# The New York Foundling

In 1869, three Sisters of Charity opened their doors to save the lives of babies being abandoned on the streets of New York, beginning the tremendous legacy of The New York Foundling ("The Foundling"). Over the past 145 years, The Foundling has continued evolving from a respite home for abandoned children, to a comprehensive spectrum of community support services designed



to support our mission of empowering children, families and adults to live healthy, independent, and fulfilling lives.

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Families Offering Care and Unconditional Support (FOCUS)



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#### Novel Intervention in Children's Healthcare (NICH) at The New York Foundling

The goal of The Foundling's FO-CUS program is to "bend the curve" away from traditional institutional care, and focus on community-based Long-Term Supports and Services (LTSS) for children in youth with a Intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). To do this, The Foundling has created a Transition Development Team (TD Team). The TD Team is charged with making focused and sustained interventions in the key systems

and other related agencies to create a system for early identification of children/young adults with developmental disabilities facing placements and returning home from placements. The TD Team delivers an evidence based program (NICH).

NICH has been shown to successfully skill up families so they can keep their children and young adults who have challenging behaviors and chronic medical disorders at home and in the community.

#### **Benefits of FOCUS-NICH:**

- Services are provided in the home
- NICH Team will work to coordinate current service providers, school and community resources
- Families will remain connected to OPWDD when the NICH service ends
- Families who complete will transition to ongoing support through the NYF Community Habilitation Staff
- The treatment team consists of a Master's Level Transitional Development Specialist, Behavior Specialist-PhD, a Skills Coach and an Education Specialist.

#### Who can refer:

- School/Board of Education
- ACS
- OPWDD
- Health and Hospital Corporation
- Medical Providers
- Community Providers
- Families can self-refer

#### Referral Criteria:

- Identified Individual is aged 5-21
- Meets OPWDD (Office of Person's With Developmental Disabilities) eligibility requirements
- Individual is at risk of out of home/school placement
- Individual is placed in an out of state/in state residential school and is aging out.
- Family lives within the 5 boroughs

How to Make a Referral: Contact Karmia Berry, LPMFT at (212)-660-1386 or e-mail I&R@NYFoundling.org

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### **CURRENT PROGRAM OPENINGS FEBRUARY 2015**

Call (718) 728-8476 for inquiries



#### QUEENS

- 1. Early Intervention (In-Home) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 2. Early Intervention Service Coordination contact: Johanna Arteaga ext. 1217
- 3. Early Intervention (Center Based) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 4. Early Intervention Evaluations contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 5. SEIT contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 6. SETSS contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512ww
- 7. Day Habilitation contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
- 8. Social Skills Group Asperger's/High Functioning Autism: Dita DeSena ext.1418

- 9. Emergency Respite Funds contact: Annie Washington ext. 1219
- 10. Medicaid Service Coordination contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
- 11. Parent Training/Parent Support Group/Sibling Support Group: Nevena Savic ext. 1204
- 12. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services, Transportation) contact: Annie Washington
- 13. CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 14. Evaluations for individuals without Medicaid (Psychological/Psychosocial): Kristen DuMoulin ext. 1517
- 15. Preschool Centerbased Openings contact Larisa Muratov ext. 1500

#### BROOKLYN





- 1. Emergency Respite Funds contact: Annie Washington ext. 1233
- 2. Early Intervention (In-Home) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 3. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Johanna Arteaga ext, 1217
- 4. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 5. SEIT contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 6. SETSS contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512

- 7. Medicaid Service Coordination contact: Farzana Karim ext.1233
- 8. Non-Medicaid Service Coordination contact; Andrew Toscano ext. 1268
- 9. Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services) contact: Annie Washington ext. 1219
- 10. CPSE Evaluations contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 11. Preschool Centerbased Openings contact Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
- 12. Housing Advocacy contact: Andrew Toscano ext. 1268

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- 1. Parent Support Group contact: Jazman Torres ext. 1232
- 2. Medicaid Service Coordination Contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
- 3. SEIT contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 4. SETSS contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 5. Early Intervention (In-Home) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512

- 6. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Johanna Arteaga ext. 1217
- 7. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 8. CPSE Evaluations contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 9. Day Habilitation contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
- 10. Hourly Waiver Respite contact: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222







#### MANHATTAN



- 1. Social Skills Group Aspergers/High Functioning Autism contact: Rocio Chavez ext.1414
- 2. Parent Support Group contact: Annie Washington ext. 1219
- 3. Early Intervention (In-Home) contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 4. Early Intervention Service Coordination: Johanna Arteaga ext 1217
- 5. Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 6. SEIT contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 7. Medicaid Service Coordination contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233

