine Hoy, LMSW

Joanna Guzman, Intake Coordinator

Phone: 212-780-2799

Email: [Educational.Advocacy@ahrcnyc.org](mailto:Educational.Advocacy@ahrcnyc.org)

Web: [www.ahrcnyc.org](http://www.ahrcnyc.org)

### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Students ages 3-21 with OPWDD eligibility and their parents, care givers, care managers and coordinators, and other professionals who serve youth with disabilities.

### Program Description

We provide non-legal, collaborative, 1:1 support to help you understand your rights and successfully navigate NYC's complex special education system, including assistance with IEP meetings, school tours, evaluations, placement and more.

- **ADAPT Community Network**

80 Maiden Lane, 2nd Floor, New York, NY, 10038

### Contact Information

Annie Rivera

212-683-6700 ext. 1170

[arivera@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:arivera@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

### Program Description

Information and referrals to affordable accessible housing, landlord/tenant negotiations and fair housing mediation. Provides home modifications to eligible Brooklyn Families.

- **Chinese American Planning Council, Inc. (CPC)**

4101 8th Ave, 4th FL

Brooklyn, NY 11232

### Contact Information

Wei Zhang

(718) 492-0409 x302

(718) 567-0397 (fax)

[wzhang@cpc-nyc.org](mailto:wzhang@cpc-nyc.org)

### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Chinese speaking parents of individuals diagnosed with developmental disabilities (ages 3 and up)

### Program Description

Individual and family counseling

- **General Human Outreach**

125-10 Queens Blvd.

Suite #2705

Kew Gardens, NY 11415

### Contact Information

Pat Liu Chang

718-261-6552, ext. 2012

### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Asians with developmental disabilities

### Program Description

Training, presentations and self-advocacy.

Individuals with disabilities are assisted in joining and starting self-advocacy groups.

## Advocacy, Cont.

### ▪ Self-Advocacy Association Of New York State

25 Beaver Street, Room 421  
New York, NY 10004

#### Contact Information

Timothy Elliott  
646-766-3260  
[Timothy.Elliott@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:Timothy.Elliott@opwdd.ny.gov)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Training, presentations and self-advocacy. Individuals with disabilities are assisted in joining and starting self-advocacy groups.

### ▪ SINERGIA

Metropolitan Parent Center  
2082 Lexington Ave., 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10035

#### Contact Information

Paola Jordan  
Tel: 212-643-2840 x305  
Email: [pjordan@sinergiany.org](mailto:pjordan@sinergiany.org)  
Web: [www.sinergiany.org](http://www.sinergiany.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their families. OPWDD eligible for services. Ages 3-22.

#### Program Description

Educational Advocacy. Parent Training & Information Center. Workshops, parent support groups, and individual educational advocacy. Wheelchair accessible. English and Spanish spoken.



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

### ▪ ADAPT Community Network

P.S 396  
110 Chester Street  
Brooklyn, NY, 11212

#### Contact Information

Alicia Angevine  
718-436-7979 ext. 345  
[aangevine@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:aangevine@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)  
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646-625-5000 ext. 5015  
[corellana@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:corellana@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Students ages 5-17  
All developmental disabilities including wheelchair bound. No major behavioral and/or medical issues necessitating 1:1 or a Nurse on staff.

#### Program Description

Tuesday- Friday, 3:00pm-5:30pm.  
Sports, Music, Arts & Crafts, Games, Social opportunities. Transportation provided from home.

### ▪ ADAPT Community Network ANNEX

175 Lawrence Ave, Brooklyn, NY, 11230

#### Contact Information

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#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Students ages 5-17  
All developmental disabilities including wheelchair users. No major behavioral and/or medical issues necessitating 1:1 or a Nurse on staff

#### Program Description

Monday- Friday, 2:00pm-5:30pm.  
Sports, Music, Arts & Crafts, Games, Social opportunities. Transportation provided from home.

### ▪ AHRC NYC

83 Maiden Lane, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Mary Anne Killeen  
212-780-2524

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

ID/DD, autism enrolled in HCBS Waiver  
Middle/high school age.

#### Program Description

After school 3 days a week  
Sheepshead Bay area

### ▪ AHRC NYC

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Mary Anne Killeen  
212-780-2524

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Teens with Developmental Disabilities attending  
AHRC Middle & High School

#### Program Description

Provides site-based respite @AHRC Middle & High School – 1201 66<sup>th</sup> St. in Dyker Heights. Program operates from 2:30pm to 5pm 3 days per week for 9 months. NYC DOE transportation provided.



## After School Programs, Cont.

### ▪ Eden II

150 Granite Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10303

#### Contact Information

Program Director: Janet La Mantia,  
718-816-1422 ext. 1076

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with autism ages 3-21

#### Program Description

1-5 days per week structured recreational and leisure program from 3-5:00pm.

### ▪ Eihab Human Services

168-18 South Conduit Avenue,  
Springfield Gardens, NY 11434

#### Contact Information

Elizabeth Adelaja  
347-229-2772  
**Brooklyn Site:** 718-277-3714  
**Queens Site:** 718-527-3407

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children diagnosed with Developmental Disabilities between the ages of 6years to 15years of age.

#### Program Description

Assist program participants with their homework, artwork in Music, dance and Karaoke, opportunity to increase their socialization skills etc.

### ▪ Elmy's Special Services, Inc

163 Van Buren Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221

#### Contact Information

Tayesha McDonald  
646-919-7944

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

We provide services to all OPWDD individuals

#### Program Description

Assist program participants with their homework, artwork in Music, dance and Karaoke, opportunity to increase their socialization skills etc.

### ▪ HASC Center Inc.

1221 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230

#### Contact Information

Tzippy Friedler  
718-535-1953  
718-535-2053 (fax)  
[intake@hascenter.org](mailto:intake@hascenter.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

School age children with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Provides recreational activities to school age children, with transportation included. This program is available September through June

## After School Programs, Cont.

### ■ Imagine Foundation

1458 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11230

#### Contact Information

Intake: 718-376-8882

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 5-16 diagnosed with Autism/Autism Spectrum Disorders.

#### Program Description

After School programming offered 1 day per week from October to June.

### ■ Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S)

95-02 Seaview Avenue,  
Brooklyn, NY 11236

#### Contact Information

Ericka Charles, Director of Disability Services  
[Ericka@thehes.org](mailto:Ericka@thehes.org)  
(718) 241-3000 EXT. 133

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 4-17 that have been diagnosed with Autism, Down's Syndrome and other developmental disabilities are supported. Children are eligible to participate in services if they are approved for Medicaid Waiver services through the OPWDD Front Door approval process. For families who are either ineligible to receive or pending determination of eligibility to receive Medicaid Waiver services, DOMH's Recreational and Socialization grant at H.E.S. allows children to participate in the R.A.P. program at no cost. As the child receives waiver respite services through the after-school service, their Parent/Caregivers also receive Family Support Services to receive guidance and support with the Front Door approval process.

We serve children ages 4-15 that have been diagnosed with Autism and other developmental/intellectual disabilities. In addition, parent of those children are also provided with supports

#### Program Description

The Reaching Academic Potential (R.A.P.) After School Program is a OPWDD Waiver Respite service which focuses on the potential of children with developmental disabilities. For each child attending, individualized academic, behavioral and socialization goals are developed and supported with being worked on by a Counselor. Furthermore, the R.A.P. program provides homework assistance and recreational opportunities such as dance, yoga, karate, music, baking and more. Program hours are Monday through Friday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Friday 5:30 p.m. for early closing).

Swim n' Skills is a swimming program for children ages 4 - 15 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Each child receives individualized swim instruction and an individual counselor. Parents receive ABA training and optional swim time with their children. Program hours are Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### ■ Pesach Tikvah/Door of Hope

18 Middleton St  
Brooklyn, NY 11206

#### Contact Information

Ruchie Lipshitz  
718-875-6900

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

After school program operating Monday to Thursday.

## After School Programs, Cont.

### ▪ Unique Care Community Services

9317 Avenue L  
Brooklyn NY, 11236  
Site Based Respite &  
After School Programs

#### Contact Information

**Intake Coordinator:** Angelica James  
email: [ajames@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:ajames@uniquecarenyc.org)  
929-399-5474

**Respite Coordinator:** Renae Gross  
Email: [rgross@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:rgross@uniquecarenyc.org)  
(347) 502-2956 ext. 408

**Program Director:** Venese Talbert  
Email: [vtalbert@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:vtalbert@uniquecarenyc.org)  
(347) 502-2956 ext. 412  
(646) 733-6194 - Cell

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

After-school Respite provides supervision for children and relief for their parents. Activities are available to kids in a group and individual formats. Program offers individual opportunity for socialization, arts and crafts and assistance with homework. Transportation can be arranged and/ or provided by the family or agency.

#### Program Description

After School Respite give family members needed respite and provide participants with an opportunity to interact with other people while improving their academic skills, and social skills outside the family setting.

## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

### ▪ ADAPT Community Network

Techworks  
175 Lawrence Ave  
Brooklyn, NY, 11230

#### Contact Information

Peter Piterrasi  
Techworks-voicemail  
718-436-7979 ext. 711  
[techworks@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:techworks@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals of all ages who need assistive devices such as durable medical equipment, accessibility needs, communication devices, adapted workstations, iPad apps, etc.

Individual does not have to have a developmental disability.

#### Program Description

Provide information and referral services and has 4 short-term lending libraries for switches, adapted toys, etc. Also has two demonstration centers to observe and test drive various devices. Provides loaners of durable medical equipment i.e. (wheelchairs, gait trainers). Information on computer access and augmentative communication equipment is also given.

## YAI Center for Specialty Therapy

Augmentative and Alternative Communication Center  
220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or  
[link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Anyone with complex communication needs.

#### Program Description

Provides comprehensive evaluations for people with complex communication needs. Follow-up training, therapy, and programming is available for new device users, as well as those who have previously acquired a device.

## BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

### ▪ HCS

#### **(Human Care Services for Families and Children, Inc.)**

1042 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### **Contact Information**

Ayelet Katz, LCSW  
[a.katz@hcsny.org](mailto:a.katz@hcsny.org)  
718-854-2747 x 1140

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals of any age and their families/caregivers residing in Brooklyn

#### **Program Description**

In-home parent/caregiver/family training to address challenging behaviors

### ▪ New York State Institute on Disability, Inc. (NYSID)

25 Beaver Street  
Room 408A  
New York, NY 10004

#### **Contact Information**

Juliet Hawkins, MA, LMHC  
Project Director  
(917) 524-4856  
[jhawkins@nysidinc.org](mailto:jhawkins@nysidinc.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals 5 years old and over, must be OPWDD-eligible and must reside with boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx.

#### **Program Description**

This time-limited in-home crisis behavior management program teaches parents how to manage the challenging behaviors of their child in the home.

### ▪ YAI

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### **Contact Information**

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Families who have a family member with a developmental disability residing with them.

#### **Program Description**

A short-term, in-home based training program dedicated to helping caregivers manage their child's / family member's challenging behaviors.

### ▪ YAI

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Flr, New York, NY 10017

#### **Contact Information**

Project Intervene  
YAI LINK  
212-273-6182

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Families who have a family member with a developmental disability residing with them.

#### **Program Description**

A short-term, in-home based training program dedicated to helping caregivers manage their child's/family member's challenging behaviors. The service is designed to help caregivers better understand and more effectively cope with their child's/family member's needs. Training may focus on behavioral issues and daily living skills, such as toileting.

## Behavior Management, Cont.

- **Yaldeinu School, inc.**

1600 63rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204

### Contact Information

718-305-7137 #300

[intake@yaldeinu.net](mailto:intake@yaldeinu.net)

Contact: Shuli Rotberg

### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

ASD, multiply handicapped, Intellectual Disability,  
Downs Syndrome.

### Program Description

Intensive behavioral supports for people with autism  
and other special needs

## CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

### ▪ The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services

1366 56<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

Mrs. Sarah Danzig-Pearlman  
[SDanzig@jbfcs.org](mailto:SDanzig@jbfcs.org)  
718-851-7100 ext.471212

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with disabilities who reside at home with family. Brooklyn Residents only.

#### Program Description

Provides scholarship and/or reimbursement up to \$2,000 per individual to partake in a summer camp experience

### ▪ Ohel Bais Ezra

1268 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11230

#### Contact Information

Erica Friedman  
718-686-3451  
[Erica\\_friedman@ohelfamily.org](mailto:Erica_friedman@ohelfamily.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities who are living at home.

#### Program Description

Funding towards summer camp.

### ▪ Pesach Tikvah/Door of Hope

18 Middleton Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11206

#### Contact Information

Diana Masri  
718-875-6900, ext.#130  
[Dmasri@pesachtikvah.org](mailto:Dmasri@pesachtikvah.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with diagnosis of Intellectual Disabilities.

