



**JANUARY 2014**  
**AHRC PROGRAM VACANCIES**  
**www.ahrcnyc.org**

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

**\*\*\*SUMMER CAMP!\*\*\***

Now accepting applications for new participants for our overnight summer camps. The Lodge offers a structured yet relaxed vacation in the country for those with mild intellectual disabilities. There are openings in the adult sessions and the teen session, with limited openings in the August young adult session. Camp Anne provides 1:1 supports for individuals who require additional assistance. Openings in July session for adults, and limited openings in the August sessions for children and teens. Non-waiver and waiver eligible individuals accepted. Sliding fee scale and scholarship funds available. For more information, call the Referral and Information Center at 212-780-4491. *Apply early – spaces for certain sessions fill fast.*

**OVERNIGHT RESPITE:** 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.

**IN-HOME RESPITE:** Waiting list for people ages 3 and over in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx, and 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 EI 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.

**EMPLOYMENT and BUSINESS SERVICES:**

**Brooklyn Day Hab:** Some of the 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 Shameeka McDuffie at 646-845-6013.

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

**Job Connection Center-Psycho-social Clubhouse (Brooklyn):** 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 Shameeka McDuff at 646-845-6013.

**Staten Island Day Hab Without Walls:** 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.

**Staten Island Janitorial Training program:** 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.

**Bronx Day Hab Without Walls:** 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. Contact Ana Kuharik, 718-944-5099.

**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 – Melissa Renz - 212-634-8673

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**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. Cycle begins on August 19th – 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, Ana Chakryan at 718-981-3452.

**Young Adult Internship Program (YAIP):**

14 week paid training program for Staten Island residents with DD or non-disabled; 16-24 years old, not in school or working. The training program combines workshops and internships in various work environments. Upon successful completion, graduates will be placed at a job. Enrollment is ongoing. Future cycle dates: 11/18/2013 and 03/16/2014. For information call Anna Chakryan at (718) 981-3452.

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**Nicosia Family Reimbursement:** The service provides the opportunity to be reimbursed for purchased services and goods, and the possibility of purchasing services and goods that are not funded through any other sources. The goods and services have been deemed appropriate to meet the needs of the person being served. Criteria for grant: 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.

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

**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.

**Clinical Evaluation Reimbursement:** 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.

**Article 16 Clinic Services:** 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 do not have Medicaid 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.

**RESIDENTIAL:** 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.

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## LINK MEMO

**TO:** DD Council  
**FROM:** Cathy Bechler  
**DATE:** January 3, 2014  
**RE:** Vacancies

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### **FAMILY SERVICES VACANCIES:**