- 8. Hourly Waiver Respite contact: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222
- 9. SETSS contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 10. CPSE Evaluations contact: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 11. Preschool Centerbased Openings contact Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
- 12. Day Habilitation contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233

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- 1. Sibling/Parent Support Group and Parent Training contact: Nevena Savic ext. 1204
- 2. Day Habilitation contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233

- 3. SEIT contact (Nassau only): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- 4. Medicaid Service Coordination contact: Farzana Karim ext. 1233



# FEBRUARY 2015 AHRC PROGRAM VACANCIES www.ahrcnyc.org

Please look through this list of services offered by AHRC that have projected vacancies for February (or immediately) and contact the person indicated if you have someone who is in need of the service.

#### **RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

<u>Winter social events:</u> for independent adult travelers! Openings in weekend trip programs and creative arts programs. Must have an ID or DD diagnosis and be able to program on their own (no transport provided). Contact Alice McGlynn at 212-780-2583 or the Referral and Information at 212-780-4491.

<u>School holiday respite programs:</u> Openings for the April school break. Must be in the HCBS waiver. All programming, staffing and door to door transport provided. Contact Referral and Information Center (RIC) at 212-780-4491.

<u>Overnight School holiday respite openings:</u> for residents of Brooklyn for both April and August. Contact Referral and Information Center (RIC) at 212-780-4491.

Overnight Weekend Respite Program: Available in all boroughs for independent travelers and individuals that are able to self-medicate. Enjoy trips to upstate New York from Friday through Sunday to discover area attractions and seasonal activities. All individuals must be in the HCBS waiver. No cost, transportation provided. Call Alice McGlynn at (212) 780-2583 or RIC to make a referral.

<u>Teen Saturday program:</u> opening in Queens, ages 13 - 19, must be in the HCBS waiver, transportation provided, contact Alice McGlynn at 212-780-2583.

\*\*SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION\*\* is now open for Camp Anne and The Lodge! Please contact the RIC for new registrations at 212-780-4491.

OVERNIGHT/EMERGENCY In-Home Respite Hourly Waiver Services to families residing in the boroughs of Queens and Manhattan. Emergency respite is temporary care of an individual with developmental disabilities provided on an emergency basis due to a family situation of extreme urgency, such as the hospitalization of a family member or unexpected travel plans. Emergency respite may be provided in individual's home or a family care home. Overnight respite is a service that provides relief to a caregiver who is responsible for the primary care and support of an individual with a developmental disability. When a family member or Family Care provider has to deal with such things as illness, emergency, and caregiver vacation; emergency respite services can ensure that your loved ones are safe and their needs are met. A caregiver must reside with the individual in the same household and be a primary caregiver. An eligible person should be OPWDD eligible. Eligibility must be established before a referral can be made. An eligible person should have a current Level of Care (LOC) determined. LOCs are needed for all waiver services. An eligible person should be enrolled in a HCBS Waiver program. If you believe that your families or individual(s) might benefit from Overnight or Emergency In-Home Respite, please contact, Luba Zborovskaya at 212-780-2340 and/or Gillian David, Intake Field Supervisor at 212-780-4482.

IN-HOME RESPITE: Waiting list for people ages 3 and over in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx, and immediate opportunities in Queens. Require proof of developmental disability. Contact the Referral and Information Center at (212) 780-4491 or 4493. COMMUNITY HABILITATION: Waiting list for people from birth (with El Service Coordination) and up in all 5 boros. Person must meet eligibility for Medicaid Waiver. Contact the Referral and Information Center at (212) 780-4491 or 4493.

OVERNIGHT RESPITE (out of home): Guests must be age 4 and up, and must be weight bearing if non-ambulatory. Cannot be seriously medically involved where extra nursing staff would be necessary. Staten Island is the only wheelchair accessible respite facilities. Families should apply for respite before the need arises; the application has to be approved beforehand. Contact the Referral and Information Center at (212) 780-4491 or 4493.

#### **EMPLOYMENT and BUSINESS SERVICES:**

<u>Brooklyn Day Hab:</u> Some the of services and activities provided are: personal hygiene skills, self care, socialization skills, money management, mobility training, life skills training, reading and writing, anger management, relaxation techniques, proper nutrition, healthy exercise and recreational type activities. Additionally, individuals volunteer at different sites and participate in diverse community events. Contact 212-895-3370.

<u>Senior Retirement Services:</u> Day Hab Without Walls program for individuals over age 55, must be a Bronx resident. Contact Ana Kuharik at 718 944-5099.

