

BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

These agencies provide help in obtaining benefits, such as Medicaid or SSI, to which persons with developmental disabilities and their families may be entitled.

AGENCY	ADDRESS	CONTACT	POPULATION SERVED	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM
Center for Benefits & Services	105 East 22 nd St. NY, NY 10010 No walk ins.	(212) 614-5552	Individuals + families who have questions or need benefits counseling	Benefits counseling + information and referral regarding SSI, SSDI, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Cash Assistance, Medicare and more. By phone or appointment only.
Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York (CIDNY)	841 Broadway Suite 301 NY, NY 10003	(212) 674-2300	Persons with all disabilities + their families	Assistance + advocacy in obtaining financial entitlements, including hearings. Building is wheelchair accessible. ASL, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Toysonese, Tagalog, Hindi, Urdu, Hausa, Yoruba and Bengali spoken.
Epilepsy Foundation of Metropolitan New York	257 Park Ave. So. Third floor NY, NY 10010	Jeremy Antar (212) 677-8550	Persons with epilepsy + their families	Information and referral re: Earned Income Tax Credit for working individuals and parents with modest incomes. Assistance for individuals + families regarding Social security, SSI, SSI Disability, welfare and public assistance.
Harlem Independent Living Center	289 St. Nicholas Ave. Lower Level Suite 21 NY, NY 10027	Desryl De Souza Program Coordinator (212) 222-7122	Persons with disabilities living in NYC	All concrete issues related to applications for food stamps, public assistance, SSI, SSDI, Medicare and Medicaid.
The Legal Aid Society	199 Water St. Third Floor NY, NY 10038	(212) 577-3300	New York City residents	Legal help for individuals and families regarding social security, SSI, SSI Disability, welfare, public assistance, and domestic violence. Interpreters available in other languages.
Legal Aid Society Health Law Helpline		(212) 577-3575	New York City residents	Advice + advocacy if you are having problems with Medicaid, Medicare, Child or Family Health Plus or are uninsured. Only accepts calls on Tuesdays. Interpreters available.

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Medicaid	Several different locations in Manhattan	HRA InfoLine Toll free at (877) 472-8411, 8AM-5PM, Mon.-Fri. Have date of birth + Social Security number ready.	Eligible persons with DD + their families	Health insurance for people who cannot afford private insurance, or whose coverage is not sufficient to meet heavy medical expenses. Can request an interpreter for languages other than English. Info on Food Stamps and other HRA services.
Medicare Rights Center	520 Eighth Ave. North Wing 3 rd Floor NY, NY 10018	(212) 869-3850 or (800) 333-4114 Mon.- Fri. from 9AM – 5PM www.medicarerights.org	Seniors + people with disabilities eligible for Medicare	Information, referrals, + advocacy assistance on Medicare via telephone counseling, publications, + public education. Spanish spoken.
New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)	Disability Advocacy Project 7 Hanover Sq., 18 th Fl. NY, NY 10004	For Social Security Benefits: Kevin Kenneally (212) 613-5081 All other questions: (212) 613-5000	Low income individuals residing in New York Cit	Free legal services organization with Disability Advocacy Project regarding social security issues and public benefits. Several languages spoken.
Resource Entitlement Advocacy Program (REAP) at Mount Sinai	1403-05 Madison Ave., NY, NY 10029	(212) 423-2800	Persons in East Harlem; Central Harlem; Yorkville. All patients of Mount Sinai and its affiliate physicians + clinics who live in the 5 boroughs	Central clearinghouse for entitlement + resource programs. Pre-screener for Medicaid, Child Health Insurance and Family Health Plus. Assistance with Medicare Part D. Wheelchair accessible. Spanish spoken. Interpreters available for other languages.
Sick Kids (Need) Involved People (SKIP)	601 W. 26 th St. Suite 522 NY, NY 10001	Joann Colucci (212) 268-5999 x191	Persons with DD, especially children with complex health needs	Assistance with program eligibility.
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Many offices in New York City Office Hours: 9AM-3:30PM, Mon.-Fri.	(800) 772-1213, 7AM-7PM, Mon.-Fri. or www.ssa.gov TTY: (800) 325-0778 7AM-7PM, Mon.-Fri.	Eligible persons with disabilities	Supplemental Security Income provides monthly payments to individuals with disabilities who have limited income and resources. Interpreters available.