



*Inspiring Minds
Empowering Achievement
Building Community*

***Garden City Public Schools
Transition and Support Services Fair
February 2, 2016***



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1. ACCES- VR

ACCES-VR provides vocational counseling and rehabilitation services that result in successful employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities and their employers.

Category: secondary, post-secondary

Address: 711 Stewart Avenue –Suite #4, Garden City, NY 11530

Website: access.nysed.gov

Contact: Nicole Bitel-Frost, Vocational Rehab Center

Contact Email/ Phone: bitel-frost@nysed.gov, 516-227-6813

Agency Phone: 516-227-6800

2. ACLD, Family Support Services

ACLD is a leading not-for-profit agency that proudly serves the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The ACLD mission is to provide the opportunity for children, teens and adults with developmental disabilities to pursue enviable lives, increase their independence and improve the quality of their lives.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 807 South Oyster Bay Road, Bethpage, NY 11714

Website: www.aclld.org

Contact: Carla Oswald, I &R Coordinator and Sandi Nayberg

Contact Email/ Phone: oswaldc@aclld.org, 516-822-0028 ext. 652 or naybergs@aclld.org

Agency Phone: 516-822-0028

3. Adelphi University, Learning Resource Program

Students with learning disabilities often face additional challenges when entering university. The Learning Resource Program provides support services to students with learning disabilities. The mission of the program is to encourage independence, assist students in realizing their academic potential, and to facilitate the elimination of barriers. The program focuses on an individualized approach to each student.

Category: post-secondary

Address: 1 South Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530

Website: www.adelphi.edu

Contact: Stephanie S. Espina, Director of Freshman Admissions

Contact Email/Phone: sespina@adelphi.edu, 516-877-3056

Agency Phone: 516-877-3050





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4. Adelphi University, Disability Support Services

The Office of Disability Support Services ensures equal access to all of Adelphi University's programs, services and facilities for students with documented disabilities. Through assistance, advocacy and reasonable accommodations, the office provides an accessible and supportive campus environment.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 1 South Avenue, University Center Room 310, Garden City, NY 11530

Website: dss.adelphi.edu

Contact: Brian Flatley, Assistant Director

Contact Email/Phone: bflatley@adelphi.edu, 516-877-3545

Agency Phone: 516-877-3806

5. Adelphi Hy Weinberg Center for Communication Disorders

We offer clinical services for the community in the areas of speech, language, and hearing disorders.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 158 Cambridge Avenue Room 211, Garden City, NY 11530

Website: <http://education-csd.adelphi.edu/hy-weinberg-center/>

Contact: Anne Marie Skvarla, Clinic Director

Contact Email/Phone: askvarla@adelphi.edu

Agency Phone: 516-877-4850

6. AHRC, Camp Loyaltown

For more than 40 years, Camp Loyaltown has helped campers discover independence along with new strengths and experience the joys of friendship, fun and personal achievement free from challenges they face daily. Camp Loyaltown is a program of Citizens, a leading provider of services for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Category: primary through middle school

Address: 115 East Bethpage Road, Plainview, NY 11803

Website: www.camployaltown.org

Contact: Jerri Walker, Assistant Director

Contact Email/Phone: jwalker@ahrc.org, 516-458-5837





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7. Catholic Guardian Services Community Resource and Transition Center

Catholic Guardian Services seeks to affirm the dignity of each person we serve and to carry a message of hope to vulnerable persons of all ages, regardless of race, color, creed, or ethnic origin. Our goal is to protect and nurture disadvantaged children and individuals with disabilities, to increase their prospects for self-sufficiency, to strengthen the family structures integral to their support, and to continually adapt our responses to their ever-changing needs.

Category: *Primary through Post Secondary*

Address: 4 Springville Road Hampton Bays, NY 11946

Website: www.catholicguardian.org

Contact: Shoshana Remer, Intake and outreach coordinator

Contact Email/Phone: srem@ catholicguardian.org,
718-828-0300

Agency Phone: 631-728-8080

8. Center for Developmental Disabilities, Adult Day Services

The Center for Developmental Disabilities is committed to its mission of helping children, adolescents and adults with differing abilities achieve their dreams by overcoming barriers to living, learning, working and enjoying recreational activities in the community of their choice.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 101 New South Rd. Hicksville, NY 11801

Website: www.centerfordd.org

Contact: Jane Reich, Director Day Employment Services

Contact Email/Phone: jreich@centerfor.com, 516-433-8300 ext. 320

Agency Phone: 516-433-8300

9. Center and Employment Options, Inc.

The mission of CEO is to provide the quality services and linkages for transition, careers, and employment for individuals with special needs using innovative and collaborative systems. CEO implements our services by including the individual, their families, district personnel, and the business community as a whole. CEO sees the entire process of transition in schools, careers and employment as requiring the collaboration and cooperation of all the members of that community to create solutions for success. CEO creates solutions.





