



# **Special Education Community**

## **Resource Guide**

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## ***SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS***

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126 Grand Street  
Croton -on-Hudson, New York 10520  
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Groups for children of all ages with a focus on building self-esteem for children with a variety of issues.

***Susan Rose, Ph.D***

Mamaroneck, New York  
(914) 381-3331  
(212) 787-7016

A social skills group for high functioning children ages 3 through 15 with autism, Asperger's Syndrome and PDD. Groups focus on listening skills, maintaining eye contact, reciprocal conversation and identifying the emotional response of others. Also sees parents and children for individual therapy.

***Michelle Maidenberg, PhD, ACSW, LCSW-R***

Full Circle Family Care LLC  
1241 Mamaroneck Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10605-5201  
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Runs a variety of social skills group to help children, adolescents, and young adults to learn and practice the social skills that will help them to be successful in everyday life.

## ***Scarsdale/Edgemont Family Counseling Services***

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Scarsdale, New York  
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Group therapy for youth 5-18 years.

***Jacqui Stern-Einzig, LCSW, SSWS***

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Social skills groups for elementary and middle school students with regulatory, communication and or learning needs. Focus on problem solving, social stories, and emotional development.

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Specialty in epilepsy

***PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY***

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Specializes in dentistry for special needs children.

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All phases of general dentistry & specialty referrals. Outpatient oral pre-medication for those apprehensive special needs patients. Intravenous (IV) sedation (conscious sedation) and/or General Anesthesia (GA) for those special needs patients unable to successfully be treated with outpatient oral pre-medication in the clinic setting.

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241 Lexington Avenue

Mount Kisco, NY 10549

(914) 242-2000

2600 Netherland Avenue #117

Bronx, NY 10463

(718) 549-3910

***OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY/SENSORY INTEGRATION***

***Susan Sonkin***

Westchester Center for Educational and Emotional Development

503 Grasslands Road

Valhalla, NY 10595

(914) 593-0593

[www.wceed.com](http://www.wceed.com)

***Dynamic Kids***

297 Knollwood Road

Suite 1

White Plains, NY 10607

(914) 428-5151

[www.dynamickidsny.com](http://www.dynamickidsny.com)

### ***Kidabilities***

1 Skyline Drive, Suite 298  
Hawthorne, NY 10532  
(914) 347-5990  
[info@kidabilities.com](mailto:info@kidabilities.com)  
[www.kidabilities.com](http://www.kidabilities.com)

### ***Westchester Occupational Therapy Associates***

200 Business Park Drive  
Armonk, NY 10504  
(914) 730-0210

### ***Wonder Kids Therapy Center***

470 Mamaroneck Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10605  
(914) 421-8270

## ***SPEECH AND LANGUAGE***

### ***Rye Brook Speech & Language Center***

14 Rye Ridge Plaza  
Rye Brook, NY 10573  
914-251-0647

### ***Tracy Diamond Gasmer Speech Therapy***

Larchmont, NY 10538  
(914) 833-0700

### ***Elena Caffentzis***

914-901-7231  
Specializes in stuttering

***Michael Rynne***

914-523-5805

Comes to your house

***Lydia H Soifer & Associates***

333 Old Tarrytown Rd  
White Plains, NY 10603  
914-683-5401

***Elaine Dolgin***

Pediatric Neurological Associates  
125 S Broadway  
White Plains, NY 10605  
914-997-0763

***New York Center For Learning & Child Development***

66 Palmer Avenue  
Bronxville, NY 10708  
(914) 961-3198

***Northern Westchester Center for Speech Disorders***

***344 East Main Street***

Mount Kisco, NY 10549  
(914) 666-9553

***Pediatric Speech Language & Literacy Services***

892 Route 35  
Cross River, NY 10518  
(914) 763-3278  
pslls2000@aol.com  
[www.speechlanguage-literacy.com](http://www.speechlanguage-literacy.com)

***South Salem Center For Language & Learning***

117 Oscaleta Road  
South Salem, NY 10590  
(914) 763-6926

## ***TUTORS***

### ***Brain Builders Tutoring***

Heather White, MS SpEd  
280 Dobbs Ferry Road Suite 308  
White Plains, NY 10607  
(914) 328-1258  
offers PACE program to build cognitive skills  
[www.bbtutoring.com](http://www.bbtutoring.com)

### ***Judy Wilson***

914-934-9420  
Specializes in reading, writing, decoding, and comprehension as well as study skills for content subject areas.

### ***Todd Rosenthal***

212-219-8368  
One on one athletic coaching, including bike riding, for kids with special needs. Basic skills, all sports, grades K and up

### ***Phyllis Yager***

(914) 478-3612  
Certified English teacher with a master's in literature and masters in learning disabilities. Specializes in teaching writing skills, study skills, the SAT verbal, AP English and college entrance exams. Typically works with children in grades 5 through 12.

### ***Jane Klein***

(914) 472-1365  
Grades 1-8 Scarsdale Certified teacher; teaches in Tuckahoe school district. Her own kids went through Greenacres

### ***Ruth Wolff, Ph.D***

(914) 478-5272  
Reading and language specialist and tutor

## ***PARENT SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY***

### ***Linda Richman***

238-1041

Life Coach Certified Empowerment and Life Coach, specializes in working with adults with ADD (or ADD symptoms) and parents whose children have been diagnosed with ADD and/or Learning Disabilities. She coaches parents to be more effective advocates for their children; to achieve healthy perspectives and realistic expectations; and to learn Life Coaching skills to empower their children at home  
lsrichamand@aol.com.

### ***Jennifer Ruoff CSW, MS Ed***

591-2225

[jenruoff@optonline.net](mailto:jenruoff@optonline.net)

Counseling for children and families with special needs as well as running bimonthly support group for parents of children elementary age and under with special needs. Jennifer is also a special education advocate, helping parents navigate through the special education system.

## ***EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES***

### ***Creative Yogashine***

(914) 769-8745

Vitalah Simon, Dance Therapist

Valhalla, New York

[www.yogashine.com](http://www.yogashine.com)

Yoga (group and individual) for children birth and up with emotional, developmental and physical disabilities.

### ***Greenburgh Special Education Recreation***

(914) 693-8985 ext. 128

Director of Special Recreation

11 Olympic Lane Ardsley, New York

Offers a large array of activities and outings for children with disabilities, such as horseback riding, swim classes, sports, art classes, dances and parties. Summer, December break and February break camps also offered.

***Heartsong***

(914) 725-9272

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

Programs offered at two locations: Bronxville and White Plains

Provides music and art therapy program for children with disabilities that enhances functioning level and improves quality of life. Children are grouped together by functioning level with 8 children per class. Programs are available for children ages 3 – 19.

***HERO***

(914) 761-2130

Janet Lefkowitz

Adapted tennis, dance, music and pet therapy for all ages. Programs are offered throughout Westchester County and the NY Metro area.

***Music Therapy Institute at the Music Conservatory of Westchester***

(914) 761-3900

Lisa Sandagata (extension 138) and Dr. Tina Brescia (extension 134) Directors  
Music therapy programs for children with and without disabilities.

***North East Westchester Special Recreation, Inc.***

(914) 347-4409

63 Bradhurst Avenue Hawthorne, New York

Weekend, summer and after school recreational programs for children with special needs.

***Southeast Consortium for Special Services***

914-698-5232

740 West Boston Post Rd. Suite 312 Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Provides a wide range of sports and social activities for kids with special needs. Also provides one-to-one aides at Scarsdale rec camp.