Need proof, i.e. LOC Eligibility, or Psychological report.

#### Program Description

Funding towards Sleep-Away Summer Camp. For individual's residing in Brooklyn with their family.

### ▪ YAI

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Camp reimbursement for families.



## CLINICAL EVALUATIONS for CHILDREN WITHOUT MEDICAID

### ▪ AHRC NYC

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Marissa McMillan  
212-780-2565  
[marrissa.mcmillan@ahrcnyc.org](mailto:marrissa.mcmillan@ahrcnyc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals (ages 5 to adult) seeking OPWDD eligibility

#### Program Description

Provides comprehensive psychological and psychosocial evaluations for individuals without Medicaid to determine eligibility for OPWDD services. Evaluations can be provided in English and Spanish.

### ▪ Community Assistance Resources and Extended Services, Inc. (CARES)

465 Grand Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10002

#### Contact Information

Lisa Louie  
English & Chinese  
[llouie@caresnyc.org](mailto:llouie@caresnyc.org)  
212-420-1970 x 117

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with ID/DD. No Medicaid required.  
Chinese dialects and Spanish Spoken  
Children or adults 2 years 6 months +

#### Program Description

FSS Non-Medicaid Clinical Evaluations for OPWDD eligibility for Residents of Brooklyn.

### ▪ Eden II Programs - Clinical Evaluations

#### Contact Information

Gina DePrima  
718-816-1422 ext. 1200  
[GDeprima@eden2.org](mailto:GDeprima@eden2.org)  
**Program Director:** Janet La Mantia,  
718-816-1422 ext. 1076

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Autism diagnosis, ages 3+

#### Program Description

Skilled clinicians will perform Psychological (including IQ and Adaptive scores) and Psycho-social evaluations for children and adults with developmental disabilities who are seeking OPWDD eligibility to obtain access to HCBS Waiver services. This program is open to individual who do not currently have active Medicaid. (Spanish speaking evaluators available)

### ▪ Heart Share Human Services

12 Metro Tech Center  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

#### Contact Information

**FSS Evaluations@heartshare.org**  
177 Livingston St., Brooklyn, NY 11201

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and adults ages 3+ with documented or suspected developmental delays, who do not have Medicaid. must be a Brooklyn resident and not have Medicaid.

#### Program Description

This program provided no-cost clinical evaluations: Psychological, Psychosocial and Autism Evaluations for children to use as part of an OPWDD eligibility determination review.

## Clinical Evaluations for Children Without Medicaid, Cont.

### ▪ **New York State Institute on Disability, Inc. (NYSID)**

930 Willowbrook Road, Bldg. 41-A  
Staten Island, NY 10314

#### **Contact Information**

Elizabeth Sunshine  
930 Willowbrook Road  
Building 41A  
Staten Island NY, 10314  
Cell: 917-699-0578  
[Esunshine@nysidinc.org](mailto:Esunshine@nysidinc.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals of all ages that reside at home with  
their families who do not have Medicaid

#### **Program Description**

In Home Psychological & Psycho-Social Evaluation,  
for the determination of OPWDD Eligibility for Non-  
Medicaid Individuals

### ▪ **OHEL/Bais Ezra**

1268 East 14th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11230

#### **Contact Information**

800-603-OHEL (6435)  
[Access@ohelfamily.org](mailto:Access@ohelfamily.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Children and Adults with I/DD

#### **Program Description**

No cost psychological and psychosocial evaluations  
for children and adults living in Brooklyn who do  
not have Medicaid in order to determine OPWDD  
eligibility.

### ▪ **YAI**

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### **Contact Information**

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)  
Locations in Brooklyn

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

People with developmental disabilities who are not  
Medicaid eligible and are seeking OPWDD eligibility

#### **Program Description**

Provides comprehensive Psychological,  
Psychosocial, and Autism evaluations for people  
without Medicaid to determine eligibility for  
OPWDD services.

### ▪ **YAI**

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### **Contact Information**

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)  
Locations in Brooklyn

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

People in need of specific clinical assessments for  
eligibility, school placement and other specific  
reasons.

#### **Program Description**

Private pay evaluations through YAI's Center for  
Specialty Therapy. Includes psychological,  
psychosocial, and autism evaluations.

## COUNSELING, TRAINING & SOCIALIZATION GROUPS

### ▪ Chinese American Planning Council. Inc. (CPC)

Service for Families with Special Needs Program.  
4101 8th Ave, 4th FL., Brooklyn, NY 11232

#### Contact Information

Wei Zhang  
TEL: (718)492-0409 ext. 302  
FAX: (718)567-0397  
Email: [wzhang@cpc-nyc.org](mailto:wzhang@cpc-nyc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin) speaking parents of individuals diagnosed with Developmental Disabilities (age 3 and up)

#### Program Description

Individual and family counseling Provide information on resources and available services.

### ▪ Office for People with Developmental Disabilities Brooklyn DDRO - Region 4

750 Vandalia Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11239

#### Contact Information

Mauricina Pardovani  
718-642-4652  
[Mauricina.Pardovani@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:Mauricina.Pardovani@opwdd.ny.gov)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities ages 17 to 22

#### Program Description

Employee Training program. Program is designed to offer training and on the job work experience. After trainee has successfully learned the skills, job site will be asked to consider trainee for permanent employment.

### ▪ CAY Community Services

65 Maspeth Avenue  
Plaza Bldg. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11211

#### Contact Information

Brendon Davis  
718-624-5585  
718-624-7873

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Adults with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Provide computer assisted training in basic academic skills and computer applications

### ▪ Jewish Union Foundation/NJCD- Yachad

11 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10004

#### Contact Information

212-613-8285  
212-613-0796 (fax)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Family members of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Individuals with developmental disabilities 18+

#### Program Description

Individual and family counseling 2-3 10-week social skills trainings on Tuesday evenings.

## Counseling, Training & Socialization Groups Cont.

### ▪ INCLUDEnyc

Formally Resources for Children with Special Needs  
116 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10003

#### Contact Information

212-677-4650

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Parents and professionals

#### Program Description

Workshops on laws, regulations, rights, entitlements, and procedures in securing services with OPWDD.

### ▪ Sinergia, Inc.

2082 Lexington Ave., 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10035

#### Contact Information

Yasmin Campos

T: 212-643-2840 x315

[E.ycamposmendez@sinergiany.org](mailto:E.ycamposmendez@sinergiany.org)

Website: [www.sinergiany.org](http://www.sinergiany.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Parents with Developmental Disabilities who are eligible for community habilitation and/or with children in foster care.

#### Program Description

### ▪ YAI

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### Contact Information

Autism Family Support Series

YAI LINK

212-273-6182

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Family members of individuals on the autism spectrum disorder.

#### Program Description

Family members are provided with therapeutic support with an educational component. Groups offered in English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

### ▪ YAI PWSN

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017

#### Contact Information

Parents who have a developmental disability.

#### Program Description

Parents with Special Needs provides an in-home training with a focus on parenting and independent living skills as well as monthly support groups.

## Counseling, Training & Socialization Groups Cont.

### ▪ **YAI Social Skills**

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### **Contact Information**

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Children between the ages of 5-12 diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

#### **Program Description**

Promotes positive peer relationships amongst children through role playing, recognizing emotions, social stories, and modeling. The group is ideal for children who can independently engage in conversation.

### ▪ **YAI Project Intervene**

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### **Contact Information**

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Families who have a family member with a developmental disability residing with them.

#### **Program Description**

A short-term, in-home based training program dedicated to helping caregivers manage their child's/family member's challenging behaviors. The service is designed to help caregivers better understand and more effectively cope with their child's/family member's needs. Training may focus on behavioral issues and daily living skills, such as toileting.

### ▪ **YAI Ballet/Yoga**

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### **Contact Information**

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Children ages 4-10 diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

#### **Program Description**

Encourages physical movement in fun and supportive environment with a focus on improving motor skills, socialization, and sensory integration.

### ▪ **YAI Autism Center**

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### **Contact Information**

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Children with autism spectrum disorders or those with similar needs.

#### **Program Description**

Clinical social skills training program. Fees charged.

## CRISIS INTERVENTION

### ▪ Eden II Programs

15 Beach Street  
Staten Island, NY 10304

#### Contact Information

##### Olena Zaretska

HCBS Waiver Coordinator

[ozaretska@eden2.org](mailto:ozaretska@eden2.org)

718-816-1422x1075

##### Irene Cavanagh

Associate Executive Director

[icavanagh@eden2.org](mailto:icavanagh@eden2.org)

718-816-1422x1011

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Autism, ages 3-25

#### Program Description

Staff trained in Autism, ABA and behavior management provide respite services on an as needed basis during emergency situations. Emergency situations include: an ill parent, consumer engaging in severe challenging behaviors, a situation in which the physical or emotional well-being of an individual is in jeopardy, or if the short-term provision of child care is essential for a family and they have exhausted all other resources. This service can be provided in the individual's home or in the community.

### ▪ Human Care Services for Families and Children

#### Behavior Management Program

1042 38th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

Ayelet Katz, LCSW

718-854-2747 x140

[a.katz@hcsny.org](mailto:a.katz@hcsny.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities residing in Brooklyn

#### Program Description

Provides in-home behavior management training to parents and family members of individuals with developmental disabilities and challenging behaviors.

### ▪ Innovative Resources for Independence

#### Crisis Services

112-40 Francis Lewis Blvd,  
Queens Village, NY 11429

#### Contact Information

Mr. Al Gibson, Coordinator of At-Home Services

646-542-4643

718-805-6796 ext. 3108

[al.gibson@in-res.org](mailto:al.gibson@in-res.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities aged 14 and over, living in Brooklyn with their caregivers.

#### Program Description

In-Home crisis services provide on an emergency basis by a mobile team on call 24/7 and proactively by trained crisis intervention specialists. Provides crisis intervention service in the form of intensive, in-home respite (20 hrs. per week) to individuals with challenging behavior disorders for a maximum of 13 weeks.

## Crisis Intervention, Cont.

### ▪ Lifespire

213-01 Northern Blvd.  
Bayside, NY 11361

#### Contact Information

Jay Kleinman  
718-454-6940 or 718-454-2700  
[jkleinman@lifespire.org](mailto:jkleinman@lifespire.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

All OPWDD eligible individuals residing with their families. Medicaid Waiver not required.

#### Program Description

Linkage, information & Referral and general short-term case management.

### ▪ NY State Institute on Disability, Inc.

Crisis Intervention Services.

#### Contact Information

Juliet Hawkins, MA, LMHC  
25 Beaver Street  
New York, NY 10004  
Phone: 646-766-3258  
[jhawkins@nysidinc.org](mailto:jhawkins@nysidinc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals who have obtained OPWDD eligibility, who are living at home with their caregiver in the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens or the Bronx. HCBS Waiver not necessary.

No age limits.

#### Program Description

This crisis behavior management program empowers parents to effectively manage the challenging behaviors of their son/daughters. Parents are taught positive behavior management techniques. They are provided with a written, structured, individualized behavior plan and receive support in implementing it.

### ▪ YAI

#### Emergency Respite Fund

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Families caring for a relative with developmental disabilities.

#### Program Description

Emergency respite funds are available to help provide compensation for temporary care during an emergency. These funds help pay for staffing, food, and other necessities identified by each family.



## DAY, SLEEP AWAY & END OF SUMMER CAMPS

### ▪ ADAPT Community Network

#### A.C.T.I.O.N Summer Day Camp

175 Lawrence Ave,  
Brooklyn, NY, 11230.

#### Contact Information

Alicia Angevine  
718-436-7979 ext. 345  
[aangevine@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:aangevine@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

Carmen Orellana  
646-625-5000 EXT 5015  
[corellana@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:corellana@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals 13-21. Brooklyn residents only.  
All Developmental Disabilities including wheelchair users.

All levels of ID.

No major behavioral and or medical issues necessitating a 1:1 or Nurse on staff.

#### Program Description

Monday-Friday 8:30am-3:30pm.  
Last three weeks of summer.  
Sports, games, arts & crafts, social opportunities, trips to area attractions, swimming in a therapeutic pool.  
Transportation to and from home provided.

### ▪ AHRC NYC

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Mary Anne Killeen  
212-780-2524

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children between the ages of 6 and 15

#### Program Description

Day Camp during last two weeks of August

### ▪ Ohel Bais Ezra

1563 49<sup>th</sup> St  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

Avigail Fogel  
718-436-6124

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Ages 6-21

#### Program Description

Day camp for last two weeks in August

### ▪ Children's Aid Society

PO Box 47  
Chappaqua, NY 10514

#### Contact Information

Vince Canziani  
914-238-4761

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 7-17 with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Respite camp program operates throughout the year.  
Transportation is provided from convenient Manhattan location.