Bronx Day Hab Without Walls: This program offers the opportunity for community activities including volunteering and social outings. The premise is to prepare people to move out of the DH and into employment. Contact Ana Kuharik, 718-944-5099.

<u>Staten Island Day Hab Without Walls:</u> This program offers the opportunity for community activities including volunteering and social outings. The primary premise is to prepare people to move out of the DH and into employment.

<u>Staten Island Janitorial Training program:</u> Pre-Vocational training program for S.I. residents with DD 18 years and older. 11 weeks of training combining classroom instruction with internship at S.I. institutions. Upon successful completion, graduates will be placed in janitorial careers with high earning potential. For all S.I., call Candi Genovese, 718-981-3452.

<u>Job Connection Center-Psycho-social Clubhouse (Brooklyn):</u> A small innovative program, with highly trained and experienced staff, specifically designed to support individuals who are dually diagnosed (IDD/MI) in obtaining and maintaining a job. Call 212-895-3370.

Youth Careers Training Programs: OSY Pre-Vocational training program for NYC residents with DD or LD and/or low income; 18–21 years old. 15 weeks of training combines classroom instruction with internship at major NYC institutions. Upon successful completion, graduates will be placed in Janitorial and Food Services careers. Enrollment is ongoing – there are openings for Janitorial and Food Services in Brooklyn, Janitorial Services in Queens and Staten Island. For Brooklyn, call Gohar Gharibyan at 212-895-3370 or Alexis Hines at 212-895-3380; for Queens, Derek Johnson at 646-210-0066 or Sonia Nieves at 347-723-1952 and for Staten Island, Anna Chakryan at 718-662-1432.

HIRE - Supported Employment, placement in jobs dependent on applicant's skills and abilities

Brooklyn – Sofiya Nibelitskaya, 212-895-3325 Queens – Derek Johnson, 646-210-0066
Bronx – Wayne Thomas, 718-944-5099 Staten Island – Candi Genovese, 718-981-3452

Manhattan – Isis Clark - 212-634-8673

<u>ADULT DAY SERVICES:</u> A variety of programs where individuals become valued community members in different ways, including volunteering, shopping, visiting local attractions, etc. The programs offer many life enhancing experiences in the arts, travel training, and vocational services. There are also programs that operate solely in the community, and in higher education programs in cooperation with local colleges. For more details, call Central Intake at 212-780-4493/4491.

Emergency Respite (Family Support Service): for Queens and Brooklyn residents - Emergency respite is temporary care of a person with a developmental disability provided on an emergency basis due to a family situation of extreme urgency, such as, but not limited to the hospitalization of a family member, unexpected travel plans or relief needed for the caregiver due to special circumstances. Emergency respite may be provided in the eligible person's home or an alternate location where the service of care can be provided. The person providing the service does not have to reside in the home of the person eligible for this service, nor does the service have to occur in the borough of the person's OPWDD registration. Call Michael Wright, 212-895-3467.

<u>Nicosia Family Reimbursement</u>: The service provides the opportunity to be reimbursed for purchased services and goods, and the possibility of purchasing services and goods that are not funded through any other sources. The goods and services have been deemed appropriate to meet the needs of the person being served. Criteria for grant: Reside in the 5 Boroughs and Eligibility. Call Michael Wright, 212-895-3467.

Intensive Behavioral Services This is a newly offered program in the Bronx the purpose of which is to provide Intensive Behavioral Services for individuals who live in non-certified or Family Care Homes and present with substantial challenging behaviors that put them at risk of placement in a more restrictive living environment. The service involves in home behavior management evaluation and treatment by psychologists who specialize in Functional Behavioral Assessment and Intervention. For information about the application or questions, contact Lisa Adorno at 718-643-2566.

Queens Intensive Parent Training: This family support program serves ID/DD parents who reside in Queens, who are living in the community and raising their children. This service provides education, parent training, intensive case management, and advocacy to help the parent improve their parenting skills and help keep children in the home with the parent(s). Criteria: reside in Queens County; parent must be ID/DD. Call Annette Spallino 212-780-2592.

Non-Medicaid Service Coordination: The service includes information and referral services, outreach, parent networking and service access assistance for individuals and their families. Service Coordinator is able to make connections with diagnostic, residential, habilitative, educational, vocational, medical and recreational services. In addition, the Service Coordinator can assist with accessing benefits and entitlements, such as Medicaid and SSI. Criteria for program enrollment: reside in the five boroughs, No Medicaid and Eligibility. Call Sharett Bood, 646-845-6020.