***Nor-West Regional Special Services***

(914) 737- 4797

Christopher Morbito, Director

Cortlandt Manor, New York

[www.nor-west.org](http://www.nor-west.org)

Year- round therapeutic recreational programs for children and adults with disabilities ages 5 and up. They hold weekend programs, school vacation programs, after school programs, a 6 week summer camp.

### ***JCC MidWestchester***

Nancy Kaplan, M.A., RN, Director, 472-3300 x327 and x228 E-mail: [kaplann@jcca.org](mailto:kaplann@jcca.org)

Linda Helfman, B.A, Program Director, 472-3300 x347 x335, E-mail: [helfmanl@jcca.org](mailto:helfmanl@jcca.org)

Martin Stone, M.A., SAS, SEIT Director, 472-3300 x335

In an atmosphere of warmth and enthusiasm, the Special Services Department offers a variety of programs, a caring and experienced staff, and a nurturing environment for children 3-7 years of age. The program best serves children who are speech and language impaired, learning disabled, have occupational therapy, physical therapy, socialization needs or other health impairments.

Every child is encouraged to explore, experiment, create, and progress at a rate comfortable for him or her.

### ***Parents Place, Inc.***

(914) 948-5187

3 Carhart Avenue, room 202 White Plains, NY 10605

Pam Ancowitz, Director

A 2 hour drop in center for children ages birth through 5 with parents for singing, art, play, snack and the opportunity to talk with social workers and other parents. This program is not specifically designed for children with special needs but accommodates and welcomes. Open weekdays and Saturdays.

Parents Place also runs a weekly parent support group for parents of pre-school and elementary school age children with PDD or Autism. One session a month is reserved for fathers only. Run by Lynn Kalvin, CSW. Please contact Lynn for more information at 914-591-5507.

### ***Pegasus***

(203)356- 9504

Pleasantville, Bedford Hills, North Salem

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

Therapeutic horseback riding for children with special needs.

### ***Special Program and Resource Connection (SPARC)***

(914) 243-0583

Rose Rothe, Director

Recreation and cultural programs at multiple Westchester County locations for children, teens, and adults, focusing on socialization and how to handle themselves in the community. They also have music classes for 5-10 year old children with Autism and related disorders. Private consultations for home music, art and recreational therapies are also available.

***UMAC*** (United Martial Arts Centers)

(914) 945-7100

450 North State Road Briarcliff Manor, New York

Director: Laura Giacobvas, MS Ed in special education and black belt in Taekwondo.

Taekwondo for children with special needs to develop physically, mentally and socially.

### ***Wagon Road Camp***

(914) 238-4761

The Children's Aid Society

Vince Canziani, Director

Chappaqua, New York

Overnight respite program servicing children 7- 17 years old with physical and developmental disabilities. Open weekends and school holidays October- May and for one week in August.

They offer arts, crafts, athletics, nature, cooking, horseback riding, music and drama.

### ***YWCA of White Plains*** (North Street)

(914) 949- 6227 ext. 108

Special Programs Department

Jim Sullivan, Director

Sunday recreation program from noon to 4 p.m. for ages 4-21; August vacation camps; school vacation camps for children with autism, PDD, CP, MR. that include swimming. Piano and guitar lessons also available.

## ***CAMPS***

### ***American Camping Association***

Internet information on camps for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder

[www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org) (click on "find a camp" and then select "special needs") or call the American Camping Association at (765) 342-8456 for an annual directory.

### ***Camp Hidden Valley***

Fishkill New York Sponsored by The Fresh Air Fund

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

Camping Department at The Fresh Air Fund 212-897-8979

Camp for children with disabilities ranging from Autism to Attention Disorders.

### ***Our Victory Day Camp***

(203) 329-3394 and 1-800-919-3394

Fred Tunick, Director

[www.ourvictory.com](http://www.ourvictory.com) and [ourvictory@aol.com](mailto:ourvictory@aol.com)

Dobbs Ferry, New York

Summer 7 week day camp for ages 5-13 with special needs such as attention deficit and learning disabilities. 3 to 1 camper-staff ratio, small groups of 9 with focus on social skills development and traditional day camp activities.

### ***Camp Huntington***

(845) 679-4903

High Falls, New York

[camphtgtn@aol.com](mailto:camphtgtn@aol.com)

[www.camphuntington.com](http://www.camphuntington.com)

Dr. Bruria Falik, Director

Camp Huntington is a co-ed, residential, seven-week program for children and young adults with a variety of special needs.

### ***Camp Kiwanis***

(315) 336-4568

Rebecca Lopez Executive Director

Taberg, New York

Inclusion, residential camp for children 8-14 (with and without developmental needs) including full range of activities including: instructional swim, field trips, canoeing, and arts and crafts.

Camp offered in one-week sessions.

### ***Camp Safari***

at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital

Donna Gillet (914) 997-8617

For an application call Ruth Davis at (914) 682- 9100, ext. 2451 White Plains, New York

A 1 to 7 week therapeutic summer program for children ages 7-14 with emotional, psychological, learning and behavioral difficulties. Activities include swimming, softball, tennis, music, drama, social skills training, and art and group therapy.

### ***Southeast Consortium for Special Services***

740 West Boston Post Rd. Suite 312 Mamaroneck, NY 10543

914-698-5232

Provides one-to-one aides for special needs kids at the Scarsdale Rec Camp.

### ***NYU Program for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder***

(212) 263- 0760

Dr. Karen Fleiss

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

More than 50 children attended the 2006 NYU Summer Program for Kids, a summer program in the New York metropolitan area designed to make summer a fun, productive and successful experience for children with ADHD. It is an eight-week, all-day therapeutic clinical program based on research effectiveness. The daily schedule includes a full variety of sports, academic and computer activities, and arts and crafts, and social skills training designed to improve social behavior.

The program has an outstanding counselor to child ratio, with one counselor for every one to two children. Counselors are undergraduate/graduate students who are selected based on their educational background and experience working with children. Counselors receive specialized training in behavior modification, social skills training and classroom management by our team of clinical psychologists. Areas of focus include classroom behavior, cooperation, academic performance and social skills, as well as athletic skills. Academic remediation/enrichment is offered for children based on individual learning needs. Parents are also taught specialized parenting skills to enhance parent-child relations.

## ***RELIGIOUS RESOURCES:***

### ***MATAN***

The Gift of Jewish Learning at the JCC Midwestchester MATAN is an organization that was created to ensure that all Jewish children can be participating members of Jewish educational programs. With Jewish educators, special educators, licensed psychologists and social workers, MATAN offers a unique combination of services to meet both the secular and Judaic needs of children. For information on Jewish religious school classes being offered at the JCC for children aged 3-13 on Sundays and weekdays. call 472-3300 x345 or visit Matan's web site at [www.matankids.org](http://www.matankids.org). After-School Enrichment Programs and Matan at the JCC can be scheduled as back-to-back programs. If you're interested in receiving information about dates, times, etc. for Jewish Holiday Celebrations, email [deena@matankids.org](mailto:deena@matankids.org) along with your name/address/phone and ages of your child/children.

### ***Church of the Magdalene***

525 Bedford Road (route 448) Pocantico Hills, New York  
Catholic Mass service for special needs families; first Sun. of every month at 1

### ***Methodist Church of the Tarrytowns***

Tarrytown, New York  
Religious services and programs for families with children with disabilities.

### ***Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS)***

(845)565-8610

Gail Oliver

Jewish cultural programs for developmentally disabled children and adults. Provides adapted religious services including bar/bat mitzvah program. WJCS also offers many support groups and mental health community resources.

## ***ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:***

### ***Chappaqua Public Library***

195 South Greeley Avenue Chappaqua, New York

(914) 238-4779

Excellent resource center for parents of children with disabilities.