- Family Support Group for Caregivers of Children with Autism (all ages)** – Parent/caregiver support group for parents of children with Autism in English, Spanish and Mandarin. For more information, please contact YAI [LINK](#) at 212-273-6182. A schedule of the groups can be found through YAI's website: [www.yai.org/services/autism](http://www.yai.org/services/autism)
- YAI Autism Center** – offering private pay programs in Yoga with Ballet/Dance social skills groups & music therapy. Call 212-273-6182 for more information.
- Manhattan Star Academy** – Accepting inquiries for the school, a unique learning opportunity for *elementary school* children. Call Rae Eisdorfer at 212-420-0510 for more information, application and tuition.
- Toilet training** - 6-week program for parents living in *Manhattan* (through project intervene). Contact Danielle Bardwell at 212-273-6314.
- Family Reimbursement** – for *Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens* families. Contact Shanique Soto at 212-273-6585
- Manhattan Based Recreation programs (including Manhattan Evening Adjustment Program and the Alumni Club)** - Recreation programs for individuals with DD 16+, Tuesdays through Saturdays. Openings for individuals living anywhere in NYC. Activities include weeknight group activities and Saturday trips. All levels welcome. No transportation provided. Contact Pamela Accardo at 212-645-1616 x 618 or Edna Bey at 212-645-1616 x620.
- Manhattan Overnight Respite** – Ages 5 and up. Must be ambulatory. Contact Vanessa White Germany at 212-255-2673.
- Manhattan Holiday Respite** – ages 6-18 with DD, live at home with their family. Taking applications for waiting list – contact *Jenaire Feimster* 212-273-6503
- Independent Living Program** – 6 month classroom course for adults looking to develop their independent living skills. For Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and Manhattan residents. Call LINK for more information 212-273-6182.
- Autism Social Skills Groups** – currently accepting applications for Social Skills groups for children aged 9-18 in *Manhattan* with ASD. In *Brooklyn* for children ages 5-12 years old with ASD. Children must reside at home with their family, be verbal with no major behaviors and OPWDD eligibility is needed. Contact LINK for more info 212-273-6182.
- Leisure Trax** – vacations/trips for adults 18 or older, free or low cost for those living with family in the Bronx. Trips are open to groups from other Boroughs – contact 212-273-6254 or [www.yai.org/travel](http://www.yai.org/travel).
- Brooklyn Extend-a-family** – Overnight respite provided in home of host family. Ready availability for young children who are non-ambulatory. Contact Cheryl Jones at 718-743-5311. Also looking for Brooklyn families who would like to host, families are fully trained and reimbursed by YAI, call Cheryl Jones for more information.
- Brooklyn Yoga Ballet** – 10-week Yoga/Ballet class for girls and boys with autism, from age 6 to 10 years old. Contact LINK for more information 212-273-6182.
- Project Grow** – 7-week parent training for parents of children with Developmental Disabilities. Program available to parents whose children live at home with them in Manhattan, the Bronx, or Staten Island. Day and Evening groups in English, Spanish and Cantonese available. Call 212-273-6259.
- Project Grown-up** – 5-week training for parents of children with Developmental Disabilities. Program available to parents whose children live at home with them in Manhattan or Queens. Day and Evening groups in English and Spanish. Call 212-273-6259.
- Bronx In-home respite** – In-home respite for children and adults with DD. Contact Tanicqua Davis 212-273-6503.
- Queens Crisis Intervention program** – In home behavior management provided in English & Spanish. Parent training groups also offered, call Alison Fichera 718-793-2182 x221 or Jackie Nunez 718-793-2182 x231 (Spanish).
- Queens Family Training Program** – 6 week parent training for parents of children with Developmental Disabilities in English and Spanish through the Queens Crisis Intervention program, contact Jackie Nuñez 718-793-2182 x 231
- Queens Saturday Recreation Programs** – Recreation programs for 16+. Contact Edna Bey at 212-645-1616 x 620 or Pamela Accardo at 212-645-1616 x 618
- Queens Thank Goodness it's the Weekend** – Evening social 2 Fridays a month, age 16+. Edna Bey at 212-645-1616 x 620 or Pamela Accardo at 212-645-1616 x 618
- Parents with Special Needs** – Accepting referrals for parent training for parents with DD who live with their children in Manhattan, Brooklyn Lewanda Wallace at 212-273-6100 x2360 for Manhattan and Brooklyn or contact Nafiza

Somaipersaud for Queens 718-793-2182 x203.

**Queens After School Program** – After School program for 6-21 year old children residing in Queens. Contact Stacy Tinglin 718-793-8695 x210.

**Queens & Brooklyn: FREE Psychologicals and Psychosocials** – evaluations for those who are not Medicaid eligible and applying for OPWDD services. Call [LINK](#) at 212-273-6182.

**PREMIER HEALTHCARE** (call LINK to make referrals 212-273-6182):

**Manhattan:** There is ready availability of Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Dental, *Neurology (child)*, *Gastroenterology*, *Ophthalmology*, Prosthetics & Orthotics, Nutrition, *Physiatry/Wheelchair Clinic*, **Psychiatry**.

**Bronx:** There is ready availability of Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Dentistry, *Neurology*, Podiatry, *Nutrition*, *Ophthalmology*, Prosthetics & Orthotics, Audiology, OT and PT, **Psychiatry**.

**Queens:** There is ready availability of Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Podiatry, Gynecology, Dermatology, OT, PT, Speech, Nutrition, *Prosthetics & Orthotics*, Audiology, *speech therapy*, *urology*. Dental desensitization program.

**Brooklyn:** There is ready availability of Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Dentistry, Podiatry, OT, PT, speech, *Neurology (adult)* Nutrition, *Ophthalmology*, *Physiatry/Wheelchair Clinic*, *Urology*, and Audiology. Dental desensitization program.

**CENTER FOR SPECIALTY THERAPY** (call LINK to make referrals 212-273-6182):

**Manhattan:** There is ready availability for Psychosocial Evaluations in English & Spanish.

**Queens:** There is ready availability for Psychosocial Evaluations (English & Spanish), *Psychological testing* (English) and *Psychotherapy* (Evening & Saturday hours available).

**Brooklyn:** There is ready availability for Psychosocial Evaluations in English, and there is ready availability of Psychotherapy, particularly in mornings.