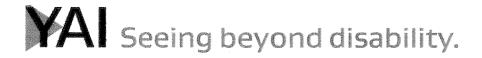
<u>Clinical Evaluation Reimbursement</u>: The service provides the opportunity for individuals to receive clinical evaluations (psychological or psychosocial), who do not have Medicaid or their health plans do not pay for such testing. The clinician or vendor is reimbursed for the completed and approved evaluation. Criteria for grant: Reside in Manhattan and Eligibility. Call Michael Wright, 212-895-3467.

<u>Article 16 Clinic Services:</u> Ongoing vacancies in Manhattan for psychological and psychosocial evaluations, individual and group counseling and nutrition services. Immediate vacancies in the Bronx for individual counseling, psychological, and psychosocial evaluations at our 2488 Grand Concourse Clinic. Anyone interested in these programs should contact Clara Cordero at (212) 780-2387.

**REHAB Services:** Immediate openings for physical, speech, and occupational therapy. Call Robin Phillips at (212) 780-2762 for more information on how to request services.

**FREE Psychological/Psychosocial Evaluations:** AHRC Article 16 Clinic is offering Psychological Evaluations and Psychosocial Evaluations for individuals who are developmentally disabled that <u>do not have Medicaid</u> and are residents of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, or the Bronx. Services are available in English and Spanish. For more information or to make a referral call AHRC call Central Intake at 212-780-4493 or 212-780-4491.

<u>RESIDENTIAL:</u> Anticipated and immediate openings in all boroughs. Details vary depending on the setting. If you have any questions please contact: 212-780-4457. If you would like to make a referral, please contact 212-780-4491 or 212-780-4493.



# Parent Phone-In Support Group



Connect with parents and caregivers who are raising a loved one with a developmental disability without having to leave your home or office. Lunch time and evening groups available.

#### Topics may include:

Open to all caregivers regardless of family member's disability diagnosis. For more information about the phone in support groups contact:

Kate Macaluso 212.273.6242 or kate.macaluso@vai.org



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# ► YAI Autism Center

### Adult Yoga Group\*

We will be offering free adult yoga and wellness classes for independent adults on the autism spectrum.

Tuesdays 4-5pm. Starting January 13th, 2015. @ 460 W 34th St, 12 Floor, New York, NY 10001.

## Children's Social Skills Group\*

Free Social Skills Group for children aged 9-12 years old on the autism spectrum.

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

Wednesdays 4-5pm. Starting January 14, 2105. @ 460 W 34th Street, 11th Floor, New York NY 10001.

### \*Registration/intake is required

To get started call **Laura Mitchell 212.273.6211** or email **laura.mitchell@yai.org** 

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#### February, 2015

# The Developmental Disabilities Clinic (DDC) at Archcare at Terence Cardinal Cooke HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN

- Audiology
- Cardiology
- Dental (Including conscious sedation)
- Individual and Group Psychotherapy (Bilingual-Spanish/English)
  - Gynecology
  - Internal Medicine (Adult and Pediatric)
    - Neurology (Adult)
      - Nutrition
      - Ophthalmology
- Physiatry (with OT/PT services, including wheelchair/brace clinic)
  - Podiatry
  - Psychiatry (Adult and Pediatric)
  - Psychological Evaluations (Bilingual-Spanish/English)
  - Psychosocial Evaluations (Bilingual-Spanish/English)
- Speech/language (Including augmentative/assistive technology)

For appointment, please call: Arilys at 212-360-3777 or Raquel at 917-484-4565



#### Children/Education Services

Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island

- On-site therapeutic services
- Preschool services
- Integrated programming
- Universal Pre-K
- School-Age Program (Brooklyn Only)
- Early Childhood Direction Center (Brooklyn Only)

#### **After-School Program**

Brooklyn and Manhattan

- Manhattan PS 138@30
- Brooklyn PS 396
- Transportation is provided by DOE-OPT

#### Day Habilitation

Opportunities in Day Programs available in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island.

Persons served must be age 21 or older to apply

All sites are wheelchair accessible and transportation is available.

Supported Employment

Employment services for adults with DD. Available for Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island residents.

#### Technology Resource Centers/Techworks to Go Van

As the NYC centers of the NYS Assistive Technology Act program, TechWorks is a free, public service to help minimize and overcome barriers due to disabilities. From simple utensil grasps to complex communication devices, a myriad of options can be offered to create more independence. Contact us for our device demonstrations, short term loans, trainings and information and referral service.

### United Cerebral Palsy of New York City

# Services and Supports 2015

#### SHARE Lending Library

Borrow books, adaptive toys and educational materials. Located in Staten Island, Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx

#### ACTION DAY CAMP

Three week summer day camp experience for young people who reside in Brooklyn, ages 13-21, live with a family member.