### ***Child Care Council of Westchester***

(914) 761-3456

Extensive information on childcare providers, programs, agencies, schools and camps.

### ***Early Childhood Direction Center***

Suzanne Peretz (Director)

914-493-2902

[ecdc@wihd.org](mailto:ecdc@wihd.org)

Birth –Age 5

20 Hospital Oval West, Room 300A Valhalla, NY 10595-1681

### ***EPIC Parent Center***

(914) 966-2338

1061 North Broadway, Townhouses 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Yonkers, New York

Project Director: Jane Zucker

Free parenting skills workshops and parent training.

### ***ParentLink***

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

Advocacy group for parents of children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Asperger's Syndrome. Monthly support group meetings at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York are wonderful for support, information and resources.

## ***RESOURCE PHONE NUMBERS & INTERNET ACCESS:***

## ***Autism***

### ***Autism Speaks***

<http://www.autismspeaks.org/>

### ***Autism Society of America***

(914) 833-2594

Westchester Chapter

540 West Boston Post Road #174 Mamaroneck, New York

### ***Autism Society of America***

[www.autism-society.org/](http://www.autism-society.org/)

## ***Apraxia Information***

[www.apraxia.cc](http://www.apraxia.cc)

[www.apraxia-kids.org](http://www.apraxia-kids.org)

Excellent websites to learn more about Apraxia, Dyspraxia and Sensory Integration.

### ***The Council for Exceptional Children***

(703) 620- 3660

[www.cec.sped.org/](http://www.cec.sped.org/)

CEC is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

## ***Developmental Delay Resources***

A nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of those working with children who have developmental delays in sensory motor, language, social, and emotional areas. DDR publicizes research into determining identifiable factors that would put a child at risk and maintains a registry, tracking possible trends. DDR also provides a network for parents and professionals and current information after the diagnosis to support children with special needs.

800-497-0944

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

## ***GROW, Inc.***

P.O. Box 1692 White Plains, New York 10602

Helpline 493- 1318

Advocacy organization on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities.

## ***Learning Disabilities Online***

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

Hundreds of articles about disabilities, remediation, IEP's, legal rights on this award-winning site.

## ***National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities***

(NICHCY)

800-695- 0285

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

## ***National Center for Learning Disabilities***

212-545- 7510

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

## ***Vaccines***

### ***National Vaccine Information Center***

[www.909shot.com/](http://www.909shot.com/)

### ***Safeminds***

Information about vaccines and mercury

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

### ***Phobia Management***

at NYU Medical Center Child Study Center.

[www.aboutourkids.org/clinical/ours.html](http://www.aboutourkids.org/clinical/ours.html)

## ***Student Advocacy Services, Inc.***

(914) 347-3313

### ***Special Education Law and Regulations*** at:

[www.special-ed-law.com](http://www.special-ed-law.com)

The ***Department of Education*** also has special education law at:

[www.ed.gov/offices/osers/IDEA/](http://www.ed.gov/offices/osers/IDEA/)

## ***Legal Services of the Hudson Valley***

(914) 949-1305

## ***Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health***

(914) 995-5220

### ***WrightsLaw***

[www.wrightslaw.com/](http://www.wrightslaw.com/)

The best website with 1000's of links to information about special education law, advocacy and information. They also publish the The Special Ed Advocate.

### ***Yale Child Study Center***

<http://www.med.yale.edu/chldstcdy/autism/>

## ***ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES***

### ***Literacy Assistance Center***

212-803-3333 (Hotline)

Provides information and referrals for 300+ free adult education centers throughout NYC.

## ***CHILD CARE ISSUES***

### ***Administration for Children's Services (ACS)***

Day Care & Head Start Info: 718-367-5437 To obtain ACD vouchers.

### ***Bronx Legal Services***

718-993-6250 (Marie Elena Ruffo)

Provides legal services regarding child care public assistance.

### ***Child Care, Inc.***

212-929-7604

Provides childcare resources and referrals, advocacy, and public policy analyses.

### ***Child Care Information Services***

212-929-4999

***Child Care Law Project***, South Brooklyn Legal Services  
718-237-5540

Represents individuals who want to challenge the suspension of New York City-funded child care vouchers.

***Coalition for Asian American Children and Families***

212-809-4675 ext. 2222

Assists families with issues of childcare, child welfare, and family law.

***Committee for Hispanic Children and Families***

212-206-1090

Childcare resource and referral.

***Early Childhood Strategic Group***

212-686-4672

Public policy work relating to childcare and universal pre-Kindergarten.

***Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation***

212-822-8300

Provides education and social service programs to the Washington Heights neighborhood.

***Public Benefits Resource Center***

212-614-5552

For assistance determining eligibility for child care public assistance.

To request a fair hearing if you are sanctioned: 212-417-6550

***United Neighborhood House***

212-967-0322

Provides advocacy and public policy analysis, public education, and technical assistance to member agencies. Contact Ronda Zawel x347 for the Day Care Project.

***Welfare Law Center***

212-633-6967

Works with and on behalf of low-income people to ensure that public assistance for childcare is provided on the basis of need.

***CHILD WELFARE/ACS ISSUES/FOSTER CARE***

***Adoptive Parents Committee Inc. (APC)***—NYC chapter  
212-304-8479

A non-profit parent support group comprised of volunteers dedicated to improving all aspects of adoption and interim (foster) care.

***Child Welfare Organizing Project***

212-348-3000

Empowers parents through information dissemination and organizing around issues with the child welfare system

***Children’s Advocacy Center of Manhattan***

212-517-3012

Provides comprehensive support to child abuse victims and their families.

***Chinese American Planning Council***

Manhattan □ 212-941-0030

Brooklyn □ 718-492-0409

General social services ranging from mental health to public benefits to child welfare.

***Coalition for Asian American Children and Families***

212-809-4675

Assists families with issues of childcare, child welfare, and family law.

***Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc. (CASA)***

main number: 212-791-7988 or 212-334-401

Brooklyn □ 718-875-7607

Serve as representation of children’s best interests in foster care hearings.

***The Family Law Center***

212-254-8228

Represents low-income families on issues of divorce, child custody, and child support—has a sliding scale, serves all boroughs.

***Foster Care Youth United***—Youth Communications

212-279-0708

Magazine written by and for children involved in the foster care system.

***Lawyers for Children***

212-966-6420

Serve as law guardians for children in voluntary foster care; visitation and custody issues.

***Legal Aid Juvenile Rights Division***

Manhattan ☐ 212-349-3800

Brooklyn ☐ 718-237-3100

Represents children who appear before family court in matters involving child abuse/neglect, delinquency, PINS petitions

***Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)***

646-613-9633

Provides legal information on issues of child welfare and family law.

***Legal Services for Children***

212-683-7999

Represents children in all types of civil legal matters, including custody/guardianship, abuse/neglect, public benefits, immigration, discrimination, and educational entitlements.

***NYS Foster & Adoptive Parents Association***

718-949-4832

***Office of Child Support Enforcement, ACS***

212-226-7125

Helps to locate absent parents and collect child support

***Youth Advocacy Center***

212-675-6181

Trainings for adolescents in care.

***CRIMINAL/POLICE ISSUES***

***Andrew Glover Youth Program***

212-349-6381

Works with at-risk and adjudicated youth in the Criminal Court System to deter them from crimes and offer alternatives to incarceration.

***Bronx Defenders***

718-838-7878 or (718) 665-0600

Non-for-profit public defense organization that provides legal counsel to low-income members of

the Bronx community who have been charged with crimes.