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Category: *Post Secondary*

Address: 1 Rabro Drive, suite 102, Hauppauge, NY 11788

Website: www.ceoincworks.com

Contact: Lori Rosado, Director

Contact Email/Phone: lrosado@ceoincworks.com, 631-234-6064 ext. 102

10. Center for Rapid Recovery

The Center for Rapid Recovery is dedicated to the promotion of recovery, well-being, community integration and productivity among persons who are at the beginning stages of recognizing their own strength. Concerned about the disparities in health among persons of color, CRR has made its mission to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health outcomes. Our goal is to improve access to culturally and linguistically competent care to populations whose worldview of illness and disease is framed within a cultural context.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 312 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, NY 11550

Website: www.centerforrapidrecovery.org

Contact: Andrea Newalis, Medicaid Service Coordinator

Contact Email/Phone: anewalis@rapidrecovery.org, 516-292-6449 ext. 106

Agency Phone: 516-292-6449

11. Dogability

This center is the first of its kind on Long Island (and perhaps in the country) to invite participants to visit at an all-inclusive location where a specialized canine-interactive experience is aligned with a participant's needs. We provide canine-assisted activities, utilizing certified dogs, supervised by professionals and/or devoted volunteers while providing education, recreation, a socialization, inspiration or comfort to a large variety of individuals and groups. Participants include adults and children with and without special needs. Our staff of professionals collaborates to design specific activities that meet the needs of both individuals and groups. We are currently all volunteers, many from professional backgrounds in canine behavior and training as well as psychotherapy and education.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 153 S. Broadway Hicksville, NY 11801

Website: www.dogabilityli.org

Contact: Sass Levine, Executive Director

Contact Email/Phone: sass.dogability@gmail.com, 516-387-0066

Agency Email: info@dogabilitycenter.org

Agency Phone: 516-387-0066





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12. EPIC Long Island

OUR MISSION- We will enrich the lives of those we serve through quality care, a broad range of services, and an unwavering commitment to excellence .OUR VISSION -To become Long Island's center of excellence for providing premier treatment, care, education and support to those with epilepsy, and to individuals with intellectual or emotional challenges.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 1500 Hempstead Tpke. East Meadow, NY 11554

Website: www.epicli.org

Contact: Gladys Brown, Director of Intake Services

Contact Email/ Phone: 516-739-7733 ext. 1 + 300

Agency Phone: 516-739-7733

13. FREE, Nassau Enhanced Mobile Crisis

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) founded in 1977 and headquartered in Old Bethpage, benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. It is the mission of FREE to help individuals of all abilities realize their full potential. FREE provides a diverse array of supports and services including: housing, recovery services, transition to work, employment, day, community and family services, respite, crisis services, education and after-school support, primary and specialty health care and advocacy.

Address: 191 Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Road Old Bethpage, NY 11714

Website: www.familyres.org

Contact: Allison Mintz, Social Work Supervisor

Contact Email/Phone: amintz01@familyres.org, 516-458-7480

Agency Phone: 516-870-1600

14. Hofstra University, Services for Students with Disabilities

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD), located in 040 Memorial Hall, arranges academic accommodations and provides support for students with disabilities. It replaces the services formerly provided by the PHED program (Program for Higher Education of the Disabled), and by PALS (Program for Academic Learning Skills).





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Category: post-secondary
Address: 1000 Fulton Ave, Hempstead, NY 11549
Website: <http://www.hofstra.edu/studentAffairs/stddis/index.html>
Contact: Lindsay Salvucci, Associate Dean
Contact Email/Phone: Lindsay.salvucci@hofstra.edu
Agency Phone: 516-463-9010

15. Hofstra Summer Camps, REACH Program

The REACH Program is an exciting opportunity for campers with autism spectrum disorders and other special needs to experience Hofstra Specialty Camps with peers. The REACH Program provides a safe and positive setting for campers with disabilities to be included in Specialty Camps, activities, and enjoy peer interactions, with supports and/or modifications when necessary (not applicable to Sports Academy Camps). The REACH Program provides a perfect setting for ongoing interventions during the summer break. Campers have ample opportunities to generalize and enhance social and daily living skills.