**Bronx:** There is ready availability for Psychosocial Evaluations in English.

Families living in Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn who need evaluations to access OPWDD services but who do not have insurance that will cover the evaluations can call YAI [LINK](#) at 212-273-6182.

**DAY HABILITATION:**

**Manhattan:** Accepting referrals for the Manhattan Day Hab programs. Contact Domingo Hernandez at 212-645-1616.

**Brooklyn:** Accepting applications for ambulatory individuals. Contact Nia Cordani at 718-646-7699 x 312.

**Queens:** Accepting applications for all 3 Queens Day Hab programs. Contact Monica Cedeno at 718-793-2182 x 258

**EMPLOYMENT:**

**Manhattan Employment:** Openings for Manhattan supported employment (all boroughs) Programs. Contact Satera Febus at 212-273-6100 x 2448.

**Brooklyn Supported Employment:** Accepting applications Brooklyn Supported Employment program for adults with Developmental Disabilities. Call Stefon Smith at 718-368-9311.

**Queens Supported Employment:** Accepting applications, call Chris Bechler at 718-389-1300 x227.

**Bronx Supported Employment:** Accepting applications Bronx Supported Employment program for adults with Developmental Disabilities. Call Stefon Smith at 718-368-9311.

There are openings city wide for individuals with Developmental Disabilities who are employed and who need follow along support services.

**RESIDENTIAL:**

YAI has the following *potential* residential openings, call Tom Ott 212-273-6462 or LINK 212-273-6182 before sending a packet.

**Bronx ICF** - Potential female opportunity, age range 35-55; willing and able to safely share a bedroom, ambulatory and able to evacuate using stairs independently, functioning in the severe to high profound range of intellectual disability, able to meet ICF LOC needs, no aggressive, assaultive or dangerous behavior due to safety concerns for the other people living there.

**Manhattan ICF** – potential opening for a female age 25-55, ICF Level of Care need, able to go up and down a few steps for evacuation, severe range of intellectual disability, no assaultive or aggressive behavior (some people presently living there are frail and elderly)

**Queens IRA** – potential opening for a male; functioning in the mild to high moderate range of intellectual ability, ambulatory, no serious assaultive behavior.

# Autism Family Support Series

yai.org/autismsupport

For caregivers of people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

## JANUARY

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Looking to the future: residential planning.

Tom Ott, LCSW

YAI Center for Specialty Therapy

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Educational record keeping.

Maryalice Fegeley

Regional Coordinator

Parent to Parent of NYS

## FEBRUARY

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

I just don't understand: bring your questions about the service system for people with ID/DD.

Michelle Lang, LMSW

Assistant Supervisor

YAI LINK

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – 8:00pm

How to tell your story in 3 minutes or less: tips to get your point across when it counts.

Clara Berg

Parent, Family Specialist

NYDBC

## March

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Behavior management and sensory integration: an occupational therapy perspective.

Jennifer Chang, M.S., OTR/L, C/NDT

YAI Center for Specialty Therapy

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Promoting social connections for high functioning adults with autism.

Sarah Baier, LMSW

Assistant Coordinator

YAI Network

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Tips to help your teenager navigate social situations.

Eric Kaiser, LCSW

Psychotherapist

YAI Center for Specialty Therapy

## April

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Living with autism and depression: challenges and coping strategies.

Grazyna Kusmierska, Ph.D.

Psychotherapist

Premier HealthCare

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

An overview of SSI benefits.

Ann Rauch, LCSW

Program Coordinator

REAP

Mount Sinai Hospital

## Winter 2014

Registration is required

Call ► YAI LINK 212.273.6182

For parents and caregivers only – no children please.

Structure

First half: presentation

Second half: support

Location

460 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street

11<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10001

Funded in part by NYS OPWDD and NYC Council's Autism Initiative.

All Sessions  
10:00am to 12:30pm  
Except where noted.

Contact YAI LINK  
for group offerings  
in Mandarin.

Para grupos en  
español favor de  
ver el reverso.

**YAI** Seeing beyond disability.

# ▶ Autismo: Series de Grupo de Apoyo para la Familia

Para proveedores de cuidado de personas con trastornos del espectro autista.

## ENERO

Jueves 23

¿Cómo puedo obtener el mejor cuidado para mi hijo?  
no un lujo!

**Paola Martínez Boone, MSW**

Advocate & Community Organizer for Disability Rights - New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

## MARZO

Jueves 13

La sexualidad en la adolescencia.