***Brooklyn Defender Services***

718-254-0700

Legal assistance for the Brooklyn community.

***Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment (CASES)***

212-553-6621

Works with youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

***The Door***

212-941-9090

Works with youth on probation.

***Legal Aid Society***

212-577-3300

Represents young people in criminal court cases.

***Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem***

212-876-5500

Non-profit community-based public law office whose mission is to provide high quality comprehensive legal representation to residents of Upper Manhattan.

***New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board***

800-341-CCRB (24 hours day/7 days a week)

Investigates allegations of police misconduct in NYC.

***Youth Force***

718- 665-4268

Youth-organizing in the South Bronx around issues of police harassment, empowerment.

***DISABILITY SERVICES***

***ADD Resource Center***

646-205-8080

***Association for the Advancement of Blind & Retarded (ABBR)***

718-262-9200

Case management, family support, residential habilitation, respite. All boroughs.

***Association for the Help of Retarded Children***

212-780-2500

Information, referral, consultation, representation at CPSE and CSE meetings and impartial hearings,  
state appeals

***Association for the Neurologically Impaired Brain Injured Children*** (ANIBIC)

718-423-9550

Camp, case management, family reimbursement/support, tutoring.

***Autism Society of America***

Advocacy, information and referral.

Bronx Chapter: 718-863-3070

Brooklyn Chapter: 718-236-9057

Manhattan Chapter: 212-633-9278

Queens Chapter: 718-464-5735

***Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Services Office*** (BDDSO)

718-834-6600

Camp, case management, crisis intervention, family reimbursement, parent workshops.

***Builders for Family & Youth*** (BFFY)

718-722-6213

Case management, family reimbursement.

***Children & Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder*** (CHADD)

718-835-9669 or 212-464-1745

Information and referral.

***Deaf and Hard of Hearing Interpreting Services***

718-433-1092

ADA implementation assistance, Sensitivity training

***Early Childhood Direction Centers*** (ECDC)

Specialized information and referral, trainings for parents, transition services for children with disabilities

Bronx ECDC: 718-584-0658

Brooklyn ECDC: 718-437-3794

Manhattan ECDC: 212-746-6175

Queens ECDC: 718-382-3000

Staten Island ECDC: 718-226-4885

***Early Intervention***

1-800-577-BABY (1-800-577-2229)

Services for infants and toddlers under the age of three with developmental disabilities or delays

***Epilepsy Institute***

212-677-8550

Case management, family reimbursement, counseling, and educational training.

***Epilepsy Society of New York***

212-633-2930

Information & referral, educational seminars, counseling.

***Heartshare Human Services***

718-422-4200

Case management, crisis intervention, family reimbursement, parent workshops.

***Independent Living Centers***

Benefits advocacy, housing counseling, individual advocacy, life care planning, crime victim support,  
public awareness/education, specialized information and referral, and transition services for disabled children.

Bronx Independent Living Services, Inc.: 718-515-2800

Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled: 718-998-3000

Harlem Independent Living Center: 212-369-2371

Queens Independent Living Center: 718-658-2526

***Jewish Guild for the Blind***

212-769-6295 or 212-769-6210 (Dr. Yatzkin)

Early intervention, health screening/diagnostic services, health supportive services, low vision aids,

private special day schools, psychiatric support services, rehabilitation services, special preschools,

information and referral, workshops.

***Learning Disabilities Association of New York City***

212-645-6730

Learning disability Helpline, information and referral

***Metro New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office (MDDSO)***

212-229-3132

Case management, crisis intervention, family reimbursement, residential rehabilitation, counseling,

respite, home care, and family support.

***New York Families for Autistic Children Inc***

718-641-3441

Parent information exchange & support group.

### ***New York Society for the Deaf***

212-777-3900

Case management, crisis intervention, family counseling, individual and family support services, recreation therapy, educational programs, tuition assistance, vocational rehabilitation, residential living options, sign language interpreter registries, information and referral.

### ***Office of School-to-Career***

718-935-3469

Career counseling, transition services for children with disabilities, special education advocacy, trainings for parents

Bronx: 718-430-7700

Brooklyn: 718-258-4826

Manhattan: 212-501-1133

BASIS: 718-390-1531

Queens: 718-281-7539

### ***Professional Service Centers for the Handicapped (PSCH)***

718-445-4700

Case management, evaluations, family reimbursement, parent support.

### ***Quality Services for the Autism Community (QSAC)***

718-728-8476

Case management, family reimbursement, parent training, respite, residential habilitation, after school, preschool, informational workshops/seminars.

### ***Queens Developmental Disabilities Services Office (QDDSO)***

718-217-5722

Crisis intervention, information & referral, respite.

### ***Resources for Children with Special Needs***

212-677-4650

Advocacy, legislative advocacy, public awareness/education, special education advocacy.

### ***Sinergia/Metropolitan Parent Center***

212-496-1300

Individual advocacy and legal representation for parents of students with disabilities.

### ***Tourette Syndrome Association***

718-224-2999

Information & referral.

***United Cerebral Palsy***

212-979-9700

Case management, family reimbursement, residential habilitation, and family support.

***Young Adult Institute (YAI)***

212-563-7474

Crisis intervention, family reimbursement, respite, parent training.

***DISCRIMINATION ISSUES***

***ABC NY Legal Referral Service***

212-626-7373

***Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund***

212-966-5932

Defends and promote the legal rights of Asian Americans through litigation, legal advocacy, community education, leadership development and the position of free legal assistance to low income and immigrant Asian Americans.

***Legal Services for Children***

212-683-7999

Represent children in all types of civil legal matters, including custody/guardianship issues, abuse/neglect issues, public benefits, immigration issues, discrimination, and educational entitlements.

***NAACP Legal Defense Fund***

800-221-7822

Fights for equality and access to education, employment, healthcare, housing, environmental justice, voting rights, and criminal justice. Provides scholarships to promising African-American undergraduates and law students.

***New York State Division of Human Rights***

718-741-8400

***New York Civil Liberties Union***

212-344-3005

Defends the fundamental civil liberties values of freedom of speech, equal protection and due process of the law.

***New York City Human Rights Commission***

212-306-7500

***Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education***

212-637-6466

Call to request forms for filing an official complaint of discrimination.

***Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund***

800-328-2322

***Urban Justice Center***

646-606-5600

Legal services for the City's most vulnerable residents.

***EDUCATIONAL SERVICES & ADVOCACY***

***CATHOLIC SCHOOL ISSUES***

***Archdiocese of New York***

212-371-1000 (ask for education help line)

***Catholic Education Offices, Diocese of Brooklyn***

718-965-7300

For problems in Brooklyn and Queens

***DISABILITY ADVOCACY***

***Association for the Help of Retarded Children***

212-780-2500

Information, referral, consultation, representation at CPSE and CSE meetings and impartial hearings, state appeals

***Autism Society of America***

Advocacy, information and referral.

Bronx Chapter: 718-863-3070

Brooklyn Chapter: 718-236-9057

Manhattan Chapter: 212-633-9278

Queens Chapter: 718-464-5735

***Bronx Legal Services***

718-993-6250

Advocacy at the school, CSE, and district levels; representation at CSE review, impartial hearings, and suspension hearings.

### ***Independent Living Centers***

Benefits advocacy, housing counseling, individual advocacy, crime victim support, public awareness/education, specialized information and referral, and transition services for disabled children.

***Bronx Independent Living Services, Inc.:*** 718-515-2800

***Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled:*** 718-998-3000

***Harlem Independent Living Center:*** 212-369-2371

***Queens Independent Living Center:*** 718-658-2526

### ***Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Division***

212-349-3200

Brooklyn --> 718-237-3100

Representation and advocacy for clients of the JRD in all school-related matters.