Category: primary through secondary
Address: 250 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11549
Website: www.hofstra.edu
Contact: Julie Duenges, Director of Camper Services
Contact Email/Phone: reach@hofstra.edu, 516-463-CAMP
Agency Phone: 516-463-CAMP

16. Hope Fitness Foundation

The HOPE Fitness Sports Foundation is a New York State 501(c) (3) Non-Profit human service organization that provides, coordinates and supports the Inclusion of Individuals with ALL types of Abilities in fitness and sport training. We welcome participants who are physically and/or intellectually challenged, economically disfranchised, or are considered “at risk” either behaviorally or due to their living situations.

Our core value is that everybody, despite their Ability or perceived Disability, deserves the right to partake in a program that addresses their health and fitness goals; and to create a healthy lifestyle and be a valued member of a team and use sports and fitness as a conduit to explore his or her potential.

Category: primary through secondary
Address: 1784 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, NY 11554
Website: www.hopetness.com
Contact: H. Greenberg, Founder/CEO
Contact Email/Phone: info@hopefitness.org, 877-396-4673
Agency Phone: 877-396-4673





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17. Jewish Child Care Association, Compass Project

JCCA's mission is based on a heritage of providing quality services to children and their families, and the universal mandate within the Jewish tradition of tikkun olam — the responsibility of every person to make the world a better place.

Our mission is to meet the child welfare and mental health needs of all children and their families in the New York metropolitan area. At the same time we are committed to providing services to Jewish children and their families in support of Jewish continuity.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 45 Manetto Hill Road, Plainview, NY 11803

Website: <http://www.jccany.org>

Contact: Shari Abel Saunders, Coordinator of Job Development

Contact Email/ Phone: abelsaunderss@jccany.org, 914-772-6850

Agency Phone: 516-822-3535ext, 355

18. Kens Crew, Vocational Training Program

The mission of Ken's Krew, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, is to provide vocational training and job placement services to individuals with developmental disabilities. The candidates for job placement and support must demonstrate an ability to function independently in the workplace. Ken's Krew provides, through work, a meaning and purpose to the lives of these individuals.

Category: secondary, post-secondary

Address: 555 Madison Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10022

Contact: Diane Macaluso, Long Island Coordinator

Contact Email/Phone Diane Macaluso
dmacaluso@kenskrew.org, 347-266-8695

Website: www.kenskrew.org

Agency Phone: 212- 290-8999





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19. Law Offices of Andrew M. Cohen

A significant part of the practice focuses on legal planning for families with a special needs child. The legal services often include preparation of planning documents such as a will and supplemental needs, trust, providing guidance and counseling on available government entitlements for the disabled, and handling guardianship proceedings.

Category: primary through post-secondary

Address: 1100 Franklin Avenue #305, Garden City, NY 11530

Website: www.amcohenlaw.com

Contact: Andrew Cohen

Contact Email/Phone: ac@amcohenlaw.com

Agency Phone: 516-877-0595

20. Life's Worc and The Family Center for Autism

Life's WORC provides an array of services and supports that facilitates a full rich life for individuals with developmental disabilities in Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties who live independently or at home with loved ones and people who live in supportive homes built and managed by Life's WORC. Our range of services includes: Behavior Intervention Services (BIS), Community Services, Day Services, Customized Employment, Family Supports, The Family Center for Autism, Professional Development, Residential Services, and Trusts.

Category: secondary through post-secondary

Address: 1517 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530

Website: www.thefamilycenterforautism

Contact: Tina Moreno, Assistant Director of Membership and Florence Faga, Admissions Coordinator

Contact Email/Phone: tmoreno@lifesworc.org, 516-741-9000

Agency Phone: 516- 741-9000





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21. LIRSE TASC

Through the process of Design Thinking, participants working in teams will create meaningful classroom practices using research based strategies including instruction, social emotional learning and cultural/community awareness. .