**Dina Larina, LMHC, RPT**

Mental Health Clinician

YAI Center for Specialty Therapy

**Iris Varela, LMSW**

Mental Health Clinician

YAI Center for Specialty Therapy

## ABRIL

Martes 1

Transición a la vida adulta - más que solo servicios de día.

**Monica Cedeno Wagner**

Intake/Outreach Specialist

YAI Day Services

**Adriana Neumann - Redlin, BA**

Bilingual Intake Specialist

YAI LINK

Miércoles 9

Preguntas y respuestas sobre el sistema de servicios para personas con discapacidades del desarrollo.

**Mara Henríquez**

Sr. Supervisor of Targeted Community Outreach

YAI LINK

## Invierno 2014

¡Necesita registrarse!

Llame a ▶ **YAI LINK** al

212 273 6102

Gratuito

Para padres y proveedores de cuidado. No se permite la asistencia de niños.

Duración

1ra parte: presentación

2da parte: grupo de apoyo

Lugar

460 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street

11<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10001

Financiado en parte por el NYS OPWDD y el NYC Council's Autism Initiative.

Todas las sesiones

10:00am a 12:30pm

See the reverse side for English groups.



Viendo más allá de la discapacidad.



Seeing beyond disability.

## Speakers Bureau

Support, Engage, Empower

YAI is available to present to family members, caregivers, individuals with developmental disabilities and professionals on a variety of topics.

**Presentations are currently offered in English and Spanish.  
Mandarin coming soon!**

### Presentation Menu

- ◆ *How To Navigate The Ever-Changing Service System For Individuals With Developmental Disabilities*
- ◆ *Transition to Adulthood: It's not Just About a Day Activity*
- ◆ *What In The World Is A Medicaid Waiver?*
- ◆ *Or....Tell us what you need help with:  
We can customize presentations to meet your needs with topics including an overview of supports and services and a variety of topics related to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)*

**TO SCHEDULE A  
PRESENTATION**

**Call ► YAI LINK  
212.273.6182**

**We'll Come to you!**

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# ▶ 家庭支持系列講座

Autism Family Support Series

專為照顧自閉症患者的人士所舉辦  
For caregivers of people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

## FEBRUARY

星期四 2014 年 2 月 13 日 上午 10 點至 12 點 30 分  
Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 10:00am to 12:30pm

如何保障您孩子在學校的權益

Advocating for your child at school.

Daryl Wang, Program Assistant  
Resources for Children with Special Needs

## MARCH

星期一 2014 年 3 月 31 日 上午 10 點至 12 點 30 分  
Monday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 10:00am to 12:30pm

怎样管理孩子的行为问题

Parenting strategies to manage challenging behaviors.

Peishi Wang, Ph.D., BCBA-D (Board Certified Behavioral Analyst-Doctoral)  
Graduate Programs in Special Education, Queens College, CUNY

## JUNE

星期二 2014 年 6 月 3 日 上午 10 點至 12 點 30 分  
Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 10:00am to 12:30pm

自闭症儿童的发展

Development in children with ASD.

Diane Liu, MD  
Premier HealthCare

For groups in English and Spanish visit [yai.org/support](http://yai.org/support)

[yai.org/autismsupport](http://yai.org/autismsupport)

## 2014 冬季

如需報名或索取更多資訊,  
請致電留言:  
Registration is required.

華語/普通話 → [YAI LINK](#)

專線 212.273.6100 x2706

英語/English → [YAI LINK](#)

專線 212.273.6182

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西 34 街 460 號

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11<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10001

\*\*本系列講座將以華語/普通話進行\*\*

This series of workshops will be  
conducted in Mandarin only.





Quality Services for the Autism Community

*Serving New York City and Long Island*

QSAC has Respite opportunities available in

# Manhattan

**Service:**

- In-Home respite care provided by trained QSAC direct care staff

**Eligibility:**

- Individual must reside in Manhattan with their family
- Individual must have a diagnosis of Autism, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder, or on the Autism Spectrum

**For more information please contact:**

Contact: Johnny Nunez  
Telephone: (718) 728-8476 x 1222  
Fax: (718) 204-7570  
Address: 25-09 Broadway  
Astoria, NY 11106

January, 2014

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 (Including augmentative/assistive technology)

For an appointment, please call:

Arylis at 212-360-3777

Or

Raquel at 917-484-4565



# FREE WORKSHOPS

JANUARY 2014

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

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

Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 281 Port Richmond Ave. Staten Island, NY 10302. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Time: 10am-12pm.