### ***Legal Services for Children***

212-683-7999

Represent children in all types of civil legal matters, including custody/guardianship issues, abuse/neglect issues, public benefits, immigration issues, discrimination, and educational entitlements.

### ***Long Island Advocacy Center***

516-248-2222

Educational advocacy for children going to school in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

999 Herricks Road, Room 108 New Hyde Park, New York 11040

### ***New Alternatives for Children***

212- 696-1550

Comprehensive social services including educational advocacy for children with disabilities

### ***New York Lawyers for the Public Interest***

212-244-4664

Information and advice; representation at impartial hearings, appeals to the SRO and court cases.

### ***New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)***

212-750-0800 or 212-613-5000

All legal services regarding education.

### ***NY State Commission on Quality of Care***

518-381-7098

Bureau of Protection, and Advocacy for the Developmentally Disabled: Information, referral, systems, and case advocacy.

***Office of School-to-Career***

718-935-3469

Career counseling, transition services for children with disabilities, special education advocacy, trainings for parents

Bronx: 718-430-7700

Brooklyn: 718-258-4826

Manhattan: 212-501-1133

BASIS: 718-390-1531

Queens: 718-281-7539

**Parent-to-Parent**

718-494-4877

Benefits advocacy, parent groups, special education advocacy, information and referral

**Queens Legal Services**

718-392-5646

Special education and suspension work—entire spectrum of services.

***Resources for Children with Special Needs***

212-677-4650

Advocacy, legislative advocacy, public awareness/education, special education advocacy

***Sinergia/Metropolitan Parent Center***

212-496-1300

Individual advocacy and legal representation to parents of students with disabilities.

***South Brooklyn Legal Services***

718-237-5500

Information and advice, advocacy at the school level or CSE representation at CSE reviews and impartial hearings.

***Student Advocacy***

914-347-3313

Serving Rockland and Westchester counties.

***United We Stand***

718-302-4313

Community based parent resource center servicing primarily culturally diverse families who have children with disabilities who reside in, but not limited to, the Greenpoint/ Williamsburg sections of Brooklyn.

***Westchester Advocates***

914-948-5600

Educational advocacy for children in Westchester County.

***Westchester/Putnam Legal Services, Children's Advocacy Unit***

914-949-1305 x0

Educational, disability, SSI, housing and health advocacy for children in Westchester and Putnam counties

\*\*Outside of NYC refer to the map of services at [www.wnyc.com](http://www.wnyc.com).

## ***GED PROGRAMS***

### ***Auxiliary Services for High Schools***

212-678-8254

Board of Ed program that helps students prepare for the GED. Several sites are located throughout the 5 boroughs.

### ***Job Corps***

1-800-733-5627

Job training program for students 16-24 years old. While in training, most students live on campuses. Students can earn GED, high school diploma, or take advanced training courses.

### ***Offsite Education Services***

718-318-2216

Board of Ed Alternative high school program that provides small and personalized learning environments in collaboration with community agencies. Offers high school courses that prepare students to transition back to high school or GED exam preparation.

### ***Vocational Training Center***

Admissions: 718-318-1904

Main: 718-318-3766

An industrially-based school experience for 17-21 ½ year olds. There are approximately 50 sites located throughout the 5 boroughs. Students can work towards earning a regular high school or GED diploma.

## ***GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION: TESTING***

### ***Educational Records Bureau***

212-672-9800

### ***Central Park Counseling/Psychological Group***

212-923-2404

### ***Kenwood Psychological Services***

Dr. David Kelley, Director

212-744-2121

### ***Multi-Modal Therapy Institute***

Ms. Margaret Luton

212-642-8457

***National Training and Evaluation***

Victor Toledo, Director  
212-877-4480

***Sydenham Development Evaluation***

Dr. Evelyn Batts: 212-932-6620  
Dr. Razi James (F): 212-683-3008

***HOME SCHOOLING***

***Alternative Schools Resource Organization***

516-621-2195 (Jerry Mintz)

***Home School Association***

212-475-6098

***Long Island Home Schoolers Association***

516-795-5554

Provides information and support to families who choose home education.

***Loving Education at Home***

212-475-6098 (Kim Breslin)

***National Home School Association***

513-772-9580

***National Homes School Service***

505-557-2250

***National Home Study Council***

202-234-5100

***New York City Board of Education***

718-935-2000

To get permission for home schooling, call your District Superintendent or High School Superintendent. To arrange for temporary home schooling services (housebound student), call Student Support Services, Attendance. 718-935-3356.

For Special Education Homeschooling, call 212-481-5705, Mr. Barukis.

***New York City Home Educators Alliance***

212-505-9884 (Emily Brenner)

Supports and informs families who choose home education; informs the general public about home education; protects the rights to home educate; provides social occasions and group educational experiences for member families.

*New York State Education Department, Department of Non -public Schools*  
518-474-3878

***Schools that may offer correspondence courses:***

***ABEKA Catalog and Correspondence School***

800-874-BEKA

***Learning All Ways***

405-386-5979 (Carol Tofani)

***Pinewood School***

303 670-8180 (Olivia Loria, Director)

***The Sycamore Tree***

Meyer Place

Costa Mesa, California 92627

***PARENT GROUPS***

***Dial a Teacher***

212-777-3380

Homework help for students and parents

***Long Island Advocacy Center***

516-248-2222

Educational advocacy for children going to school in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

***Mothers on the Move***

718-893-4703

A grassroots group of concerned parents in the Bronx; trains parent leaders to organize other parents around issues of education and school district accountability.

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***PRIVATE SCHOOL ISSUES***

***A Better Chance***

212-926-0315

Provides scholarships for independent and private schools for middle and high school students of color.

***Early Steps***

212-288-9684

Provides opportunities for minority children to attend K-2 independent and private schools.

***Guild of Independent Schools***

212-722-0610

***Independent School Admissions Association of Greater New York (ISAAGNY)***

212-289-5683

***The Parent's League***

212-737-7385

A non-profit organization of parents and independent schools offering all families with children current information on education, entertainment and enrichment opportunities.

***Private School Advisory Services***

212-696-0499

***School Choice Foundation***

212-333-8711

Provides scholarships for non-public education.

***Student/Sponsor Partnership***

212-986-9575

Gives NYC students the opportunity to attend non -public schools with the financial help of a sponsor. S/SP students typically come from low-income, single-parent homes, and are academically average or below average.

## **TUTORING SERVICES**

***Big Brothers/Big Sisters***

212-686-2042

***Boys Clubs of New York***

212-534-2661

***Certified Tutoring Service***

718 - 434-0944

***East Harlem Tutorial***

212-831-0650

***Girls, Inc.***

212-509-2000

***Huntington Learning Center***

212-534-3200

***Learning Leaders*** (formerly known as NYC School Volunteers)

212-213-3370

***Learning Tree Tutorial***

212-465-3294 or 212-533-5804

***Literacy Hotline***

212-803-3333

***Park Slope Tutoring***

718-857-8294

***Professional Tutors***

212-496-8897

***Sylvan Learning Center***

800-EDUCATE

***Orton Gillingham Tutors:***

***Paula Pamer***

212-732-2318. Private tutor

***Lady Liberty Education Alliance***

212-744-6212. Free tutoring (only AFC referrals, private number)

## ***FAMILY LAW***

***ABC NY Legal Referral Service***

212-626-7373

***Coalition for Asian American Children and Families***

212-809-4675

Assists families with issues of childcare, child welfare, and family law.

***The Family Law Center***

212-254-8228

Represents low-income families on issues of divorce, child custody, and child support—has a sliding scale, serves all boroughs.