Category: secondary through post-secondary

Address: 15 Andrea Rd., Holbrook, NY 11741

Website: www.esbooces.org/page/89

Contact: Cathy Pantelides, Transition Specialist

Contact Email/Phone: cpanteli@csbooces.org, 516-220-8710

Agency Phone: 631-218-4197, 631-218-4146

22. Long Island Advocacy Center, BASE

The Long Island Advocacy Center, Inc. (THE LIAC) is a private non-for-profit agency dedicated to protecting the legal rights of students and individuals with disabilities. The LIAC assists families in learning how to access and obtain for their children the educational services to which they are legally entitled. This program offers advice and when necessary, representation at school-related meetings as well as information and referral. Our LIAC education advocates have extensive knowledge, experience and resources to help empower you as you advocate for your child.

Category: primary through post-secondary

Address: 999 Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Website: www.theliac.org

Contact: Barbara Morell, Benefits Consultant

Contact Email/Phone: bmorell@theliac.org, 516-248-2222

Agency Phone: 516-248-2222ext .22

23. Long Island Parent Center, Center for Community Inclusion at LIU

The mission of the Long Island Parent Center of the Center for Community Inclusion LIU, is to provide parents of children with disabilities, in conjunction with the professionals who service their children, with information and resources necessary to promote meaningful involvement in their children's education programs.

We provide:

Drop-in center, Technical assistance, Workshops, Attendance at community events, Training of parent members, Information and referral, and Overall support in the Special Education Process





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Category: primary through secondary
Address: 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville, NY 11548
Website: www.LIParentCenterLIU.org/
Contact: Randy K. Young, Education Outreach Specialist
Contact Email/Phone: randy.young@liu.edu, 631-682-9034
Agency Phone: 516-589-4562

24. Mental Health Association of Nassau County, Education and Training Department

The Mental Health Association of Nassau County (MHA) is a not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to improving mental health in our community through advocacy, education, program development and the delivery of direct services.

We are proud to say that we opened the first group home in Nassau County, the first children's residence for autistic children, the first supported education program for college students and the first newly constructed permanent-home apartment complex for adults with psychiatric disabilities.

Category: primary through secondary
Address: 16 Main Street Hempstead, NY 11550
Website: nassauboces.org
Contact: Rachel Priest, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Community Health Educator
Contact Email/ Phone: rpriest@mhanc.org, 516-489-2322 ext. 1251
Agency Phone: 516-289-2322

25. Mitch Weisbrot, CLU, ChSNC

A significant part of the practice focuses on legal planning for families with a special needs child. The legal services often include preparation of planning documents such as a will and supplemental needs, trust, providing guidance and counseling on available government entitlements for the disabled, and handling guardianship proceedings.

Category: primary through post-secondary
Address: 6800 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 202W, Syosset, NY 11791
Website: www.financialguide.com/mitch-weisbrot
Contact: Heather Foster, Office Manager
Contact Email/Phone: hfpster@financialguide.com, 203-405-3195
Agency Phone: 516-682-3391





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26. *New Frontiers in Learning*

We are a support program for high school and college students of all ability levels, including students diagnosed with various learning differences as well as those who may simply benefit from some assistance developing time management, organizational, financial management, or related executive functioning skills.

Category: post-secondary

Address: 1025 Northern Blvd. Roslyn, NY 11576

Website: www.nfil.net

Contact: Samantha Feinman, Director

Contact Email/Phone: sfeinmean@nfil.net, 646-558-0085

Agency Phone: 646-558-0085

27. *Parent to Parent of NYS*

Parent to Parent of NYS, which began in 1994, is a statewide not for profit organization established to support and connect families of individuals with special needs.

Support – We offer parents/caregivers the opportunity to connect one-to-one with a parent/caregiver of an individual with the same or similar disability or special health care need – someone who has “been there.” Information & Referral – We help families locate the information and services they need.

Trainings – Workshops are available on Understanding Medicaid Service Coordination, Record Keeping and Using a Health Care Notebook, and various other topics.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 415- A Oser Avenue, Hauppauge NY 11788

Website: www.ptopnys.org

Contact: Valerie Colavecchio Reid, Regional Coordinator or Alissa Morris

Contact Email/Phone: vreid@ptopnys.org or amorris@ptopnys.org

Agency Phone: 631-434-6196

28. *The Rebecca Center for Music Therapy at Molloy College*

Programs at The Rebecca Center for Music Therapy at Molloy College are aimed at discovering the unique potential in every child through interactive musical-play, in order to facilitate engagement, relatedness, communication, and thinking. In creating a non-judgmental, musically and emotionally supportive therapeutic atmosphere, the child can discover emotional and behavioral self-regulation through engaging in interactive musical-play.