### ▪ City Access New York

1207 Castleton Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10310

#### Contact Information

Leslie Mumm  
718-285-6548  
[lmumm@cityaccessny.org](mailto:lmumm@cityaccessny.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Students with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Provides Respite to caregivers.

## Day, Sleep Away & End of Summer Camps, Cont.

### ▪ Eden II

150 Granite Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10303

#### Contact Information

Juanita Bodden, Intake Coordinator  
718-816-1422, ext. 151  
718-816-1428 (Fax)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with autism ages 3-21

#### Program Description

Summer camp offered for two weeks in August from 9 am to 3 pm with structured recreation and leisure activities provided.

### ▪ EI HAB Human Services

168-18 South Conduit Ave.  
Springfield Gardens, NY 11434

#### Contact Information

Elizabeth Adelaja  
718-276-6101

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children with developmental disabilities ages 5-15

#### Program Description

Recreational activities, trips in the community, indoor activities, opportunities for enhancing socialization and communication skills Door to door transportation provided

### ▪ Elmy's Special Services, Inc

163 Van Buren Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

#### Contact Information

Tayesha McDonald  
646-919-7944

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

We provide services to all OPWDD individuals

#### Program Description

This program runs from 2:30pm-6pm (Monday thru Friday) we are located inside of a school. Staff are there to assist individuals with home-works, arts and crafts.

### ▪ HASC Summer Program

5902 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

Chaya Miller, Administrator  
718-686-5930

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

HCBS Waiver-Funded camp offered during the months of July and August.

## Day, Sleep Away & End of Summer Camps, Cont.

### ▪ Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S)

95-02 Seaview Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236

#### Contact Information

Ericka Charles, Director of Disability Services

[Ericka@thehes.org](mailto:Ericka@thehes.org)

(718) 241-3000 EXT. 133

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

We serve children ages 4-15 that have been diagnosed with Autism and other developmental/intellectual disabilities. In addition, parent of those children is also provided with supports and guidance from ABA instructor to allow for follow up of skill development at home.

Children ages 4 to 17 that have been diagnosed with Autism, Down's Syndrome and other developmental disabilities are supported. Children are eligible to participate in services if they are approved for Medicaid waiver service through the OPWDD. For families who are either ineligible to receive or pending determination of eligibility to receive Medicaid Waiver services, DOHMH's Recreational and Socialization grant at H.E.S. allows children to participate in camp at no cost.

#### Program Description

**Swim n' Skills** is a swimming/skill building program for children ages 4 - 15 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Each child receives individualized swim instruction from swim specialist and life skill instruction for ABA instructor. Parents receive ABA training as well to build on the skills children are learning and promote them in daily activity. Program hours are Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**"Camp Xtra"**, a subdivision of the H.E.S Summer Camp, is an OPWDD Waiver Respite program that supports children with developmental disabilities and allows them to experience camp with typical children to its fullest.

Campers are provided with individualized support to ensure they can be part of programming and integrate to the best of their ability. 1:1 support can be provided as needed. Individual goals and socialization skills are worked on to help provide more independence.

Program hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### ▪ Jewish Community Center of Staten Island

1466 Manor Road

Staten Island, NY 10314

#### Contact Information

Special Needs Coordinator

718-475-5291, x 1186

718-475-5207 [Fax]

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

School-age individuals with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

**Marvin's Camp** – 6-week day camp providing outdoor activities. Door-to-door transportation provided.

### ▪ Jewish Union Foundation/NJCD-Yachad

11 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Fl

New York, NY 10004

#### Contact Information

212-613-8285

Fax: 212-613-0796

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Jewish developmentally disabled individuals

#### Program Description

4-7 week sleep away programs in Mainstream camps/ 4-week trip to Israel 18+/ 2-week getaway in NY 18+

## Day, Sleep Away & End of Summer Camps, Cont.

### ▪ Multi-Functional Family Services

130 Waterbury St  
Brooklyn, NY 11206

#### Contact Information

Donna Abrams/Tom Roopchand  
718-486-3780  
718-486-6017 (Fax)  
917-607-6853 (Cell TR)  
917-589-7499 (Cell DA)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities;  
challenging behaviors; dual-diagnosed.

#### Program Description

6 Day/5 Night Summer Vacations, sightseeing tours  
out of state.

### ▪ Rising Treetops at Oakhurst

(Formerly New York Service for the Handicapped -  
Camp Oakhurst)

#### Summer Camp

111 Monmouth Road  
Oakhurst, NJ 07755

[www.risingtreetops.org](http://www.risingtreetops.org)

#### Contact Information

Charles Sutherland, Director, Services & Operations  
732-531-0215  
[csutherland@risingtreetops.org](mailto:csutherland@risingtreetops.org)

Lori Schenck  
Assistant Director, Services  
732-531-0215  
[lschenck@risingtreetops.org](mailto:lschenck@risingtreetops.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Serving physical and developmental disabilities,  
including autism Ages 6+

#### Program Description

Camp provided from mid-June through August. Sessions  
available for youth and adults.

### ▪ Pesach Tikvah/Door of Hope

18 Middleton Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11206

#### Contact Information

Esther Sperber  
718-875-6900 x 112  
718-875-6999 (fax)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and young adults with developmental and  
physical disabilities

#### Program Description

End of summer recreational day camp

### ▪ INCLUDEnyc

Formally Resources for Children  
116 E 16<sup>th</sup> St  
New York, NY 10003

#### Contact Information

212-677-4650  
212-254-4070 (fax)  
Website: [www.resourcesnyc.org](http://www.resourcesnyc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

All disabilities, ages preschool to 21

#### Program Description

Annual Special Camp Fair takes place in Jan or Feb  
and connects parents to representatives of day  
camps in NYC and sleep away camps all over the  
northeast.

## Day, Sleep Away & End of Summer Camps, Cont.

### ▪ Unique Care Community Services

9317 Ave L Brooklyn  
New York, 11236

#### Contact Information

Renae Gross  
[Rgross@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:Rgross@uniquecarenyc.org)  
(347) 502-2956 Ext 408

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Service all individual with mild/ moderate intellectual disabilities. Ages-4 and above

#### Program Description

UCCS serves both children with and without developmental disabilities. The Summer Camp Program is designed to let the individuals have fun! Fun! Fun! But educational at the same time. For example, this year our theme was learning about different animals and their way of life. Every week the campers visited different Zoos and at the end of each zoo visit, staff would ask random questions just to see what they have learned. Some activities include, but are not limited:

- ❖ New York Hall of Science
- ❖ Kids N Action
- ❖ Funtopia
- ❖ Plaster Galaxy
- ❖ Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- ❖ Movies
- ❖ Lunch out
- ❖ Etc....

### ▪ VISIONS - Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

500 Greenwich St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.  
New York, NY 10013

#### Contact Information

Carmen Thorne  
212-625-1616, x 107  
[cthornet@visionsvcb.org](mailto:cthornet@visionsvcb.org)  
[www.visionsvcb.org](http://www.visionsvcb.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. The camp can also accommodate wheelchair users.

#### Program Description

Therapeutic recreation and rehabilitation at our Rockland County facility. Operates camp sessions during weekends (Oct. to June) and summer (June – Aug.). Transportation provided from Manhattan site to the camp. Family sessions also offered.

### ▪ YAI

Mainstreaming at Camp (MAC)  
220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with developmental disabilities, ages 8-18

#### Program Description

In partnership with the Frost Valley YMCA sleep away camp, YAI /NIPD-NJ offers an award-winning, inclusive camping experience in the Catskills to children and teens with developmental and learning disabilities, ages 8-18. There are partial scholarship opportunities available for NYC residents who are eligible for OPWDD services.

## GUARDIANSHIP INFORMATION & FINANCIAL PLANNING

### ▪ AHRC NYC

83 Maiden Lane, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Laurie Stride  
212-780-2586

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Family members of persons with developmental disabilities.

#### Program Description

Provides advice, information/referral on issues of future planning and legal representation for families petitioning for legal guardianship.

### ▪ Ohel Bais Ezra

4510 16<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11204

#### Contact Information

Simcha Feuerman  
718-851-6300

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Family members of persons with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Financial planning

### ▪ YAI's Center for Specialty Therapy

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

YAI's Center for Specialty Therapy conducts psychological, psychosocial and autism evaluations needed to apply for 17A guardianship, along with the guardianship interview.

## HOUSING ADVOCACY

### ▪ ADAPT Community Network

80 Maiden Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl  
New York, NY, 10038

#### Contact Information

Annie Rivera  
212-683-6700 ext. 1170  
[arivera@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:arivera@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals and Families with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Housing Assistance Services offers services including landlord-tenant mediation, housing court assistance, assistance filing human rights complaints, tenants' rights information and referrals for low income/affordable housing and follow up advocacy.

### ▪ QSAC

253 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street,  
14<sup>th</sup> Flr., New York, NY 10001

#### Contact Information

Kevin Martinez  
P-718-728-8476 ext. 1240  
F- 718-204-7570  
Email: [kmartinez@qsac.com](mailto:kmartinez@qsac.com)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Families of individuals with autism and ID/DD who need advocacy related to housing issues.

#### Program Description

Housing Advocacy is provided to individuals and families with developmental disabilities who reside in Brooklyn. QSAC provides a trained advocate with an expertise in housing related issues which includes Section 8 issues, NYCHA, housing court, evictions, relocation if needed and much more.

### ▪ Sinergia Inc.

Housing Advocacy Program  
2082 Lexington Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> FL  
New York, NY 10035

#### Contact Information

Lore Barcelona  
T: 212-643-2840 x 318  
E: [lbarcelona@sinergiany.org](mailto:lbarcelona@sinergiany.org)  
W: [www.sinergiany.org](http://www.sinergiany.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their families. OPWDD eligible for services.

#### Program Description

Assistance with eviction prevention and other housing court matters. Assistance with NYCHA relates issues, repairs and tenant's rights workshops. Wheelchair accessible. English and Spanish spoken.



## INFORMATION & REFERRAL

### ▪ ADAPT Community Network

80 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY, 10038

#### Contact Information

Referral and Information Center (RIC)  
212-780-4491  
[Referrals@ahrcnyc.org](mailto:Referrals@ahrcnyc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Provides referral, guidance and informational services to families, care managers, schools, hospitals, and other care providers about I/DD and OPWDD services and supports.

Available in NYC.

#### Program Description

Provides referral, guidance and informational services to families, care managers, schools, hospitals, and other care providers about I/DD and OPWDD services and supports.

Available in NYC.

### ▪ Brooklyn CASA

243 Schermerhorn Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

#### Contact Information

Naomi Bauch, LMSW  
Supervisor 11 SW  
Current number 718-923-7815  
[bauchn@hra.nyc.gov](mailto:bauchn@hra.nyc.gov).

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

All Ages

People with physical, intellectual and mental disabilities

#### Program Description

Home Attendant, Housekeeping Services, Assistance and advocacy in obtaining financial entitlements. Assist with Medicaid, SCRIE, DRIE snap DSNP forms.

### ▪ Office for People with Developmental Disabilities Brooklyn DDRO – Region 4

750 Vandalia Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11239

#### Contact Information

Front Door Information Number  
718-642-8576  
Website: [www.opwdd.ny.gov](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Families/individuals can obtain information regarding upcoming information sessions (Front Door), and how to navigate OPWDD system. Service provider listings and another brochure are available if needed. Assist families and individuals in obtaining OPWDD services

### ▪ Chinese American Planning Council. Inc. (CPC)

Service for Families with Special Needs Program.  
Address: 4101 8th Ave, 4th Flr.,  
Brooklyn, NY 11232

#### Contact Information

Wei Zhang  
Tel: 718-685-3302  
Email: [wzhang@cpc-nyc.org](mailto:wzhang@cpc-nyc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Brooklyn residents with I/DD or their family members, guardians or caregivers.

#### Program Description

The family support services are helping individuals, family related, guardians, or caregivers to learn OPWDD system. Also, we will help them to find resources to assist their caring needs and referral to outside agencies.

## Information & Referral, Cont.

### ▪ General Human Outreach in the Community (GHO)

125-10 Queens Blvd., #2705  
Kew Gardens NY 11415

#### Contact Information

Pat Liu Chang  
T: 718-261-6552 x2012  
W: [www.ghoinc.org](http://www.ghoinc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with DD, ages 3+

#### Program Description

Cantonese, Chinese, Mandarin, Taiwanese Chinese and Korean spoken. Medicaid not required.

### ▪ HASC

4501 First Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11220

#### Contact Information

Tzippy Friedler  
718-535-1953  
718-758-0579  
[tfriedler@hasccenter.org](mailto:tfriedler@hasccenter.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Assist individuals, families and the community with information and referral.

### ▪ HeartShare Human Services of NY

Information and Referral  
12 MetroTech Center, 29th Fl.  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

#### Contact Information

Andrea Tosto, Director  
Tel.: (718) 422-3227  
Email: [andrea.tosto@heartshare.org](mailto:andrea.tosto@heartshare.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families

#### Program Description

Assists individuals, families, and the community with information and referral.