***Legal Aid Society***

212-577-3300

Divorce and related issues, custody, child support, domestic violence, guardianships, adoptions, foster care

***Legal Information for Families Today*** (LIFT)

646-613-9633

Provides legal information on issues of child welfare and family law.

***Legal Services of New York***

212-431-7200

Provides legal assistance in the areas of family, housing, benefits, consumer, and education law.

***Network for Women's Services***

212-695-3800

Legal services organization that works to form partnerships with the private bar to make civil legal assistance services in the area of family law available to poor women in NYC.

***New York Legal Assistance Group*** (NYLAG)

212-750-0800 or 212-613-5000

Legal services on issues of family law.

***Safe Horizons Domestic Violence Hotline***

1-800-621- HOPE (4673)

Crisis counseling, referrals for transportation, food, clothing, and shelter, immediate day care placement.

### ***Sanctuary for Families***

1-800-942-6906 (English)

1-800-942-6908 (Spanish)

For victims of domestic violence, provides crisis intervention, emergency and transitional housing, individual and group counseling, job readiness and mentoring programs, legal assistance and direct representation

### ***Support Collection Unit Services:***

Client and child advocates who guide custodial parents through the court process and provide a wide range of administrative actions to collect and enforce child support obligations.

Bronx: 718-590-3428

Brooklyn: 718-643-8890

Manhattan: 212-385-8218

Queens: 718-739-6231

Staten Island: 718-720-2793

## ***HEALTHCARE ACCESS***

### ***Child Health Plus***

applications: 800-698-4KIDS (4543)

Children under the age of 19 who are not eligible for Medicaid and who have limited or no health insurance may be eligible.

### ***Children's Defense Fund***

212-697-2323

Information and referral on all issues of children's health care.

### ***Community Healthcare Network***

212-366-4500 x257

Non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and promoting the health of New Yorkers. Runs 13 community-based health care centers.

### ***Sight for Students Program***

800-290-4964

Provides free eye exams and glasses to uninsured, low-income children across the country.

### ***Floating Hospital***

212-514-7440

Free medical clinic for low-income families and immigrants.

## ***HOUSING ISSUES***

### ***ABCNY Legal Referral Service***

212-626-7373

***Legal Aid Society***

212-577-3300

***Legal Services of New York***

212-431-7200

Provides legal assistance in the areas of family, housing, benefits, consumer, and education law.

***New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)***

212-750-0800 or 212-613-5000

Legal services.

***Public housing applications***

212-306-3110

## ***HOMELESSNESS***

***Coalition for the Homeless***

212-964-5900 x.113

Litigation, advocacy, grassroots organizing, public education, and direct services to address the Crisis of mass homelessness. Operates a number of soup kitchen serving homeless individuals. Provides free voicemail service to homeless individuals.

***Common Ground Community***

212-471-0866

Operates several supportive housing units throughout New York City.

***Covenant House***

212-613-0300

Provides shelter and service to homeless and runaway youth.

***Homeless Hotline***

1-800-994-6494

Referrals for homeless individuals.

***Legal Aid Society Homeless Rights Project***

212-577-3300

Provides legal services to homeless individuals and their families.

***Legal Services of New York***

212-431-7200

Provides legal assistance in the areas of family, housing, benefits, consumer, and education law.

***The Partnership for the Homeless***

212-645-3444

Coordinates network of private shelters for single adults; assists homeless individuals with

HIV/AIDS housing and access to medical services; donates furniture to formerly homeless families; assists formerly homeless families with transitional services.

***Safe Space***

212-354-7233

Provides services for HIV-positive and at-risk homeless youth.

***Triangle Tribe Apartments***

212-491-5911

Transitional Living Apartment Programs (TLP) for runaway and homeless GLBTO youth ages 17-21.

***Urban Justice Center***

646-606-5600

Legal services for the City's most vulnerable residents.

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***Urban Strategies***

718-919-3600

Provides transitional housing to persons between the ages of 16 and 21 who do not have Permanent homes

## ***MENTAL HEALTH***

***Aurora Concept***

718-969-7000

Provide drug treatment services and concurrent high school diploma and GED program for teens and adults.

***1-800-LIFENET*** (1-800-543-3638)

1 -877-AYUDESE (1-877-288-3373)

Confidential, toll-free help line for NYC residents, operates 24 hours per day/seven days per Week and provides callers in need with information and referrals to mental health and substance Abuse resources throughout the NYC area

***Chinese American Planning Council***

Manhattan 212-941-0030

Brooklyn 718-492-0409

General social services ranging from mental health to public benefits to child welfare.

***Mobile Crisis Teams***, Office of Crisis Intervention

212-219-5599

Provide a range of services including assessment, crisis intervention, supportive counseling, information and referrals, linkage with appropriate community based mental health services for ongoing treatment, and follow up.

***Mental Hygiene Legal Services***

212-779-1734

Represent individuals who are committed to institutions.

***Queens Child Guidance Center***

718-358-5265

Provide family and individual counseling, outpatient services, counseling and support groups for those affected by HIV/AIDS treatment and advocacy for foster children/ families, afterschool reading assistance, specialized services for Asian Immigrants and more.

***Urban Justice Center***

646-606-5600

Legal services for the City's most vulnerable residents.

***Western Queens Consultation Center***

718-706-1663

Mental health clinic provides psychotherapy, counseling, testing for all age groups and families. The center provides treatment in Spanish, Greek and Asian languages.

***PUBLIC BENEFITS***

***Chinese American Planning Council***

Manhattan 212-941-0030

Brooklyn 718-492-0409

General social services ranging from mental health to public benefits to child welfare.

***Community Food Resource Center***

212-662-4895

Addresses food, hunger, nutrition, and income support issues in New York City. Provides direct services, including meals, and advocates for improved government policies and programs.

***The Door***

212-941-9090

Youth community center with legal services.

***Food and Hunger Hotline***

212-533-6100

Provides food for needy individuals.

***Food Stamp Information***

1-877-472-8411

***Human Resources Administration Infoline***

718-291-1900

***Legal Aid Society***

212-577-3300

General civil legal services including: welfare, SSI, housing, divorce and related issues, custody, child support, domestic violence, guardianships, adoptions, foster care, and immigration.

***Legal Services for Children***

212-683-7999

Represent children in all types of civil legal matters, including custody/guardianship issues, abuse/neglect issues, public benefits, immigration issues, discrimination, and educational entitlements.

***Legal Services of New York (LSNY)***

212-431-7200

Provides legal assistance in the areas of family, housing, benefits, consumer, and education law for individuals in Manhattan and will provide referrals to legal services organizations in other boroughs.

***Medicaid Managed Care Helpline***

800-505-5678

***New York Lawyers Assistance Group (NYLAG)***

212-750-0800 or 212-613-5000

Provides legal assistance in areas of public assistance, food stamps, Medicaid, SSI.

***R.E.A.P. (Resource, Entitlement and Advocacy Program)*** at Mt. Sinai Medical

Center

212-423-2800

Answers questions regarding Medicare, Medicaid, home care, income resources, food stamps, housing, legal services and community programs.

***Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Information***

800-772-1213

***Urban Justice Center***

646-606-5600

Legal services for the City's most vulnerable residents, including benefits advocacy and eviction prevention services.

***WIC (Women, Infants & Children)***

To apply call 1-800-522-5006

FDA nutrition program servicing mothers who are nutritionally at-risk

## ***YOUTH SERVICES***

### ***GENERAL YOUTH SERVICES***

#### ***Alianza Dominicana***

212-927-6810

Multi-service, comprehensive, integrated community-based organization for children, youth and families in the largely Dominican population of northern Manhattan.