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Category: primary through secondary
Address: The Wilbur Arts Building, 1000 Hempstead Ave, Rockville Center, NY 11570
Website: therebeccacenter.org
Contact: Stephanie Cestaro, Administrative Assistant
Contact Email/Phone: scestaro@molloy.edu, 516-323-3324
Agency Phone: 516-323-3324

29. Saltzman Community Center at Hofstra University, Counseling and Mental Health Professions Clinic

The Joan and Arnold Saltzman Community Services Center at Hofstra University, includes four clinics and a fully licensed early childhood program, as listed below. Each of these units is affiliated with the School of Education, Health and Human Services or the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Center supports high-quality educational and practical experiences for Hofstra University students, and provides services to Hofstra University employees and to the community-at-large.

Category: primary-secondary
Address: 131 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, 11549
Website: www.hofstra.edu/Community/slzctr/slzctr-counseling-mental-health-professions-clinic.html
Contact: Teresa Grella-Hillebrand, Clinic Director
Contact Email/Phone: teresa.grella-hillebrand@hofstra.edu, 516-463-1917
Agency Phone: 516-463-5234

30. SEPTA (Garden City Public Schools)

OUR MISSION: To ensure a quality education for all students by providing opportunities for parents, teachers and other professionals to share best practices for special education and gifted and talented programming.

WHAT WE DO:

- *Support a variety of services that address unique learning abilities (including Quest program, special education classes, resource rooms, consultants, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, counselling, etc.)
- *Advocate for inclusion of students receiving special education
- *Improve communication between parents, school personnel and administration
- *Educate the community on the benefits of including children of all abilities in the exceptional social, athletic and cultural events that take place in Garden City
- *Host a variety of speakers to address common parental concerns (i.e. Common Core, social media, anxiety, homework, etc.)





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Category: primary through secondary

Website: <http://www.gardencitypta.org/septa>

Contact: Megan Sutcliffe

Contact emails: President@GCSEPTA.org or Membership@GCSEPTA.org

31. Sid Jacobson JCC

Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center, the only full-service JCC on Long Island's North Shore, is dedicated to serving every aspect of community wellness, regardless of age or ability.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 300 Forest Drive, East Hills, NY 11548

Website: www.sjcc.org

Contact: Pamela Zimmer, MS.ED, Director of Camp Kehilla and Special Needs Programs

Contact Email/Phone: pzimmer@sjcc.org

Agency Phone: 516 484-1545 ext148

32. YAI

The YAI Network provides a full range of health and human services to people of all ages with developmental and learning disabilities and their families. The YAI Network serves people with disabilities and their families from birth, through all the transitions of childhood, adolescence and adulthood and through the end of the lifespan. Through each phase, our goal is to provide dignified, caring, professional services that help the people we serve maximize their potential in every area of life, regardless of their age or the nature of their disabilities.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 475 Union Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

Website: www.yai.org

Contact: Laura Cerulli, Intake and System Specialist

Contact Email/Phone: laura.cerulli@yai.org, 631-967-7132

Agency Phone: 516-338-9264





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Other Support Available:

1. AHRC Nassau & Citizens

The mission of Citizens is to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to have meaningful relationships, work and activities by maximizing potential through active family and staff advocacy as well as community support.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 189 Wheatley Road, Brookville, NY 11520

Website: www.ahrc.org

Contact: Paul H. Cullen, Director of Family Support Services & Out Reach

Contact Email/Phone: pcullen@ahrc.org, 516-293-2016 ext. 5006

Agency Phone: 516-293-2016

2. Center for Community Inclusion at C.W. Post

The Center for Community Inclusion at the LIU Post provides families, educators, early interventionists, medical professionals, employers and the community at large with resources to support individuals with disabilities, enabling them to become active members of their communities and meet their full potential in all aspects of life. The CCI provides multi-faceted assistance and enrichment through a variety of resources, services, events, programs, seminars, and workshops.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville, NY 11548

Website: cci@cwpost.liu.edu

Agency Phone: 516-299-2231

3. Community Mainstreaming Associates

Community Mainstreaming Associates is a non-profit organization committed to serving adults with developmental disabilities. This organization offers a variety of services, which include Medicaid Service Coordination, Prevocational and Supported Employment services, Community Habilitation, and Residential services.