### ▪ Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S)

95-02 Seaview Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11236

#### Contact Information

Ericka Charles, Director of Disability Services  
[Ericka@thehes.org](mailto:Ericka@thehes.org)  
(718) 241-3000 EXT. 133

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Parents and caregivers living in Brooklyn, NY with ages 30 - 50 that have been diagnosed with a disability and need support with future planning are supported.

#### Program Description

The Future Planning For Adults with Disabilities Program is a program that will make benefit planning programming accessible to parents and caregivers of adults with disabilities at no cost. Future planning and training for parents of adults with special needs will be offered. Areas of support will include but not be limited to benefits counseling, case management, referrals to residential services, accessing of benefits and development of trusts.

## Information & Referral, Cont.

### ▪ INCLUDEnyc

Formerly Resources for Children with Special Needs

#### Contact Information

[www.includenyc.org](http://www.includenyc.org)

[info@includenyc.org](mailto:info@includenyc.org)

212-677-4660

English Resource Line\*

or call to speak with us in a different language via

Language Line

212-677-4668

Spanish Resource Line

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with disabilities and their families;  
professionals

#### Program Description

We provide one-on-one support, training, and information to young people with disabilities, their families, and the professionals who work with them in the following areas: learning & school, family support systems, parenting & advocacy, working & adult life, and friendship & social skills.

### ▪ Inclusive Services at Brooklyn Public Library

#### Contact Information

Carrie Banks

[cbanks@bklynlibrary.org](mailto:cbanks@bklynlibrary.org)

917.751.4890.

Brooklyn Public Library

2065 Flatbush Avenue.

Brooklyn, NY 11234

[cbanks@bklynlibrary.org](mailto:cbanks@bklynlibrary.org)

718.253.4948

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

All

#### Program Description

We offer library services including recreational programs for children and teens with disabilities, workshops and books on raising children with disabilities. We can visit your class virtually or in person starting with Early Intervention programs and continuing through high school and transition programs. Download or borrow our books in print, large print, audio, graphic and multilingual formats. Programs are virtual and in-person when appropriate. Find out more at <https://www.bklynlibrary.org/inclusive-services>

### ▪ Learning Disabilities Assoc. of NYC

27 West 20<sup>th</sup> St. #303

New York, NY 10011

#### Contact Information

212 924-8896 Fax

212 645-6730 Phone

[csblbanyc@verizon.net](mailto:csblbanyc@verizon.net)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

All persons from birth onward with or concerned about LD

#### Program Description

Provide counseling, information and referrals to NYC residents of all ages who are concerned about LD

## Information & Referral, Cont.

### ▪ **Mercy Home**

243 Prospect Park West  
Brooklyn, NY 11215

#### **Contact Information**

Elinor LaTouche  
718-832-1075

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals with developmental disabilities

#### **Program Description**

Assist families and individuals in obtaining resources

### ▪ **Multi-Functional Family Services**

130 Waterbury St  
Brooklyn, NY 11206

#### **Contact Information**

Tom Roopchand  
718-486-3780  
917-607-6853  
718-486-6017 (fax)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals with developmental disabilities

#### **Program Description**

Assist individuals, families and the community with information and referral.

### ▪ **Sinergia Inc.**

2082 Lexington Ave., 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10035

#### **Contact Information**

Lore Barcelona  
T: 212-643-2840 x 318  
E: lbarcelona@sinergiany.org  
W: [www.sinergiany.org](http://www.sinergiany.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their families. OPWDD eligible for services.

#### **Program Description**

Assistance with eviction prevention and other housing court matters. Assistance with NYCHA relates issues, repairs and tenant's rights workshops. Wheelchair accessible. English and Spanish spoken.

### ▪ **YAI LINK**

460 West 34th Street  
New York, NY 10001

#### **Contact Information**

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)  
[www.yai.org/LINK](http://www.yai.org/LINK)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

People with developmental disabilities, families/caregivers, and service providers.

#### **Program Description**

Information and referral. English and Spanish spoken. LINK staff refer families and service providers to services at YAI and maintains a vacancy database of services offered by other agencies. LINK also provides presentations on the OPWDD service system and various DD topics.

## NON-MEDICAID CASE MANAGEMENT

### ▪ AHRC NYC

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Elisabeth Morgulas  
212-895-3478

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Supports people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Ages: All ages

OPWDD eligibility and lives at home with family in Brooklyn.

#### Program Description

Assists families through the Medicaid application process to obtain Medicaid Waiver. Provides linkage and information to a vast array of services as well as other Family Support services.

### ▪ Community Assistance Resources and Extended Services, Inc. (CARES)

465 Grand Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10002

#### Contact Information

Lisa Louie (English & Chinese)  
[llouie@caresnyc.org](mailto:llouie@caresnyc.org)  
212-420-1970 x 117

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with ID/DD. No Medicaid required.

Chinese dialects and Spanish Spoken

Children or adults 2 years 6 months +

#### Program Description

For individuals that do not have working Medicaid for OPWDD eligibility  
Brooklyn and Queens Residents.

### ▪ General Human Outreach in the Community (GHO)

125-10 Queens Blvd., #2705  
Kew Gardens NY 11415

#### Contact Information

Pat Liu Chang  
718-307-6563, [pat@ghoinc.org](mailto:pat@ghoinc.org)

Mitty (XueYing) Wu (Chinese)  
718-307-6564 [xwu@ghoinc.org](mailto:xwu@ghoinc.org)

Daesil Choi-Quirk (Korean)  
718-307-6570, [dquirk@gmail.com](mailto:dquirk@gmail.com)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Asian Americans and others with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, age 3 and up.

#### Program Description

Family Support Services – Medicaid not required; OPWDD eligibility application assistance; Case Management Service (linkage to needed services and support); Information & Referrals; Bilingual Staff (Chinese dialects and Korean); CCO enrollment assistance.

### ▪ OHEL/Bais Ezra

1268 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11230

#### Contact Information

800-603-OHEL (6435)  
[Access@ohelfamily.org](mailto:Access@ohelfamily.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and Adults with I/DD

#### Program Description

Assist individuals with linkage to Medicaid, supports and services, and OPWDD Waiver Services.

## Non-Medicaid Case Management, Cont.

### ▪ QSAC

253 West 35Th Street,  
14th Fl New York, NY 10001

#### Contact Information

Kevin Martinez  
(718) 728-8476 Ext 1240  
[kmartinez@qsac.com](mailto:kmartinez@qsac.com)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Autism/IDD. Families without Medicaid, or not known to OPWDD.

#### Program Description

We provide Service Coordination, referrals and advocacy to those individuals and their families that are not eligible for Medicaid, or who are not yet known to OPWDD. If eligible, we'll establish Medicaid and refer you to a permanent CCO. These individuals have access to services such as respite, advocacy, home health aides, and vocational, recreational and other support services.

### ▪ Sinergia, Inc

2082 Lexington Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10035

#### Contact Information

Johanna Santana  
T: 212-643-2840 x302  
E: [jsantana@sinergiany.org](mailto:jsantana@sinergiany.org)  
W: [www.sinergiany.org](http://www.sinergiany.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their families

#### Program Description

Non-Medicaid case management. Assistance with OWPDD eligibility process, Medicaid waiver application, guardianship, public benefits, and family reimbursement. CCO referrals. Wheelchair accessible. English and Spanish spoken.

## PARENT/SIBLING SUPPORT GROUP

### ▪ AHRC NYC

83 Maiden Lane, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Dr. John Fiorello  
212-780-2592

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and adult siblings of persons with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

A varied of activities and support groups

### ▪ Ohel Bais Ezra

1563 49<sup>th</sup> St  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

Avigail Fogel  
718-436-6124

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members

#### Program Description

Volunteer programs to assist families with a developmental disability

### ▪ Chinese American Planning Council, Inc

#### (CPC)

4101 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> Flr.,  
Brooklyn, NY 11232

#### Contact Information

Wei Zhang  
(718)492-0409 x302  
(718)567-0397 (f)  
[wzhang@cpc-nyc.org](mailto:wzhang@cpc-nyc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin) speaking parents of individuals diagnosed with Developmental Disabilities (Ages 3 and up)

#### Program Description

Weekend parent support groups

### ▪ Jewish Union Foundation/NJCD-Yachad

11 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10004

#### Contact Information

212-613-8285  
212-613-0796 Fax

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Developmentally disabled and hearing-impaired individuals

#### Program Description

Support/recreational activities for parents, families and siblings

### ▪ My Time Inc.

640 Parkside Avenue, Suite #502  
Brooklyn NY 11226

#### Contact Information

Lucina Clarke, Executive Director  
646 7893144  
Denise Jordan, Executive Asst/Intake  
718 249 7524

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Autism, Intellectual Disabilities

#### Program Description

Social recreational program for parents, parent support, emotional wellness, "Me Time" recreational activities. Child must be OPWDD eligible for parent to participate.



## Parent & Sibling Support Group, Cont.

- **Queens Services for Autistic Citizens (QSAC)**

53 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St 16<sup>th</sup> St  
New York, NY 10001

**Contact Information**

Lisa Veglia  
718-728-8476

**Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Autistic individuals and their families

**Program Description**

Forum allow families to network and share ideas

- **Sinergia Inc.**

2082 Lexington Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10035

**Contact Information**

Isabel Malavet  
212-643-2840 x 324  
212-643-2871

**Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Parents with developmental disabilities

**Program Description**

Workshops on parenting skills. One-on-one parent coaching. Case Management.  
Individuals work w/Spanish-speaking parents.

- **Step by Step**

1049 38<sup>th</sup> St  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

**Contact Information**

Chava Halberstam  
718-633-6666

**Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Families of children ages birth to 3 with developmental disabilities

**Program Description**

Support groups for parents/siblings

## RECREATION & SOCIALIZATION

### ▪ AHRC NYC

83 Maiden Lane, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Mary Anne Killen  
212-780-2524

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

All ages

#### Program Description

Various recreation programs and activities

### ▪ ADAPT Community Network

#### “Club Disco” Party Program

175 Lawrence Ave  
Brooklyn, NY, 11230

#### Contact Information

Alicia Angevine  
718-436-7600 ext. 345  
[aangevine@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:aangevine@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

Carmen Orellana  
646-625-5000 EXT 5015  
[corellana@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:corellana@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals 18 and older who meet FSS criteria.  
All Developmental Disabilities including wheelchair users. Moderate to Borderline ID.  
No major behavioral and/or medical issues necessitating a 1:1 or Nurse on staff.

#### Program Description

Twice monthly parties that take place in Brooklyn and Manhattan.  
Hot dinner served, live “DJ” prizes, refreshments, social opportunities and more

**NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**

### ▪ ADAPT Community Network

#### SPIRIT-Saturday Recreation

175 Lawrence Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY, 11230

#### Contact Information

Alicia Angevine  
718-436-7979 ext. 345  
[aangevine@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:aangevine@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

Carmen Orellana  
646-625-5000 ext. 5015  
[corellana@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:corellana@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Ages 13-29  
All Developmental Disabilities including wheelchair users.  
All levels of DD  
No major behavioral and/or medical issues necessitating a 1:1 or Nurse on staff.

#### Program Description

Program includes creative activities, sports, cooking, social experiments and community experiences.  
Transportation provided. Spanish spoken.  
Non-waiver.

### ▪ Brooklyn Public Library

#### Inclusive Services

#### Contact Information

Central Library  
10 Grand Army Plaza  
Brooklyn, NY 11238  
917.751.4890

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 0-21 with all types of disabilities; no eligibility requirements

#### Program Description

Drop-in recreational programs for children and teens; workshops for parents, caregivers, self-advocates, educators and other adults; information and referral for all ages

## Recreation & Socialization, Cont.

### ▪ Brooklyn Public Library

Inclusive Services

#### Contact Information

Saratoga Library  
8 Thomas S. Boyland Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11233  
718.573.5293

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 0-21 with all types of disabilities; no eligibility requirements

#### Program Description

Drop-in recreational programs for children and teens; workshops for parents, caregivers, self-advocates, educators and other adults; information and referral for all ages

### ▪ Brooklyn Public Library

Inclusive Services

#### Contact Information

Sunset Park Library  
4201 4th Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11232  
929-289-0183

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 0-21 with all types of disabilities; no eligibility requirements; Bilingual, English/Spanish programs

#### Program Description

Drop-in recreational programs for children and teens; workshops for parents, caregivers, self-advocates, educators and other adults; information and referral for all ages

### ▪ Brooklyn Public Library

Inclusive Services

#### Contact Information

Red Hook Library  
7 Wolcott Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11231  
929-289-0183

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 0-21 with all types of disabilities; no eligibility requirements; Bilingual, English/Spanish programs

#### Program Description

Drop-in recreational programs for children and teens; workshops for parents, caregivers, self-advocates, educators and other adults; information and referral for all ages

### ▪ Brooklyn Public Library

Kids mobile

#### Contact Information

Kisha Walker  
718.757.4211

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 0-13 with all types of disabilities; no eligibility requirements.