#### ***Andrew Glover Youth Program***

212-349-6381

Work with at-risk and adjudicated youth to deter them from crimes and offer alternatives to incarceration.

#### ***Beacon Programs***

212-676-8255

School-based community centers operating in all New York City neighborhoods.

#### ***Big Brothers Big Sisters***

212-686-2042

Mentoring program for children ages 7-18 years old from low income families.

#### ***Crown Heights Youth Collective***

718-756-7600

Offers programs that teach job skills, chess, peacemaking, tap dancing, entrepreneurship, horticulture, math, "urban navigation" (how to use New York's complex subway system).

#### ***The Door***

212-941-9090

Youth community center with legal services, counseling, case management, mentoring, etc.

#### ***Green Chimneys***

212-491-5911

Operates a wide range of residential, social service and educational programs that specifically focus on the need of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender or Questioning (GLBTQ) youth and their families.

#### ***Institute for Youth Entrepreneurship***

212-369-3900

Provides strategies to help mostly African -American and Latino youth, ages 12-18, realize their individual aspirations and improve business awareness skills. Programs include mentoring, classes on economics and personal finance, life and job skills training and five "living businesses" operated by students.

***El Puente***

718-387-0404

A community center serving primarily young people and their families in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

***Foster Care Youth United***

Youth Communications

212-279-0708

Magazine written by and for children in foster care.

***New York Civil Liberties Union Reproductive Rights Project***

212-344-3005

The legal arm of the pro-choice movement in New York. Protect the rights of all women, particularly those most vulnerable: low-income women, women of color, and young people.

***The Neutral Zone***

212-924-3294

Helps locate agencies that provide counseling and crisis intervention for youth.

***Project Reach Youth***

718-768-0778

Provides education, counseling and youth leadership development programs to help low-income children and youth

***Rheedlen Centers for Children and Families***

212-866-0700

Network of school-based prevention programs that provide families and youth services that keep young people in school while enhancing intellectual, social and emotional development.

***Safe Space***

212-354-7233

Provides services for HIV-positive and at-risk homeless youth.

***South Asian Youth Action***

718-533-6028

Serving and organizing South Asian youth.

***Urban Justice Center—Lesbian and Gay Youth Project***

646-606-5600

Legal assistance for lesbian and gay youth.

***The Valley***

212-222-2110

Provides programs and services that meet the needs to at-risk youth ages 6-24 and their families

***Youth Line***

1-800-246-4646

Hotline for teens and service providers; call and ask for listing of programs in a certain area and they will send information.

## ***HEALTH SERVICES***

### ***AIDS Hotline***

212-807-6655

Referrals, support, and counseling for any HIV related issues, sexuality, STDs, etc.

### ***Drug Abuse Hotline***

800-522-5353

Information/referrals for detox programs, residential rehabs, therapeutic communities, support groups, child abuse, drug detection information, treatment programs, HIV testing sites, half-way houses, etc.

## ***PROGRAMS FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS***

### ***The Door***

212-941-9090

Pre-natal care, young mothers group, well baby clinic.

### ***Living for Young Families through Education (LYFE)***

212-427-5060 (Marie E. Torchia, Principal)

Serves teen parents enrolled in NYC's regular or alternative schools or are preparing for the GED exam. Provides childcare so mothers can continue with their studies.

### ***Mothers and Infant Care***

718-523-5123

Healthcare and counseling program for pregnant and parenting teens, located in Jamaica.

### ***SafeStart***

718-262-9180

Healthcare and support services for pregnant and parenting teens from Flushing; GED classes.

### ***New York Foundling Hospital Crisis Nursery and Parent Help-Line***

212-472-8555

### ***Planned Parenthood***

212-965-7000

Offers reproductive health services to women and teens regardless of income.

### ***Program for Pregnant and Parenting Students***

212-427-5060

Office that oversees the Board of Education's schools for pregnant students. Call for more information on the schools in each borough.

***Queens South Young Parents Program***

718-217-1238

Supportive counseling, educational workshops, peer support groups, parent-child playgroup, case management, advocacy.

***Teen Outreach Pregnancy Prevention Program (TOPP)***

212-427-5060

Workshops and staff development focusing on adolescent sexuality; individual and group counseling; presentations; discussions and classroom lessons; after-school health resource centers.

***Transitional Group Services of New York***

718-526-8400

Parenting classes.

***Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)***

800-522-5006

FDA affiliated nutrition program servicing mothers who are nutritionally at-risk: provide food packages for mothers and checks to cash in at stores that contract with WIC.

***ABC Therapeutics***

Christopher Alterio

10255 Main Street

Clarence, NY 14031

(716) 759-8634; (716) 759-8635 (fax)

Email: [chris@abctherapeutics.com](mailto:chris@abctherapeutics.com)

Web: <http://www.abctherapeutics.com>

Private pediatric occupational and physical therapy practice providing independent evaluations, advocacy, and family education.

***Accessible Learning Technology Alternatives***

Lorianne Hoenninger

PO Box 597

Shirley, NY 11967

(631) 399-5750; (631) 207-8405 (fax)

Email: [accessiblelearning@verizon.net](mailto:accessiblelearning@verizon.net)

We are a small agency providing Assistive Technology evaluations, staff development and related follow up services for all students ages 5-21, and Special Education and related therapy services for medically fragile students.

### ***Achievements, PLLC***

Jim and Tami Callister  
623 New Loudon Road  
Latham, NY 12110  
(518) 782-1178; (518) 377-6230; (518) 782-3433 (fax)  
Email: [apanda617@aol.com](mailto:apanda617@aol.com)  
Web: <http://www.achievements.org>

Licensed and registered Occupational Therapist (OTR/L) providing services to children from birth to 21 years old. Services are provided in the home, in daycare, programs, and schools.

### ***ADDRESS, Inc.***

Norine Eaton  
SUNY @ Buffalo  
3435 Main St., Bldg 20  
Buffalo, NY 14214  
(716) 829-2244 ext. 35  
Email: [addresswny@addresswny.org](mailto:addresswny@addresswny.org)  
Web: [www.addresswny.org](http://www.addresswny.org)

ADDRESS is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing resources, education and support services to those affected by AD/HD and related disorders.

### ***ADHD Parent Trainer***

Elaine Lerner, MSW, CSW  
46-31 Hanford Street  
Douglaston, NY 11362  
(516) 487-0636; (718) 229-0242 (fax)  
Email: [elaine@adhdparenttrainer.com](mailto:elaine@adhdparenttrainer.com)  
Web: <http://www.adhdparenttrainer.com/php-fil>

Elaine Lerner, MSW, CSW is an experienced facilitator of workshops for parents of children with behavioral management issues, as well as ADD and ADHD.

### ***Advanced Psychological Assessment, P.C.***

Shahal Rozenblatt, Ph.D.  
50 Karl Avenue, Suite 104  
Smithtown, NY 11787  
or  
137 East 36th Street, Suite 4  
New York, NY 10016  
(866) 840-9790  
Email: [neuro@advancedpsy.com](mailto:neuro@advancedpsy.com)  
Web: <http://www.advancedpsy.com>

I am a neuropsychologist specializing in the evaluation and treatment of children, adolescents & adults with ADHD, learning disorders, autism, brain injury, & epilepsy.

***The Advocacy Center***

590 South Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14620  
(585) 546-1700  
Email: [info@advocacycenter.com](mailto:info@advocacycenter.com)  
Web: [www.advocacycenter.com](http://www.advocacycenter.com)

***Advocate for Special Education***

Wayne Rock  
P.O. Box 2120  
Greenport, NY 11944  
(631) 477-3059; (631) 614-3650 (fax)  
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Dr. Elyse Dub conducts neuropsychological evaluations for students struggling in school. She also provides individual remediation in areas such as organizational and study skills.