Must be in OPWDD waiver

#### **SPIRIT**

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

- Individuals between the ages of 13-29, DD eligible and live with a family member who resides in Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island
- Transportation is provided

#### EXPLORE Club Disco

Once a month, Friday nights events held in Manhattan, brooklyn and Staten Island.

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

#### Staten Island Club Disco

• Must be HCBS waiver and live with a family member who resides in Staten Island

#### Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC)

MSC provides ongoing support and coordination of services for individuals and their families. Services available for Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island.

• Must have Medicaid to be eligible

**PROJECT CONNECT** 

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

1-877-827-2666 projectconnect@ucpnyc.org

www.ucpnyc.org



#### Healthcare Services

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

#### Residential Services

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

- Information about accessing residential opportunities
- •Must be OPWDD eligible

#### **Bronx Overnight Respite**

Serves all five boroughs.

- •Transportation provided in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island
- Serves all ages
- Site is fully accessible
- Must be waiver eligible

#### In-Home Respite

Serving Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island

 Must be waiver eligible and live with a family member.

#### **Community Habilitation**

An individualized, goal-orientated program serving Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island.

- •Must be waiver enrolled
- •Must be living independently or with a family member
- •Should be able and willing to follow and participate in their Community Habilitation Plan.

#### United Cerebral Palsy of New York City

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#### Doorways to Independence

Housing Assistance Services/Home Modifications Available in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island and Queens

- Must be Family Support eligible
- Provides housing case management services, advocacy and referrals
- NYCHA application status checks and assistance processing requests for transfers
- Housing court advocacy and Legal Aid Society referrals
- Home assessments a developed report on possible modifications and equipment to make the home more accessible.

#### Home Modifications

• Funds available for eligible individuals to modify their homes for necessary accessibility e.g. Ramps, Stairlifts.

#### Family Reimbursement

Funds available in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island \$500.00 limit for Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan Staten Island limit is \$300.00

Special Brooklyn Camp Funds available.

Manhattan Durable Medical Equipment Funds available. Funding available to assist families in paying for an item Medicaid or other funds will not cover. Families can apply every 12 months.

#### **Family Connect**

UCP of NYC Family Connect Centers offer free weekly workshops, support services, and educational resources for New York City parents and families of children with disabilities. Through the UCP of NYC Family Connect Centers, families are encouraged to learn, explore resources, and participate in improving outcomes for children with disabilities.

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#### FREE WORKSHOPS

February 2015
-and Early March 2015

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

**TURNING 5: TRANSITION FROM PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TO KINDERGARTEN** 

Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

1770 Stillwell Avenue. Bronx, NY 10469

Time: 10am-12pm.

Children born in 2010 will start kindergarten in the fall of 2015. Moving from preschool to kindergarten marks an exciting new chapter in your child's life. In this workshop, we will address some questions you may have about the process and about New York City's public school. Join us to learn about the transition to school-age special education services and the kindergarten application process.

Presenter: Advocates for Children

COMMUNICATING FROM THE GROUND FLOOR UP: PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR A COMMUNICATION DEVICE

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 160 Lawrence Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230- Room 205 Time: 10am-12pm. Have you been told your child is not "ready" for a device? Or does s/he not really use one that they have? Augmentative and Alternative Communication is more than devices. Come learn about pre- and co-requisite basics to help your child communicate effectively.

Presenter: Mary Beth Frey - Technology Resource Specialist - UCP NYC Inc.

#### USING VISUAL AIDS TO HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW ROUTINES

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 281 Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10302 – 2nd Fl Time: 10am-12pm. Whether a child is verbal or nonverbal, visuals improve communication and behavior. In this workshop you will create visual supports to help children understand and follow routines and take home the materials you have made. Materials will be provided.

Presenter: Ramapo for Children

#### PARENTS AS LEADERS: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH A LEARNING DIFFERENCES

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 160 Lawrence Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230- Room 205

Time: 10am-12pm.

This workshop will provide parents and caregivers of children who learn differently with specific skills and ideas for supporting the success of their child at home and in school. Participants will learn techniques for communicating with children who learn differently by using visuals, non-verbal cues, and step-by-step instructions. This session will provide strategies for preventing and reducing difficult behaviors, anticipating problems, and reducing stress. The presenter will provide skills and ideas for advocating effectively for your child's needs in their school and community.

Presenter: Ramapo for Children

To register for a workshop please Call 718-436-7979 Ext. 704 or

Email familyconnect@ucpnyc.org