#### Program Description

Kids mobile is a fully accessible children's library on wheels! We can come to your camp, recreation program, respite program, or after school program

## Recreation & Socialization, Cont.

### **Chinese American Planning Council, Inc (CPC)**

#### **Weekend Recreational and Educational program.**

4101 8th Ave, 4th Flr., Brooklyn, NY 11232

#### **Contact Information**

Wei Zhang  
(718)492-0409 x 302  
(718)567-0397 (fax)  
wzhang@cpc-nyc.org

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals diagnosed with DD and their families (ages 10 and up) Most open day are Sunday

#### **Program Description**

The program provides arts and crafts, group base social activities, holiday parties, annual field trip, and monthly birthday party. English and Bilingual Chinese service (Cantonese and Mandarin).  
Weekend Parent Support Groups

#### ▪ **ElHAB Human Services**

168-18 South Conduit Avenue,  
Springfield Gardens, NY 11434

#### **Contact Information**

Elizabeth Adalaj  
1-347-229-2772  
Brooklyn Site - 718-277-3714  
Queens Site - 718-527-3407

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Must be 21years old and over. Individuals diagnosed with Developmental Disabilities that reside in Brooklyn only

#### **Program Description**

This program is a community recreation that provides door to door transportation for program participants. Recreational program which promotes and improves participants' interaction in the community. Provides leisure's activities and socialization for individuals.  
Participants plan their own recreational activity calendar.

#### ▪ **General Human Outreach [GHO]**

125-10 Queens Blvd Suite #2705  
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

#### **Contact Information**

Pat Liu Chang  
718-261-6552, ext. 2012  
718-847-4615 Fax

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Asian Individuals with Developmental Disabilities age 18 and up.

#### **Program Description**

Weekend recreation program. Lunch and transportation provided, bilingual staff (Chinese dialects)

#### ▪ **Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S)**

95-02 Seaview Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11236

#### **Contact Information**

Erika Charles  
(718) 241-3000

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

We serve children ages 4-13 that have been diagnosed with Autism, Downs Syndrome and other developmental/intellectual disabilities. Each participant should be a high functioning developmentally disabled adult.

#### **Program Description**

The Sunday Recreational program engages developmentally disabled adults in weekend activities and provides respite for family caregivers.

## Recreation & Socialization, Cont.

### ▪ HeartShare Human Services

Recreational Respite

#### Contact Information

Benita Ramsaroop

(718) 422-3292

(646) 734-5352

[Benita.Ramsaroop@heartshare.org](mailto:Benita.Ramsaroop@heartshare.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and adults ages 6+ with mild-moderate IDD in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.

#### Program Description

Recreational respite groups are a great way to meet new friends and experience new activities. Day trips are available for Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Transportation available. Both remote and in-person services available.

### ▪ My Time Inc.

640 Parkside Avenue, Suite #502

Brooklyn NY 11226

#### Contact Information

Lucina Clarke Executive Director

646.789.3144

Denise Jordan 718 249 7524

Executive Asst/Intake

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Autism

Intellectual Disabilities

#### Program Description

Social recreational program for parents, parent support, emotional wellness, "Me Time" recreational activities. Child must be OPWDD eligible for parent to participate.

### ▪ New York State Institute on Disability

930 Willowbrook Rd, Bldg. 41A

Staten Island, NY 10314

#### Contact Information

Sarah Alton

Phone: 718-494-6457

Fax: 718-494-6461

[salton@nysidinc.org](mailto:salton@nysidinc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

OPWDD Eligible Individuals of all ages that reside at home with their families

#### Program Description

Tickets for individual and family members for sports & entertainment venues

Reimbursement for recreational activities and lessons

Transportation available

### ▪ Ohel Bais Ezra

1268 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street

Brooklyn, NY 11230

#### Contact Information

T: 1800-603-OHEL

Website: [www.ohelfamily.org](http://www.ohelfamily.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities who are living at home.

#### Program Description

Recreation programs for school-age children during school breaks, occasional weekends, and for one week at the end of the summer.

## Recreation & Socialization, Cont.

### ▪ On Your Mark

645 Forest Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10310

#### Contact Information

Eileen Cunningham  
718-720-9233  
718-720-9331 (fax)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and adults with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

- ❖ Provides a 2-hr. weekday therapeutic recreation swim program in Staten Island
- ❖ Provides a 3.5 Saturday therapeutic recreation program

### ▪ Pesach Tikvah/Door of Hope

18 Middleton Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11206

#### Contact Information

Ruchie Lipshitz  
718-875-6900  
718-875-6999 (fax)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 4-16 with a diagnosis of mental retardation

#### Program Description

Sunday and legal holiday program for children. Recreational services are provided in a well-structured environment. Transportation provided

### ▪ Unique Care Community Services

9317 Avenue L  
Brooklyn, New York, 11236

#### Contact Information

Angelica James, Intake Coordinator  
929-399-5474  
email: [ajames@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:ajames@uniquecarenyc.org)  
Renae Gross, Respite Coordinator  
(347) 502-2956 ext. 408  
Email- [rgross@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:rgross@uniquecarenyc.org)  
Venese Talbert, Program Director  
Email: [vtalbert@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:vtalbert@uniquecarenyc.org)  
(347) 502-2956 ext. 412

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Providing a fun and interactive program, affording individuals age 5 and up with an intellectual or developmental disability the opportunity to socialize with peers, learn new skills through enjoyable experiences with unique community activities such as bowling, sporting events and educational learning. Participants learn to support one-another in their own community activities as well as promoting friendships and growth.

#### Program Description

Recreational Respite promotes inclusion, encourages community participation, and nurtures social connectivity for children, youth, and adults. Recreational Services assist people to enhance their leisure and social skills outside the home, as well as in the community at large.

### ▪ YAI Brooklyn Children and Adolescent Program

3353 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK (212) 273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 6 to adult with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Friday and Saturday recreation and socialization programs offering various activities and community trips throughout the metropolitan area for people, ages 6 and up.

## Recreation & Socialization, Cont.

### ▪ YAI Leisure Trax

3353 Nostrand Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with a developmental disability, 18 years and older, who have a high level of independence.

#### Program Description

Leisure Trax offers travel opportunities, including weekend trips and extended vacations with domestic and international destinations.

### ▪ YAI Saturday Night Drop Off

3353 Nostrand Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with developmental disabilities, 16 and up. Limited transportation available.

#### Program Description

This program offers recreational activities for people, ages 16 and up. Activities include arts and crafts, drama groups, trips, ball games, and other community events.

### ▪ YAI Friday Night Social

3353 Nostrand Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11229

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with a developmental disability, 16 yrs. and older, who have a high level of independence.

#### Program Description

Fridays from 5 pm to 10 pm. Recreation and socialization.

### ▪ YAI

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with a developmental disability, 16 yrs. and older with self-care skills.

#### Program Description

Manhattan based socialization/recreation program and supplemental Day Habilitation: Tues - Fri 4pm-9pm; Sat 10am - 4pm (spent in the community). Members may come as many days as they wish. Activities include karate, music, art, sports, Special Olympics, bowling.



## REIMBURSEMENT – Including Scholarships, Respite, Emergencies, etc,

### ▪ **ADAPT Community Network**

80 Maiden Lane, 2nd FL  
New York, NY, 11230

#### **Contact Information**

9:00 AM- 5:00 PM, Mon- Fri  
212-683-6700 x 1172  
Danielle Raymond Director  
[Draymond@adapt.communitynetwork.org](mailto:Draymond@adapt.communitynetwork.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals with developmental disabilities of all ages, who lives at home.

#### **Program Description**

Reimbursement for goods and services. Reimbursement for goods and services. Up to 500 per 12-month cycle per family. Additional funds available for durable medical equipment if denied by Medicaid.

### ▪ **AHRC NYC**

#### **Family Reimbursement**

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### **Contact Information**

Elisabeth Morgulas  
212-895-3478  
[AHRCFamilyReimbursementPrograms@ahrcnyc.org](mailto:AHRCFamilyReimbursementPrograms@ahrcnyc.org)  
Application and program information can be found on the program's webpage:  
<https://www.ahrcnyc.org/services/community/clinical/family-reimbursement/>

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Supports people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Ages: All ages

**Program Requirement:** OPWDD eligibility and lives at home with family in Brooklyn.

#### **Program Description**

The Francesca Nicosia Fund - Reimbursement for goods, respite services and other services not funded by Medicaid or other programs.

**Must submit original receipts**

### ▪ **AHRC NYC**

#### **Emergency Reimbursement**

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### **Contact Information**

Elisabeth Morgulas  
212-895-3478  
[AHRCFamilyReimbursementPrograms@ahrcnyc.org](mailto:AHRCFamilyReimbursementPrograms@ahrcnyc.org)  
Application and program information can be found on the program's webpage:  
<https://www.ahrcnyc.org/services/community/clinical/family-reimbursement/>

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Supports people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Ages: All ages

**Requirement:**

OPWDD eligibility and lives at home with family in Brooklyn.

#### **Program Description**

Reimbursement for goods and services, exclusively for the not funded by Medicaid or other programs.

**Must submit original receipts**

**\*Applications must be submitted to the program contact person close to the time of the emergency.**

## REIMBURSEMENT, Cont.

### ▪ Center for Family Support

333 Seventh Avenue, 9th Floor  
New York, N.Y 10001

#### Contact Information

Ashley Farrice  
718-667-4263 Ext. 112  
[Afarrice@cfsny.org](mailto:Afarrice@cfsny.org)

Yiranny Almonte  
718-518-1500 Ext. 345  
[yalmonte@cfsny.org](mailto:yalmonte@cfsny.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals that meet the criteria for OPWDD

#### Program Description

Is available to family who have a son/daughter who is developmentally disabled and resides in Brooklyn. Reimbursement can be made for Respite Services or other services and purchases needed for the person with the disability.

### ▪ Chinese American Planning Council, Inc. (CPC)

#### Family Support Reimbursement Program.

4101 8th Ave, 4th Flr.,  
Brooklyn, NY 11232

#### Contact Information

Wei Zhang  
Tel: 718-685-3302  
Email: [wzhang@cpc-nyc.org](mailto:wzhang@cpc-nyc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Brooklyn residents with I/DD has OPWDD eligibility and not self-direction.

#### Program Description

The family reimbursement program offers people who have OPWDD eligibility with funds to help pay for clothing and medical goods which Medicaid refuse to reimburse. Items must help individual to improve his disabilities.

### ▪ Elmy's Special Services

163 Van Buren St.  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

#### Contact Information

Phone: 718-789-7539  
Contact: Silvia Navas  
[www.elmyspecialservices.org](http://www.elmyspecialservices.org)  
Social Media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook):  
[@essonvanburen](https://twitter.com/essonvanburen)  
[Ess.info@elmyspecialservices.org](mailto:Ess.info@elmyspecialservices.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and adults with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Family Reimbursement compensates families to help pay for goods and services related to caring for a person with a disability. These services and goods are not reimbursed or obtained through other sources, but which directly benefits the person with a disability. The maximum reimbursement allowed per applicant is \$500. A parent committee will review all applications based on income, the nature of the request, and the applicant's award history.

Eligible items for reimbursement include Clothing, Adaptive equipment, Respite, Recreational activities, Summer camp, Evaluations, And many more. Applicants must submit a completed application and a personal letter and should also include the following items: Most recent Psychological Evaluation copy, HIPPA Signature page, Notice of Decision/Level of Care if applicable, Original Receipts.

## REIMBURSEMENT, Cont.

### ▪ Hamaspik of Kings County

4102 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

Chaya Baila Hayum  
4102 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11219  
718-302-3333 ext. 5240  
[chayum@hamaspikings.org](mailto:chayum@hamaspikings.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individual with DD, any age, living in Brooklyn.

#### Program Description

Reimbursement for Camp up to \$2,000  
Goods and Services up to \$400  
Emergency Respite up to \$400

### ▪ Heartshare Human Services

12 MetroTech Center  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

#### Contact Information

Michael Hilliman  
718-422-3290  
[Michael.Hilliman@heartshare.org](mailto:Michael.Hilliman@heartshare.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals applying must have a documented developmental disability and live with their family in Brooklyn or Queens.

#### Program Description

Financial assistance for goods and services associated with the needs of the family member with the developmental disability.

### ▪ Human Care Services for Families and Children, Inc.

1042 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

D'voiry Singer  
718-854-2747 x 128  
[d.singer@hcsny.org](mailto:d.singer@hcsny.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with developmental disabilities. (Any age range).