**Dysautonomia Foundation, Inc.**

633 Third Avenue, 12th Floor  
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Web: <http://www.familialdysautonomia.org>

Provides resources and advocates on behalf of those affected by Familial Dysautonomia (FD)

**Dysautonomia Treatment and Evaluation Center**

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**Early Childhood Direction Center**

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Information, Parent Education and Community Resources for families of children , birth to five, with special needs or suspected special needs. All services are free.

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Information and Referral agency for families of children with special needs (Birth-5 yrs. old). We serve Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego.

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Resource center, serving families and individuals who have special needs. No fees to families. Parent To Parent Program - South Central New York Region - Advocates for Education – Families Together in NYS Chapter – CCSI Otsego Co. – CCSI Chenango Co. - [NYADVOCATES Listserv](#) - Region served: Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, and Tompkins counties.

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#### **Family Support Project for the Developmentally Disabled**

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#### **Family Ties of Westchester, Inc.**

Web: <http://www.FamilyTiesWestchester.org>

Family Ties provides various support groups, strives to keep children in the community, at home with their families and provides advocacy services and support. All Family Ties services are free and confidential. List of Locations:

- Mount Kisco Family Ties Resource Center  
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Mt. Kisco, NY 10549  
(914) 242-3870; (914) 242-3872  
Email: [MKisco@FamilyTiesWestchester.org](mailto:MKisco@FamilyTiesWestchester.org)
- Mount Vernon Family Ties Resource Center  
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- New Rochelle Family Ties Resource Center at New Rochelle Guidance Center  
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- Ossining Family Ties Resource Center  
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Email: [FamilyTies@ood.org](mailto:FamilyTies@ood.org)
- Peekskill Family Ties Resource Center  
929 South Street  
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- Yonkers Family Ties Resource Center  
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I am a clinical psychologist specializing in neuropsychological evaluations and the treatment of adolescents and young adults with psychosis and sub-threshold psychotic symptoms using Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT).

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NYBIDA is a non - profit organization that provides continuing education in appropriate diagnostic & remedial approaches & supports the rights of people with Dyslexia and related Learning Disabilities so that they may lead more fulfilling lives.

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START offers multisensory structured language education services for children, adolescents and adults with language-based LD or dyslexia. START stands for Strategies and Tools Advancing Reading and Thinking.

### **State Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped  
Capital View Office Park  
52 Washington Street, Room 201  
Rensselaer, NY 12144-2796  
(518) 473-1801  
Web: <http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/>

### **State Department of Education: Special Education**

Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities  
State Education Department  
1 Commerce Plaza, Room 1606  
Albany, NY 12234  
(518) 474-2714  
Web: <http://www.nysed.gov/>

### **State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council**

New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council  
155 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Albany, NY 12210  
(518) 486-7505; (800) 395-3372  
Email: [scarey@ddpc.state.ny.us](mailto:scarey@ddpc.state.ny.us)  
Web: <http://www.ddpc.state.ny.us/>

### **State Education Agency Rural Representative**

Department of Education  
Bureau of School District  
Reorganization Unit  
Education Building Annex, Room 876  
Albany, NY 12234  
(518) 474-3936

### **State Mediation System**

Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)  
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Albany, NY 12234  
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Email: [lparis@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:lparis@mail.nysed.gov)  
Web: [www.vesid.nysed.gov/lsn](http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/lsn)

**State Mental Health Agency**

Office of Mental Health  
44 Holland Avenue  
Albany, NY 12229  
(518) 474-4403  
Email: [cocojls@omh.state.ny.us](mailto:cocojls@omh.state.ny.us)

**State Mental Health Representative for Children and Youth**

Bureau of Children and Families  
Office of Mental Health  
44 Holland Avenue  
Albany, NY 12229  
(518) 473-6902  
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**State Mental Retardation Program**

New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities  
44 Holland Avenue  
Albany, NY 12229  
(518) 473-1997  
Web: <http://www.omr.state.ny.us/>

**State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency**

Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities  
State Education Department  
1 Commerce Plaza, Room 1606  
Albany, NY 12234  
(518) 474-2714  
Web: <http://www.nysed.gov/>

**Stepping Forward Parent Education Program**

Dr. Lynn Yuan  
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New York, NY 10025  
(646) 479-4648; (646) 479-4648  
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Our parent education program provides services to families with children who are on the autism spectrum, children with developmental disabilities and behavior issues, as well as typically developing children.

**Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities**

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601 Elmwood Avenue  
P.O. Box 671  
Rochester, NY 14642

(716) 275-2986

Email: [phil\\_davidson@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:phil_davidson@urmc.rochester.edu)

Web: [www.urmc.rochester.edu/strong/scdd](http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/strong/scdd)

### **The Study Shack**

Janie Teller

167 E. 82nd St. #1A

New York, NY 10028

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Web: <http://thestudyshack.com>

We are a tutorial center located on the upper east side of Manhattan. We provide tutorials for all grades/subjects and have excellent tutors for students with learning differences.

### **Stuttering Therapy**

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Web: <http://www.SpeechEasy.com>

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A not for profit organization providing educational and therapeutic services to children from birth to age 21 with learning, communication and behavioral challenges.

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Web: <http://www.Talk2Kelly.com>

Talk 2 Kelly specializes in pediatric and adolescent Speech and Language evaluations and therapy, providing services at our office, at children's homes and schools.

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Educational advocacy within the New York State area with the hope of empowering parents to acquire an appropriate education for their child with special needs, Assistance to parents during the evaluation, placement, process as well as during the impartial hearing process is available.

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Albany, NY 12205

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Email: [David@TRECcenter.org](mailto:David@TRECcenter.org)

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### **Tourette Syndrome Association of Western New York**

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**Joan Trojak, Advocate**

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Resource and support for emotional/ legal/financial protection of children with special needs. Creation of "A Parents' Personalized Resource Guide for Guardians."

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Advocate for parents of children with Type 1 Diabetes. I have helped several parents and have presented for the Joslin Diabetes Center in Syracuse, NY.

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UNYFEAT is the leading not-for-profit advocacy organization for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families in the Rochester area.

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Over twenty years representing parents and their children. Prior to private practice, I was an attorney at PADD agency, which focused on special education cases.

#### **VESID Special Education Policy Unit**

The VESID Special Education Policy Unit develops special education law, regulations and policy which provide the appropriate legal framework that promotes equity and opportunity for all students with disabilities to meet educational standards established for all students in the least restrictive environment; develop informational materials which provide parents, educators; and other individuals with the necessary information to be effectively involved in the education of school-age students with disabilities.

<http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/specialed/policy/home.html>

#### **Volunteer Counseling Service, Rockland Student Advocacy Program**

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We are an New York State approved provider of special education and therapy services to children birth through 6 years of age.

### **WIHD/University Center for Excellence**

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Guardianship, special needs trusts, government benefit advocacy and estate planning for individuals with disabilities and their families.

### **YAI/ National Institute for People with Disabilities**

#### **YAI LINK**

460 West 34th St. 11th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
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Services in Metro NY area for children and adults with developmental and learning disabilities, including early childhood, family support, health care, and specialty health care.

### **[YAI/Rockland County Association for the Learning Disabled \(RCALD\)](#)**

#### **Yawning Yoga**

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Your Autism Coach provides a comprehensive program of personalized guidance and support for parents of autistic and special needs children.

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