Category: post-secondary

Website: communitymainstreaming.org

Address: 99 Quentin Roosevelt Blvd #20, Garden City, NY 11530

Contact: Jessica Dinatale- Employment Specialist Supervisor

Contact Email/Phone: jdinatale@communitymainstreaming.org

Agency Phone: (516) 683-0710

ext 221





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4. FEGS Health and Human Services

FEGS delivers a network of high-quality, cost-efficient, outcome-based services in the areas of Health • Disabilities, Home Care, Housing, Employment • Workforce, Education • Youth and Families. A robust infrastructure and sophisticated technology platform are integral to the FEGS system of care, and to our leadership position in the development of new models of service.

Category: primary through secondary
Address: 6900 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 309, Syosset, NY 11725
Website: www.fegs.org
Agency Phone: 516-496-7550ext. 302240

5. Friendzone Kids, Social Skills

Social groups where your child is given the tools to meet and make friends. Our goal is to provide a guided, nurturing environment in which social skills can be developed and practiced through interaction with peers. Children must be between 5 and 14 years old. Groups are formed based on age and interest. Our sessions are affordable for all families.

Category: primary through middle school
Address: 445 Merrick Road, Lynbrook, NY
Website: www.friendzonekids.com
Contact: Elaine Winifred, President
Contact Email/Phone: mei3sons@yahoo.com, 516-343-2021
Agency Phone: 516-569-2824

6. QSAC, Inc.

QSAC is a New York City and Long Island based nonprofit that supports children and adults with autism, together with their families, in achieving greater independence, realizing their future potential, and contributing to their communities in a meaningful way by offering person-centered services.

Category: primary through secondary
Address: 253 W. 35th St., 16th Floor
Website: info@qsac.com, www.QSAC.com
Contact: Nevena Savic, Assistant Director of Family Education & Training
Contact Email/Phone: nsavic@QSAC.com, 718-728-8476 ext. 1204
Agency Phone: 212-244-5560





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7. Sibs Club, A Program for Families of Children with Autism, Developmental Disabilities Lab-Queens College

Sibs club is a program for children with autism and families. During each ten week program children with autism and their typically developing siblings attend 2 hour sessions each week. We focus on meeting the individual needs of each child and also fostering a relationship between the siblings. For the first hour children with autism receive individualized instruction focused on skills necessary for successful interactions with their siblings. At the same time siblings participate in their own group focused on their own needs. During the second hour, all the children come together for a supported inclusive recreational time in which we support sibling interactions during fun gross motor activities including stretches, relay races, and freeze dance

Category: primary through secondary

Address: Department of Psychology, Queens College - 65-30 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367

Website: http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/~ejoneshuwer/about_us.html

Contact: Susie McHugh, Sibling Group Leader

Contact Email/Phone: swmchugh@gmail.com,

Agency Phone: 718-997-3206

8. Variety Child Learning Center

Variety Child Learning Center provides special education and support services to children and families, along with professional development and research.

VCLC is a 501 not for profit center providing special education programs for children who reside in Nassau, Suffolk and New York City, with developmental and learning disabilities, including autism, along with programs and support services for families.

Category: primary through secondary

Address: 47 Humphrey Drive, Syosset, NY 11791

Website: VCLC.org

Contact: Janice Friedman, CEO

Contact Email/Phone: j.friedman@vclc.org, 516-921-7171 ext. 2126

Phone: 516-921-7171





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We would like to thank Dr. Robert Feirsen, Lynette Abruzzo, and Louis Bonadonna for your support of this endeavor. We would also like to thank Principal McLaughlin, Assistant Principals Kevin Steingruebner and Dave Perrotta, and the High School custodians for lending us the cafeteria and assisting in the setup of the fair.

A special thanks to SEPTA for all of their support in advertising this event, as well as donating their time, supplies, and decorations.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the vendors, agencies, and volunteers who helped to make this event a success.

Without all of you, this event would not have been possible.

For more information about obtaining transition and support services for your child please contact the following people:

Primary Schools:

Lori Schneider, LCSWR, School Social Worker
Contact: 516-478-3347

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