#### Program Description

We provide Family Reimbursement up to \$500.00 per child, maximum \$1000.00 per family, provided they are OPWDD eligible.

### ▪ Innovative Resources for Independence

112-40 Francis Lewis Blvd.,  
Queens Village, NY 11429

#### Contact Information

Ms. Sophia Lulgjuray,  
Director of Social Services  
718-805-6796 ext. 1107  
347-828-0044  
[Sophia.lulgjuray@iriny.org](mailto:Sophia.lulgjuray@iriny.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities, living in Brooklyn alone or with their caregivers.

#### Program Description

Provides reimbursement for goods and services

## REIMBURSEMENT, Cont.

### ▪ New York Families for Autistic Children, Inc.

#### Contact Information

Mary Rendiero  
347-566-3122 x 315  
[anita@nyfac.org](mailto:anita@nyfac.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Developmentally disabled  
Persons ages 3 to 65 living at home

#### Program Description

Provide families in Brooklyn communities who are unserved &/or underserved assistance in securing percentage of reimbursement for goods and services.

### ▪ New York State Institute on Disability, Inc.

930 Willowbrook Road, Bldg. 41-A  
Staten Island, NY 10314

#### Contact Information

Jacqueline Tripodi, Associate Program Director  
930 Willowbrook Road  
Building 41-A  
Staten Island NY, 10314  
Phone: 718-494-6457  
Cell: 929-202-1115  
Fax: 718-494-6461  
[jtripodi@nysidinc.org](mailto:jtripodi@nysidinc.org) or [info@nysidinc.org](mailto:info@nysidinc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

OPWDD Eligible Individuals of all ages that reside at home with their families

#### Program Description

Family Support Reimbursement for:  
Goods & Services  
Camp Scholarships  
Emergency Respite

### ▪ Ohel Bais Ezra

1268 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11230

#### Contact Information

Erica Friedman  
718-686-3451  
[Erica\\_friedman@ohelfamily.org](mailto:Erica_friedman@ohelfamily.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities who are living at home

#### Program Description

Reimbursement for goods and services.

### ▪ Pesach Tikvah/Hope Development Inc.

365 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 400,  
Brooklyn, NY 11205

#### Contact Information

Diana Masri  
718-875-6900 ext. #1123  
[Dmasri@pesachtikvah.org](mailto:Dmasri@pesachtikvah.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with Diagnosis of Intellectual Disabilities.  
Need proof, i.e. LOC Eligibility or psychological report.

#### Program Description

Funding towards Sleep-Away Summer Camp, for individuals residing in Brooklyn with their family.  
Camp Reimbursement  
Family Support Service

## REIMBURSEMENT, Cont.

### ▪ Special Care for Families and Children's Services

1421 east 2nd Street  
Brooklyn, NY, 11219

#### Contact Information

Basya Belsky  
718-252-3365 x 116  
[basyab@specialcarefor.com](mailto:basyab@specialcarefor.com)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals who are approved for OPWDD services in Brooklyn

#### Program Description

Clothing reimbursement and goods and services.

### ▪ QSAC

253 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street,  
16<sup>th</sup> Fl New York, NY 10001

#### Contact Information

Annie Washington  
P- 718-728-8476 ext. 2621  
F- 917-387-9135  
Email: [Awashington@qsac.com](mailto:Awashington@qsac.com)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Autism Spectrum Disorder

#### Program Description

QSAC's family reimbursement is for individuals diagnosed with autism. Eligible families can receive reimbursement for clothing, transportation, camp fees, emergency respite care and various other goods & services.

### ▪ Sinergia, Inc

2082 Lexington Avenue, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10035

#### Contact Information

Maricela Nunez  
T: 212-643-2840 x308  
Email: [Mnunez@sinergiany.org](mailto:Mnunez@sinergiany.org)  
Website: [www.sinergiany.org](http://www.sinergiany.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities & their families OPWDD eligible for services.

#### Program Description

Reimbursement for goods & services.  
Wheelchair accessible. Spanish spoken.

### ▪ WellLife Network

142-02 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> flr.,  
Flushing, N.Y. 11003

#### Contact Information

MIGDALIA MURIEL  
WellLife Network  
142-02 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Flushing, NY 11351  
Desk# 347-542-5665  
[Migdalia.muriel@welllifefenetwork.org](mailto:Migdalia.muriel@welllifefenetwork.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

The program serves individual who have a Development Disability, which includes Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability, Autism, Seizure Disorder (Epilepsy) and Neurological Impairment.

#### Program Description

The program is designed to financially assist families with a Developmental Disable member living at home. The program will reimburse for items purchased solely for the individual.

## REIMBURSEMENT, Cont.

### ▪ YAI

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Flr  
New York, NY 10017

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with developmental disabilities who live at home with family

#### Program Description

Reimbursement for goods and services that are not funded by Medicaid or other programs. Camp reimbursement for families is also available.

### ▪ YAI

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with developmental disabilities who live at home with family

#### Program Description

Emergency respite funds are available to help provide compensation for temporary care during an emergency. These funds help pay for staffing, food, and other necessities identified by each family.

## RESPIRE – In-Home, Out of Home, Overnight, Weekend, Emergency & School Holiday

### ■ AHRC NYC

#### Weekend Respite for Adults

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Mary Anne Killeen  
212-780-2524

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

MR/DD, enrolled in the HCBS Waiver

#### Program Description

Meets Saturdays at Brooklyn site.  
Transportation provided

### ■ AHRC NYC

#### In Home Respite

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Gillian David  
212-780-2520 Phone  
212-995-2313 Fax

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and adults with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

In-Home Respite offers some relief from the demands of care giving. Families are offered an average of 10-12 hours per month of respite service.

### ■ AHRC NYC

#### Weekend Respite for children

83 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Mary Anne Killeen  
212 780-2524

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

MR/DD, enrolled in the HCBS Waiver  
Children ages 5-12

#### Program Description

Meets Saturdays for 24 sessions at a Brooklyn site.  
Transportation is provided

### ■ AHRC NYC

#### Overnight Holiday Respite

83 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Mary Anne Killeen  
212 780-2524

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

MR/DD development diagnosis

#### Program Description

Program will provide an overnight school holiday respite for children ages 6-17 years who have autism or other ID/DD diagnosis. Program will operate updates campus site for four separate 5-day sessions when the Department of Education program are closed in August, February and April. Transportation is provided. Non-ambulatory individuals will be considered.

### ■ AHRC NYC

#### Out of Home Respite for Teens

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Mary Anne Killeen  
212-780-2524

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

MR/DD, enrolled in the HCBS Waiver  
Ages 13-18

#### Program Description

Meets Saturdays for 15 sessions at a Brooklyn site.  
Transportation is provided.



## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ■ AHRC NYC

#### Out of Home Respite for Teens

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Mary Anne Killeen  
212-780-2524

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

MR/DD, enrolled in the HCBS Waiver  
Ages 13-18

#### Program Description

Meets Saturdays for 15 sessions at a Brooklyn site.  
Transportation is provided.

### ■ ADAPT Community Network

1822 Stillwell Ave  
Bronx, NY, 10469

#### Contact Information

Sita Boodram  
718-652-9790 ext. 294  
[sboodram@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:sboodram@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals ages 3 and up with a developmental disability.

#### Program Description

Overnight respite up to 30 days per year. Can stay up to two weeks at a time. (14 days in emergency situations). Free. Wheelchair accessible. Extensive application is required to be completed.

### ■ AHRC NYC

#### Hotel Respite

83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Carleen Smith  
212-780-2588

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

MR/DD adults enrolled in the HCBS Waiver.

#### Program Description

Three scheduled weekends a year at an upstate location.  
Transportation provided.

### ■ Ohel Bais Ezra

4510 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11204

#### Contact Information

Jesse Kenigsberg  
718-686-3487

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children with Developmental Disabilities up to age 17 without Medicaid.

#### Program Description

In-home Hourly Respite  
Overnight/Out of Home

## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ▪ (CARES) Community Assistance Resources and Extended Services, Inc.

#### **In-Home or Site Based Respite**

465 Grand Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr  
New York, NY 10002

#### **Contact Information**

Steven Miller  
[smiller@caresnyc.org](mailto:smiller@caresnyc.org)  
212-420-1970 x163

Taryn Weiss  
[tweiss@caresnyc.org](mailto:tweiss@caresnyc.org)  
212-420-1970 x 121

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals with ID/DD. Medicaid required.  
We can serve children or adults Age 3+

#### **Program Description**

In-home or site-based respite - care for children in your home or at a site-based area in the community - weekdays, weekends and/or on school holidays.

### ▪ CARES, Inc.

465 Grand Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr.  
New York, NY 10002

#### **Contact Information**

Larry Miller  
212-420-1970

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

#### **Program Description**

School holiday respite. Program will provide school holiday respite to individuals with development disabilities, particularly ASDs and challenging behaviors who have greater difficulty accessing respite due to their intensive needs. Program offers 6 hours of respite up to 33 respite days. Transportation provided as needed.

### ▪ Center for Family Support

333 Seventh Avenue, 9th Floor  
New York, NY 10001

#### **Contact Information**

Yiranny Almonte  
718 518-1500 ext. 345  
[yalmonte@cfsny.org](mailto:yalmonte@cfsny.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals of all levels ID/DD that meet the criteria for OPWDD living with their family.  
Ages 3 & older and resides in Brooklyn.

#### **Program Description**

In-Home Respite: to provide relief to the caregiver of the individual with a developmental disability.

### ▪ Chinese American Planning Council, Inc. (CPC)

#### **Weekend Recreational and Educational program.**

4101 8th Ave, 4th Flr.,  
Brooklyn, NY 11232

#### **Contact Information**

Wei Zhang  
Tel: 718-685-3302  
Email: [wzhang@cpc-nyc.org](mailto:wzhang@cpc-nyc.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Brooklyn residents with I/DD has waiver approved.  
Individuals from age 10 to adults, parent available to bring individuals to the activity room or the locations.

#### **Program Description**

The program provides arts and crafts, group base social activities, holiday parties, annual field trip, and monthly birthday party. English and Bilingual Chinese service (Cantonese and Mandarin).  
Weekend Parent Support Groups.

## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ▪ City Access New York

1207 Castleton Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10310

#### Contact Information

Leslie Mumm  
347-696-7666  
[lmumm@cityaccessny.org](mailto:lmumm@cityaccessny.org)  
1207 Castleton Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> flr.  
Staten Island, NY 10310

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People over 21 years old, who are comfortable traveling in a van and being out in the community.

#### Program Description

This is a without walls program, each program day is in the community. We provide door to door transportation.

### ▪ City Access New York

#### School Holiday Program

1207 Castleton Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10310

#### Contact Information

718-285-6548 Phone  
718-442-7141 (fax)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Students with Developmental Disabilities attending NYC DOE District 75 Schools.

#### Program Description

Provides two 5-day sessions of site-based respite for students ages 14-21 during Feb. and Mar./Apr. school break periods. Participants will enjoy activities at the Aviator Sports and Recreation Complex. Door-to-door transportation.

### ▪ City Access New York

#### School Holiday Respite-Brooklyn

1207 Castleton Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Staten Island, NY 10310

#### Contact Information

Leslie Mumm  
347-696-7666  
[lmumm@cityaccessny.org](mailto:lmumm@cityaccessny.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

School-aged children 14- 21 years old, who can take direction, and are comfortable riding in a van.

#### Program Description

The participants explore the city and surrounding area engaging in activities ranging from fishing, Intrepid, horseback riding and bowling. They meet most school holidays, part of winter break and all the spring break and 8 days in August. Door to door transportation is provided

### ▪ City Access New York

1207 Castleton Ave., 2nd Fl.  
Staten Island, NY 10310

#### Contact Information

Leslie Mumm  
718-285-6548  
[lmumm@cityaccessny.org](mailto:lmumm@cityaccessny.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Participants are 21 years and older, who can take direction, and are comfortable riding in a van.

#### Program Description

The participants explore the city and surrounding area engaging in activities ranging from fishing, theatre, horseback riding and bowling. The groups meet one Saturday a month, January through December. Door to door transportation is provided.

## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ▪ Eden 2 Programs

15 Beach Street  
Staten Island, NY 10304

#### Contact Information

Olena Zaretska  
HCBS Waiver Coordinator  
[ozaretska@eden2.org](mailto:ozaretska@eden2.org)  
718-816-1422x1075  
Elizabeth Caiazzo  
Director of Family Services  
[ecaiazzo@eden2.org](mailto:ecaiazzo@eden2.org)  
718-816-1422x1076

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Autism, ages 3-25

#### Program Description

Crisis Respite provides respite services to families on individuals with Autism on an as needed basis during emergency situations. Emergency situations include an ill parent, individual engaging in severe behaviors, and a family that has exhausted all other resources.