Children born in 2009 will start kindergarten in the fall of 2014. 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 schools. Join us to learn about the transition to school-age special education services and the kindergarten application process.

Presenter: Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) – Staten Island

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

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 122 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. New York, NY 10010. Room 211 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 your children understand and follow routines and take home the materials you have made. Materials will be provided.

Presenter: Ramapo for Children

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## AUTISM INDICATORS & BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT FOR CLASSROOM AND STAFF – LIVE SESSION

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 160 Lawrence Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11230 – Rm. 205 Time: 10am-12pm.

The training will focus on the characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), as well as the functions of human behavior. We will provide a description of red flags related to the diagnosis of ASD in order to aid in early detection of developmental delays across various domains. Furthermore, we will provide manageable techniques to implement in the classroom in order to help increase appropriate behavior and prepare students for learning.

Presenter: Achieve Beyond

Rachael LaPiana, MS Ed, BCBA: Clinical Director of Autism and Behavioral Services NYC

Kristin Harris, MS Ed, BCBA: Clinical Supervisor Brooklyn, NY

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## AUTISM INDICATORS & BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT FOR CLASSROOM AND STAFF - VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 1770 Stillwell Ave. Bronx, NY 10469 - First Floor Time: 10am-12pm.

JOIN US FOR THIS LIVE VIDEOCONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY! THIS PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN BROOKLYN BUT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO INTERACT FROM THE BRONX AND COMMUNICATE AS IF YOU WERE SITTING NEXT TO EACH OTHER.

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Presenter: Ramapo for Children

To register for a workshop please

Call 718-436-7979 Ext. 704 or 877-827-2666

Email [familyconnect@ucpnyc.org](mailto:familyconnect@ucpnyc.org)



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

**MI HIJO (A) CUMPLE 5 AÑOS: TRANSICIÓN DE LA EDUCACIÓN ESPECIAL EN EL PREESCOLAR A LA EDUCACIÓN ESPECIAL DE KÍNDER**

**Miércoles, 8 de Enero de 2014    281 Port Richmond Ave. Staten Island, NY 10302. 2º Piso    Hora: 10am-12pm.**

Los niños nacidos en el 2009 comenzarán kindergarten en el otoño de 2014. Esta transición marca una nueva etapa en la vida de su hijo (a). En este taller, le ayudaremos con algunas preguntas que pueda tener acerca del proceso de aplicación al kindergarten en las escuelas públicas de New York. También aprenderá cómo funciona la transición a los servicios de educación especial para niños en edad escolar.

*Presentador: Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) – Staten Island*

**SÍMBOLOS VISUALES PARA AYUDAR A LOS NIÑOS A ENTENDER Y SEGUIR RUTINAS**

**Miércoles, 15 de Enero de 2014    122 East 23rd Street. New York, NY 10010. Salón 211    Hora: 10am-12pm.**

Ya sea que un niño pueda comunicarse verbalmente o no, los símbolos visuales son una excelente estrategia para mejorar la comunicación y el comportamiento. En este taller usted creará símbolos visuales para ayudarles a los niños a entender y seguir rutinas. Usted podrá llevarse a casa el material que haya creado. Nosotros proveeremos los materiales.

*Presentador: Ramapo for Children*

**ANÁLISIS DE COMPORTAMIENTO APLICADO – TALLER EN VIVO**

**Jueves, 23 de Enero de 2014    160 Lawrence Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11230 – Salón 205    Hora: 10am-12pm.**

En este taller se explicarán las características del Desorden de Espectro del Autismo (ASD) como también la función del comportamiento. Se explicarán las señales relacionadas con el autismo para que de esa manera, se pueda ayudar a una detección temprana del autismo y entender como puede afectar las áreas del desarrollo. También se proveerán técnicas de manejo en el salón de clase para poder ayudar a incrementar un comportamiento apropiado y preparar a los estudiantes para el proceso de aprendizaje.

