

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

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

This directory includes all of the programs for Manhattan families that are funded by the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities and administered through its local office, the Manhattan Developmental Disabilities Services Office. Also included here are several other programs appropriate for families with a relative with a developmental disability. Inclusion in this directory does not constitute an endorsement of any program. Cover design by Kathleen Mckeon.

ABOUT THE MANHATTAN FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Manhattan Family Support Services Advisory Council is an advisory committee to the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities and its Manhattan office. The Council is made up of family members of persons with developmental disabilities and individuals with developmental disabilities from all neighborhoods in Manhattan. The Council meets regularly to learn what families need and to advocate to get those needs met. Come share your concerns and learn about services that can help your family. Join with other family members and self-advocates to build a better life for people with developmental disabilities and their families. For information, please call Margaret Puddington at (212) 799-2042.

ABOUT THE MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

The Manhattan Developmental Disabilities Council collaborates with the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, as well as the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on many issues. This Council is made up of service providers, government representatives, families of people with developmental disabilities, and individuals with developmental disabilities. The Council sponsors monthly meetings that offer families of people with developmental disabilities an excellent opportunity to join with others in advocating for whatever is needed. Please join us. For information and a meeting schedule, go to www.manhattanddcouncil.org or call Margaret Puddington at (212) 799-2042.

ABOUT THE MANHATTAN FAMILY SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Manhattan Family Support Committee is a sub-committee of the Manhattan Developmental Disabilities Council. The Committee meets monthly to share resources, network, and learn about programs and services that may benefit persons with developmental disabilities and their families. The Committee also assists the Manhattan Developmental Disabilities Council in identifying needs and priorities for this population. This Committee is responsible for the Manhattan Family and Professional Resource Fair and this Directory. Professionals, family members, advocates, and individuals with disabilities are welcome. Please call Amy Bittinger at (718) 859-5420 extension 234 or Jennifer Shaoul at (212) 273-6289 for more information.

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