### ▪ EI HAB Human Services

168-18 South Conduit Avenue  
Springfield Gardens, NY 11434

#### Contact Information

David Brown  
718-276-6101  
718-276-6063

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and adults with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Provides opportunities for recreation and socialization both at home and in the community.

### ▪ Elmy's Special Services, Inc

#### In-Home Respite

163 Van Buren Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

#### Contact Information

163 Van Buren Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11221  
718.789.7539  
[www.elmysspecialservices.org](http://www.elmysspecialservices.org)  
Social Media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook):  
[@essonvanburen](https://twitter.com/essonvanburen)  
[E.info@elmysspecialservices.org](mailto:E.info@elmysspecialservices.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

All disabilities

#### Program Description

Respite is offered outside of the home. It is scheduled and time-limited and is available overnight from Friday to Sunday. Our respite services include: Family Support Waiver Respite, After School, Summer Camp, In-Home Respite. This service provides temporary relief for families and caregivers of people with developmental disabilities in NYC. Trained direct care professionals work with individuals inside their homes and provide them with opportunities for community inclusion. The Holiday Respite provides temporary relief for families and caregivers of people with developmental disabilities ages 6 and 19 in Brooklyn. This program corresponds with the Department of Education's holiday schedule and runs 24 days a year. When students are out of school for a holiday or school break, they can participate in various recreational activities, such as visiting museums, zoos, and amusement parks to increase their socialization and community awareness skills.

This program provides temporary relief for families and caregivers of people with developmental disabilities ages six and older to help them have time for errands, weekend vacations, and other planned activities. This service can be offered outside of the home in various NYC hotels and is available overnight from Friday to Sunday. Individuals can participate in activities and go to places, including sporting events, concerts, recreational centers, and shows that will help them have greater opportunities for independence.

## RESPITE, Cont.

### ▪ Elmy's Special Services, Inc.

#### **Weekend Respite**

163 Van Buren Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

#### **Contact Information**

Julian Gordon

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

We provide services to all OPWDD individuals

#### **Program Description**

Individuals can go away for the entire weekend from (Friday-Sunday) Individuals go out on different activities such as movies, park, museum, circus and other activities.

### ▪ Elmy's Special Services, Inc.

#### **School Break Holiday Respite**

163 Van Buren Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

#### **Contact Information**

Tayesha McDonald  
646-919-7944

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

We provide services to all OPWDD individuals

#### **Program Description**

This program runs only when school is out on holiday break such as (Rosh Hashanah, Columbus Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving Recess, spring, winter Recess, and other school holiday) Individuals go out on different activities such as movies, park, museum, circus and other activities.

### ▪ General Human Outreach in the Community (GHO)

125-10 Queens Blvd., #2705  
Kew Gardens NY 11415

#### **Contact Information**

Pat Liu Chang

T: 718-261-6552 x2012

Website: [www.ghoinc.org](http://www.ghoinc.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals with DD, age 18+

#### **Program Description**

Waiver service. Conducted in Chinese. No fee. Transportation provided if need. Chinese & Korean spoken. Weekend Hourly Respite Recreation program.

### ▪ HASC Center

5601 First Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11220

#### **Contact Information**

Avi Sacks

718-535-1947

718-758-0579 (Fax)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals with developmental disabilities

#### **Program Description**

**Lev Tova Overnight Respite  
Overnight Holiday Program**

## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ▪ HeartShare

#### "Holiday Overnight" Site-Based Respite

##### Contact Information

Benita Ramsaroop

(718) 422-3292

(646) 734-5352

[Benita.Ramsaroop@heartshare.org](mailto:Benita.Ramsaroop@heartshare.org)

##### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Adults with mild-moderate IDD and have participated in our day trips

##### Program Description

A group of individuals have the opportunity to take 1-2 nights trips to local destinations.

Transportation is provided from a central location.

### ▪ Heritage Human Services

2123 Utica Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11234

##### Contact Information

KERISSA MARCELLIN

1504 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236

718-629-3187 / 718-444-4340

[kmarcellin@heritagehumanservices.org](mailto:kmarcellin@heritagehumanservices.org)

##### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Serving ID/DD Individuals of all ages

##### Program Description

Respite service for In-Home, Weekend and Recreational respite service available with OPWDD eligibility.

### ▪ Hebrew Educational Society

#### R.A.P After School Program

9502 Seaview Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11236

##### Contact Information

Ericka Charles, Director of Disability Services

[Ericka@thehes.org](mailto:Ericka@thehes.org)

(718) 241-3000 EXT. 133

##### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children ages 4-17 that have been diagnosed with Autism, Down's Syndrome and other developmental disabilities are supported. Children are eligible to participate in services if they are approved for Medicaid Waiver services through the OPWDD Front Door approval process. For families who are either ineligible to receive or pending determination of eligibility to receive Medicaid Waiver services, DOMH's Recreational and Socialization grant at H.E.S. allows children to participate in the R.A.P. program at no cost. As the child receives waiver respite services through the after-school service, their Parent/Caregivers also receive Family Support Services to receive guidance and support with the Front Door approval process.

##### Program Description

The Reaching Academic Potential (R.A.P.) After School Program is a OPWDD Waiver Respite service which focuses on the potential of children with developmental disabilities. For each child attending, individualized academic, behavioral and socialization goals are developed and supported with being worked on by a Counselor. Furthermore, the R.A.P. program provides homework assistance and recreational opportunities such as dance, yoga, karate, music, baking and more. Program hours are Monday through Friday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Friday 5:30 p.m. for early closing).

## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ▪ Hebrew Educational Society

#### After School Program.

9502 Seaview Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11236

#### Contact Information

Ericka Charles, Director of Disability Services  
[Ericka@thehes.org](mailto:Ericka@thehes.org)  
(718) 241-3000 EXT. 133

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

10-month program for school aged youth

#### Program Description

Academic, Social and Recreational Program including multi-sensory room and a wide range of physical education and academic based services.

### ▪ Human Care Services for Families and Children

1042 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

Raizy Schwarzmer  
718-854-2747 x115  
[R.schwarzmer@hcsny.org](mailto:R.schwarzmer@hcsny.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

In home respite program designed to give relief to parents and caregivers.

### ▪ Human Care Services for Families & Children

#### Sunday Morning Respite Program

1042 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

Chaya Biederman  
718-854-2747, ext. 245  
718-633-6345 Fax

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children with Developmental Disabilities ages 5-13

#### Program Description

**Sunday Morning Respite Program:** Provides site-based respite on Sunday mornings from 8:30am – 1:30pm for 44 sessions, and includes recreational activities, exercise, self-care training and computer use. Door-to-door transportation provided.

### ▪ Imagine Foundation

#### After School Program

1465 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11230

#### Contact Information

718-376-8882 – Phone  
718-376-8118 – Fax

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children diagnosed with Autism, ages 5-15

#### Program Description

**After School Program:** Provides one afternoon per week of recreation activities for 25 weeks yearly. Transportation is provided.



## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ■ Innovative Resources for Independence

112-40 Francis Lewis Blvd.,  
Queens Village, NY 11429

#### Contact Information

Mr. Al Gibson, Coordinator of At-Home Services  
646-542-4643  
718-805-6796 ext. 3108  
[al.gibson@in-res.org](mailto:al.gibson@in-res.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities, living in Brooklyn with their caregivers

#### Program Description

In Home Respite  
Provides temporary relief to families

### ■ Iyaho Social Services

71 N. Franklin Ave., Suite 211,  
Hempstead, NY 11550

#### Contact Information

516-280-5930.

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

At-home Respite: a program designed to provide substitute care to individuals and offer parents and caregivers a break to run personal errands.

### ■ The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services

1366 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

Mrs. Sarah Danzig-Pearlman  
[SDanzig@jbfcs.org](mailto:SDanzig@jbfcs.org)  
718-851-7100 ext.471212

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with disabilities who reside at home with family.

#### Program Description

Provides hourly in-home respite services to individuals and their caregivers.

### ■ JBFCS/Mishkon

1358 56<sup>TH</sup> Street. Brooklyn, NY 11219

#### Contact Information

Sarah Danzig Pearlman  
(718) 854-0454 x212  
[SDanzig@jbfcs.org](mailto:SDanzig@jbfcs.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

All individuals eligible for OPWDD services, Brooklyn residents only.

#### Program Description

Respite-hourly and overnight

### ■ Long Life Information & Referral Network

1958 Fulton Street,  
Brooklyn, NY 11233

#### Contact Information

Lauryn Jackson, Coordinator  
718-778-0009 Ext 22

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Adults, mild moderate, and mobile

#### Program Description

Adults

## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ■ New York State Institute on Disability

930 Willowbrook Rd, Staten Island, NY 10314

#### Contact Information

Elizabeth Sunshine  
718-494-6457

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

Sports and entrainment opportunities

### ■ Ohel Bais Ezra

1268 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230

#### Contact Information

Tel: 1800-603-OHEL  
[www.ohelfamily.org](http://www.ohelfamily.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities who are living at home.

#### Program Description

**Recreation programs** for school-age children during school breaks, occasional weekends, and for one week at the end of the summer.

### ■ Ohel Bais Ezra

1268 East 14th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230

#### Contact Information

T: 1800-603-OHEL  
Website: [www.ohelfamily.org](http://www.ohelfamily.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with developmental disabilities who are living at home.

#### Program Description

In Home respite to provide respite relief to the caregivers of individuals who have a developmental disability.

### ■ On Your Mark

645 Forest Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10304

#### Contact Information

Eileen Cunningham  
718-720-9233 ext 5027  
718-720-9331 (Fax)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Children and adults with developmental disabilities

#### Program Description

3.5-hour Saturday Therapeutic Recreation Program from October to May located in Park Slope, No Transportation provided.

### ■ New York Service for the Handicapped/Camp Oakhurst

#### Contact Information

Camp Oakhurst: 212-533-4020 or  
Lori Schenk: 732-531-0215  
[www.nysh.org](http://www.nysh.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Persons ages 7-adult, with physical or developmental disabilities and/or diagnosed with autism.

#### Program Description

- ❖ **Summer sleep away camp** with 5-13-day sessions at Camp Oakhurst, NJ's 15-acre site. Transportation provided.
- ❖ Scheduled **overnight respite** at Camp Oakhurst, NJ for 2-12 days. Seasonal Activities. Transportation provided. Spanish spoken.
- ❖ **Emergency out-of-home overnight respite** available Sept-June (i.e., due to illness, hospitalization or death of a care giver, housing transitions). Length of stays flexible; not available in July/August. Eligibility based on medical/care needs, available staffing, OPWDD eligibility.

## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ▪ Pesach Tikvah/Hope Development Inc.

18 Middleton Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11206

#### Contact Information

Diana Masri  
718-875-6900 ext. #1123  
[Dmasri@pesachtikvah.org](mailto:Dmasri@pesachtikvah.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with Diagnosis of mild to moderate Intellectual Disabilities.  
Ages 5-28

#### Program Description

##### Respite:

Various recreational activities in a class setting, I.E. arts and crafts, baking, singing, and sports activities.  
Sunday, Legal Holidays  
End of Summer Day Camp  
Hours: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
After School: 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

### ▪ QSAC

253 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street,  
16<sup>th</sup> Fl New York, NY 10001

#### Contact Information

Farzana Karim  
P-718-728-8476 ext. 1233  
F- 718-204-7570  
Email: [Fkarim@qsac.com](mailto:Fkarim@qsac.com)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Autism Spectrum Disorder

#### Program Description

- ❖ In home respite services are provided by professionally trained workers who engages the child/adult in meaningful activities.
- ❖ Parents can receive a weekend of overnight respite in the home or send their child to our annual Dude Ranch trip.

### ▪ Rising Treetops at Oakhurst - Camp Oakhurst)

#### Emergency Respite

111 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755  
[www.risingtreetops.org](http://www.risingtreetops.org)

#### Contact Information

Charles Sutherland, Director, Services & Operations  
732-531-0215  
[csutherland@risingtreetops.org](mailto:csutherland@risingtreetops.org)  
Lori Schenck  
Assistant Director, Services  
732-531-0215  
[lschenck@risingtreetops.org](mailto:lschenck@risingtreetops.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Serving physical and developmental disabilities, including autism  
Ages 6+

#### Program Description

- ❖ **Emergency respite** provided from September through June.
- ❖ **Respite** provided from late September through early June in scheduled sessions ranging from 2-7 nights. Youth sessions available during most school holidays.
- ❖ **Summer Camp:** Camp provided from mid-June through early September. Sessions available for youth and adults

### ▪ YAI

#### Extend-A-Family

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Flr, New York, NY 10017

#### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with developmental disabilities who reside with family

#### Program Description

Overnight respite at approved homes. Up to one-week stays. Can accommodate people who use wheelchairs. Limited availability in an emergency.

## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ■ SINERGIA

2082 Lexington Avenue, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10035

#### Contact Information

Egdabel Alvarado  
Tel: 212-643-2840 x351  
Email: [eadalvarado@sinergianyc.org](mailto:eadalvarado@sinergianyc.org)  
Website: [www.sinergianyc.org](http://www.sinergianyc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their families with care coordination.

#### Program Description

- ❖ **Emergency Respite:** Overnight weekend/weekday respite. Wheelchair accessible. Spanish spoken.
- ❖ **In-Home Respite:** In-home relief for parents. English and Spanish spoken.
- ❖ **Overnight/Extended Stay:** Overnight weekend/weekday respite. Wheelchair accessible. Spanish spoken.

### ■ Unique Care Community Services

#### Individual Respite

9317 Avenue L, Brooklyn NY, 11236

#### Contact Information

Angelica James, Intake Coordinator  
email: [ajames@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:ajames@uniquecarenyc.org)  
929-399-5474  
Venese Talbert, Program Director  
Email: [vtalbert@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:vtalbert@uniquecarenyc.org)  
(347) 502-2956 ext. 412  
(646) 733-6194 - Cell

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individual respite can start from infant and up. This service provides temporary relief to caregivers who are responsible for the primary care and support of a person with an intellectual/developmental disability.

Respite can take place in the home or in the community.

When a family member/caregiver needs a break, respite services can ensure that their loved one's needs are met. Individual respite can be provided during the day, evenings or overnight.

#### Program Description

We provide temporary relief from everyday demands for the primary caregiver, helping to reduce overall family stress and improve the quality of life for the entire household. It gives caregivers time to accomplish necessary tasks, such as grocery or clothes shopping, and to attend to other responsibilities.

### ■ Unique Care Community Services

#### Recreational & Saturday Respite

9317 Avenue L, Brooklyn NY, 11236

#### Contact Information

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email: [ajames@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:ajames@uniquecarenyc.org)  
929-399-5474  
Renae Gross, Respite Coordinator  
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Venese Talbert, Program Director-  
Email: [vtalbert@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:vtalbert@uniquecarenyc.org)  
(347) 502-2956 ext. 412  
(646) 733-6194 – Cell

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Providing a fun and interactive program, affording individuals age 5 and up with an intellectual or developmental disability the opportunity to socialize with peers, learn new skills through enjoyable experiences with unique community activities such as bowling, sporting events and educational learning. Participants learn to support one-another in their own community activities as well as promoting friendships and growth. This program is offered every Saturday.

#### Program Description

Recreational Respite promotes inclusion, encourages community participation, and nurtures social connectivity for children, youth, and adults. Recreational Services assist people to enhance their leisure and social skills outside the home, as well as in the community at large.

## RESPIRE, Cont.

### ▪ Unique Care Community Services.

#### Recreational Respite - Holiday Respite

9317 Ave L Brooklyn NY, 11236

#### Contact Information

**Angelica James**, Intake Coordinator-  
email: [ajames@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:ajames@uniquecarenyc.org)  
929-399-5474

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**Venese Talbert**, Program Director  
Email: [vtalbert@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:vtalbert@uniquecarenyc.org)  
(347) 502-2956 ext. 412  
(646) 733-6194 – Cell

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Providing a fun and interactive program, affording individuals age 5 and up with an intellectual or developmental disability the opportunity to socialize with peers, learn new skills through enjoyable experiences with unique community activities such as bowling, sporting events and educational learning. Participants learn to support one-another in their own community activities as well as promoting friendships and growth. This service is offered whenever DOE is closed or for schedule half days.

#### Program Description

Recreational Respite promotes inclusion, encourages community participation, and nurtures social connectivity for children, youth, and adults. Recreational Services assist people to enhance their leisure and social skills outside the home, as well as in the community at large.

### ▪ Unique Care Community Services.

#### Site Based Respite

9317 Ave L Brooklyn NY, 11236

#### Contact Information

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email: [ajames@uniquecarenyc.org](mailto:ajames@uniquecarenyc.org)  
929-399-5474

**Renae Gross**, Respite Coordinator  
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(347) 502-2956 ext. 412  
(646) 733-6194 – Cell

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

After-school Respite provides supervision for children and relief for their parents. Activities are available to kids in a group and individual formats. Program offers individual opportunity for socialization, arts and crafts and assistance with homework. Transportation can be arranged and/ or provided by the family or agency.

#### Program Description

After School Respite give family members needed respite and provide participants with an opportunity to interact with other people while improving their academic skills, and social skills outside the family setting.

## RESPIRE, Cont.

- **YAI**

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
New York, NY 10017

### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with developmental disabilities who reside with family, ages 12 and up

### Program Description

**Overnight Respite** is offered for up to 2 weeks at a time in a wheelchair accessible location in LeFrak City, Queens; for Brooklyn and Queens residents, ages 12 and up. This program is in an area with access to numerous recreational opportunities.

## SPECIAL POPULATIONS & MISCELLANEOUS, etc.

### ▪ AHRC Health Care, Inc. d/b/a

Access Community Health Center  
83 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Barbara Cajdler, LCSW, CASAC  
212-780-2570

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Traumatic Brain Injury with Alcohol and Substance Abuse problem.

#### Program Description

Medically Supervised Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program offers individual and group counseling, psychiatric, psychological and nursing services, family support services, socialization and recreation services.

### ▪ AHRC New York City

83 Maiden Lane, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038

#### Contact Information

Katherine Hoy, LMSW  
Email: [Educational.Advocacy@ahrcnyc.org](mailto:Educational.Advocacy@ahrcnyc.org)  
Website: [www.ahrcnyc.org](http://www.ahrcnyc.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Parents, family members and professionals serving students ages 3-21 with OPWDD eligibility.

#### Program Description

Free training and workshops for parents and professionals to increase understanding of NYC DOE special education services. Topics include: Advocacy Skills, Tips & Tricks; ASD, D75, and NPS Programs and Services; Understanding the IEP; and the "Turning 5" Kindergarten Transition.

### ▪ AHRC NYC

#### Bush Terminal

551-2<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11232

#### Contact Information

Ana Sostre  
718-832-2390

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury

#### Program Description

Program meets Monday through Friday

## Heartshare Human Services of NY – OPWDD funded

#### Supported

#### Employment Services (SEMP)

177 Livingston St., 2nd Fl.  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

#### Contact Information

Joy Palmer, Director of Employment Services  
Tel.: (718) 422-3313  
Email: [joy.palmer@heartshare.org](mailto:joy.palmer@heartshare.org)

#### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

Adults with developmental disabilities.

#### Program Description

- ❖ **SEMP** for individuals who need supports to obtain and maintain paid employment. Individuals typically transition to SEMP after they have received supported employment services funded by ACCES-VR and require limited job coaching supports to successfully maintain employment.
- ❖ **Community Prevocational Program:** The Community Prevocational Program is for individuals who are interested in preparing for and obtaining employment.



## Special Populations & Miscellaneous, Cont.

- **HeartShare Human Services of NY**

### **Taranto First Step Early Childhood Center**

1825 Bath Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11214

#### **Contact Information**

Kathy Toal, Dir.  
Tel.: (718) 238-4637  
Email:  
[kathy.toal@heartshare.org](mailto:kathy.toal@heartshare.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Children, ages 3-5, with developmental delays or disabilities, including Autism Spectrum disorders.

#### **Program Description**

HeartShare operates high-quality, innovative programs for preschool age children. We also provide Universal Pre-K half-day classes for 4-year-old children.

## **HeartShare Human Services of NY**

### **The HeartShare School**

1825 Bath Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11214

#### **Contact Information**

Jamie Petrone, Dir.  
Tel.: (718) 621-1614  
Email: [jamie.petrone@heartshare.org](mailto:jamie.petrone@heartshare.org)  
Website: [www.theheartshareschool.org](http://www.theheartshareschool.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Children, ages 5-21, who have autism spectrum disorders.

#### **Program Description**

The HeartShare School offers a comprehensive, special education in an enhanced learning environment at no cost to eligible children.

- **Heartshare Human Services of NY**

### **Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) Children's Evaluations**

#### **Contact Information**

MaryBeth Blank  
(718) 323-2877  
Alt. (718) 805-7117  
[mary.blank@heartshare.org](mailto:mary.blank@heartshare.org)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Children ages 3-5 who have consent from DOE

#### **Program Description**

Offering remote and in-person (in Howards Beach, NY) CPSE evaluations for children ages 3-5 (psychological, social history, educational, and speech/OT/PT). Requires consent form from DOE.

- **HeartShare Human Services of NY**  
**ACCES-VR Funded Rehabilitation Services and  
Supported Employment**

#### **Contact Information**

Joy Palmer, Director of Employment Services  
177 Livingston St., 2nd Fl.  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
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#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Adults with developmental disabilities.

#### **Program Description**

This program provides an array of services for students and youth (ages 14-24) and adults (ages 18+) who have disabilities to assist them in becoming gainfully employed in a variety of industries. Type of services:

Pre-Employment; Transition Services; Job Preparation; Job Development & Placement; Travel Training; Self-Advocacy; Work Readiness.

## Special Populations & Miscellaneous, Cont.

### ▪ **Metro Community Health Centers Network**

#### **Federally qualified health center**

177 Livingston Street, Lower Level  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

#### **Contact Information**

Tel. (718) 855-7707 or (855) 624-2692

Fax: (718) 855-7717

Website: <http://www.mchcnyc.org/>

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Specializing in services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

#### **Program Description**

Services include:

- Primary Medical Care
- Psychiatry
- Dentistry
- Neurology
- Gastroenterology
- Optometry
- Podiatry
- Social Work
- Wheelchair Clinic (Lefferts Avenue location)

### ▪ **New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, Inc.**

#### **Disability Justice Program**

151 W 30th Street, 11FL  
New York, NY 10001

#### **Contact Information**

212-244-4664

Intake hours:

Mondays-Fridays 10am-3pm.

Paola Martinez Boone

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Michelle Kraus

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#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Individuals with developmental disabilities and  
Individuals with mental illness.

#### **Program Description**

The Disability Justice Program (DJ) seeks to ensure equality of opportunity, self-determination, and independence for people with disabilities. In partnership with individuals and community organizations, NYLPI advocates for the rights of New Yorkers with disabilities to equal access to a variety of critical services, including education, health care, housing, and more. NYLPI advocates for individuals with disabilities to live as independently as possible in the community with the support services. NYLPI provides FREE legal representation for individuals with disabilities. NYLPI also provides FREE workshops to individuals with disabilities, families, and professionals.

### ▪ **WellBound Certified Home Care Home Health Aide**

#### **Contact Information**

718) 400-9355

[LConille@wellboundhc.com](mailto:LConille@wellboundhc.com)

#### **Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served**

Developmental Delay

Intellectual Delay

MR

Down Syndrome

Autism

Ages 0-18

#### **Program Description**

- ❖ **Hands on clinical services**; ADL, daily living, self-actualization; independence
- ❖ In person **Fine Motor Skills**
- ❖ In person **Gross Motor Skills**
- ❖ In person Swallow evaluations, communication, socialization, feeding therapy
- ❖ Alternative to **ABA therapy** through Medicaid; A licensed therapist paired with a minimum of 20 hrs. per week for ongoing practice with an HHA.

## Special Populations & Miscellaneous, Cont.

- **WellBound Certified Home Care  
Home Health Aide**

### Contact Information

718) 400-9355

[LConille@wellboundhc.com](mailto:LConille@wellboundhc.com)

### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

18 and over

### Program Description

Hands on therapy that promotes functional ability and independence.

- **Yaldeinu School, inc.**

Family Education and Training

### Contact Information

718-305-7137 #300

[intake@yaldeinu.net](mailto:intake@yaldeinu.net)

Contact: Shuli Rotberg

### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

ASD, multiply handicapped, Intellectual Disability, Downs Syndrome

### Program Description

Family Education and Training for parents and caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities

## TRANSPORTATION

- **NYS Institute on Disability, Inc.**

930 Willowbrook Rd., Bldg. 41-A  
Staten Island, NY 10314

### Contact Information

John O'Grady  
930 Willowbrook Road  
Building 41A  
Staten Island NY, 10314  
Cell: 917-747-9424  
[jogrady@nysidinc.org](mailto:jogrady@nysidinc.org)

### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

OPWDD Eligible Individuals residing at home with their families. Person with developmental disability must be accompanied by family member

### Program Description

Transportation Services available for recreational activities and medical/clinical appointments (up to 4 trips per fiscal year)

- **YAI**

### Travel Training Program

### Contact Information

YAI LINK  
212-273-6182 or [link@yai.org](mailto:link@yai.org)

### Disabilities/Characteristics of Population Served

People with developmental disabilities, ages 14 and up

### Program Description

Travel training program for people with developmental disabilities, ages 14 and up. Also offers training for staff at I/DD agencies on the travel training process.