*Presenter: Achieve Beyond*

*Rachael LaPiana, MS Ed, BCBA: Clinical Director of Autism and Behavioral Services NYC*

*Kristin Harris, MS Ed, BCBA: Clinical Supervisor Brooklyn, NY*

**ANÁLISIS DE COMPORTAMIENTO APLICADO (VIDEOCONFERENCIA)**

**Jueves, 23 de Enero de 2014    1770 Stillwell Ave. Bronx, NY 10469 – Primer Piso    Hora: 10am-12pm.**

ESTE TALLER SE LLEVARA A CABO EN MANHATTAN, PERO USTED PODRÁ VER ESTA PRESENTACIÓN DESDE EL BRONX A TRAVÉS DE VIDEOCONFERENCIA. USTED PODRÁ COMPARTIR SUS IDEAS E INTERACTUAR CON LOS ASISTENTES EN MANHATTAN COMO SI ESTUVIERAN SENTADOS EN EL MISMO LUGAR.

**SÍMBOLOS VISUALES PARA AYUDAR A LOS NIÑOS A ENTENDER Y SEGUIR RUTINAS**

**Miércoles, 29 de Enero de 2014    281 Port Richmond Ave. Staten Island, NY 10302. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor    Time: 10am-12pm.**

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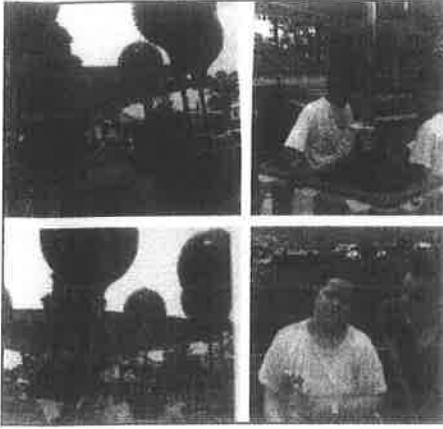
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## RESPIRE PROGRAM



UCP of NYC Overnight Respite Program offers temporary overnight relief for families in New York City who need a break from the continuous demands of caring for a family member who is developmentally disabled.



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We also provide **free transportation** for those living in, Manhattan, Staten Island, Queens, and Brooklyn.



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## United Cerebral Palsy of New York City Services and Supports 2014

### **After-School Program**

Brooklyn and Manhattan

- Manhattan PS 138@30
- Brooklyn PS 396
- Family Support eligible.
- Transportation is provided to the child's home only.

### **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**

Residential settings are located in Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island.

- Information about accessing residential opportunities & NYS Cares registration list
- Must be OPWDD eligible

### **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.

### **Doorways to Independence**

#### **Housing Assistance Services**

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 - South Brooklyn Legal Services contract for Brooklyn and referrals to the Legal Aid Society for the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island

#### **Home Assessments**

Home assessments can be completed providing families with a report on possible modifications and equipment to make their home more accessible for their family member. Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island.

- Must be Family Support eligible

### **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 18 months in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island

Families can apply every 12 months in the Bronx.

## **PROJECT CONNECT**

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

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### **Bronx Overnight Respite**

Serves all five boroughs.

- Transportation provided in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island
- Serves all ages
- Site is fully accessible

### **In-Home Respite**

Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island

- Must be waiver eligible and live with a family member.

### **TechWorks Resource Centers**

Technology Resource Specialists are available to answer your assistive technology questions. Information on special products and services, their costs, obtaining them.

- Demonstration centers
- SHARE: Lending Libraries
- Equipment exchange program
- Assistive technology training

### **Day Habilitation**

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

- Persons served must be age 21 and over to apply and have Medicaid or are eligible for Medicaid.

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. Applicants must go through ACCES-VR orientation and referral process.

### **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)

### **ACTION DAY CAMP**

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

### **SPIRIT**

Opportunities available for Saturday recreation in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Staten Island.

- Individuals between the ages of 13-29 who reside in Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn & Staten Island
- Transportation is provided

### **EXPLORE Club Disco**

Free Friday nights events held in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island

- Staten Island waiver eligible
- 18 yrs or older, DD eligible and live with a family member who resides in Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island
- Wheelchair accessible
- Transportation is not provided
- Light supper served

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Dec 23, 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Yan Cong, and I am a graduate student at the Columbia University School of Journalism in New York City. My Masters thesis is on children with autism who have wandering/elopement issues, and how their families and society at large address these issues.

I am seeking to meet with and interview families who can speak to this issue. Beyond news stories of missing children – specifically the recent tragic case of Avonte Oquendo – there appears to be very little reporting on the myriad of issues and navigations families go through at home, school, etc.

I hope my work can deepen the conversation and provide insight.

If child has or had wandering/elopement issues, I would very much like to hear from you, or be introduced to someone you might know you can share their experience.

I can be reached at:

email: [yc2754@columbia.edu](mailto:yc2754@columbia.edu)

cell: 917-929-7192

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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