

Parent Resources Page

- **AHRC-AHRC** offers a variety of recreational, social and skill building activities for individuals with disabilities. These activities include but are not limited to Saturday Bowling, Staten Island Children's Recreation, school holiday respite services, after school programs, and activities for teens. Clients must have intellectual disability (ID) or developmental disability (DD) diagnosis. Applicants do not have to have the Medicaid waiver. In addition to these activities, AHRC also offers a wide range of clinical services such as psychological testing and evaluations, counseling, intensive behavior services, speech, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

Contact Information: Call (212) 780-4491 or visit the website at www.ahrch.org

- **Child Mind Institute** - The Child Mind Institute (CMI) is an independent, national nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of children and families struggling with mental health and learning disorders. The CMI teams work every day to deliver the highest standards of care, advance the science of the developing brain and empower parents, professionals and policymakers to support children when and where they need it most. CMI offers a wide range of therapies and services and provides useful and accurate information that empowers families and communities to get the help they need.

Contact Information: Call 212-308-3118 or visit <http://www.childmind.org>

- **Early Childhood Direction Center at Staten Island University Hospital**- Offers services for children with special needs ages 5 and under. This free program helps parents and professionals locate and access community services for a variety of issues. Information and referrals can be offered for services such as diagnostic testing and early intervention services.

Contact Information: Call (718) 226-6670 or visit the website at <http://www.siu.edu/ecdc>

- **Eden II Family Support Services**- Eden II provides a wide range of family support services including but not limited to crisis services, respite services, parent training, socialization programs, after school programs, and summer day camp. Please see the list of services that are provided below.

Contact Information: Call (718) 816-1422 or visit the website at <http://eden2.org/family-support-services/>

- **Eden II Crisis Team**- Crisis Team is a program that provides behavioral interventions and social support to families in need with a child with

developmental disabilities. This service is for families with children who do not attend Eden II programs. The program is funded by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). Crisis services are free of charge and are provided by professionals in psychology, behavior analysis, social work and special education. Services are up to 6 weeks based on the needs of the family.

- **Respite Services-** Eden II also offers crisis respite, overnight respite, and home respite services for children and adults with autism. The new Collfield Respite service provides one week per year of planned overnight respite services for your child. This two bed facility has one to one staffing and provides an individualized week for your child. In addition, crisis respite services are offered temporarily for individuals who are experiencing a family crisis or other family needs that warrant services. **All respite services are Medicaid Waiver programs with the exception of crisis respite, which is a family support program.*
- **Parents as Partners-** This is a parent training program that provides services to families of preschool and school aged children with autism. Monthly two hour training sessions are offered on various topics of interest by professionals that are well versed in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).
- **Socialization Program (Friday Night Socials)-** This program is for individuals 13-21 years old. The program meets twice a month on Friday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm. Participants are provided the opportunity to engage in various activities in the community while interacting with peers. Activities include but are not limited to SI Yankees games, movie theatre trips, and Medieval Times. Contact your Medicaid Service Coordinator to assist you with your application and the required documentation.
- **After School Program-** This program is for children and adults from 3-21 years old. The program operates from 3:30-5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. A variety of recreational and leisure activities are offered including cooking, music and movement, and sports. Transportation is provided for Brooklyn residents and Staten Island residents can inquire regarding transportation ability. **Medicaid Waiver Program.*
- **Summer Day Camp-** Summer camp runs for two separate weeks during the summer break. This program is for children ages 5-21. There is a full day of recreational activities that run from 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday through Friday. There is a fee of 15 dollars per day for this program.

- **A Friendly Face-** A friendly face provides direct ABA services, social skills groups and parent training. ABA services are provided on site or in the home environment. Our professionals consult with schools and other learning environments to understand your child's individual needs and strengths. Services provided include assessment of skills, behavioral assessments and program development.

Contact Information: Visit www.affautism.com email info@affautism.com or call 718-667-7770.

- **The Grace Foundation-** The Grace Foundation is located on Staten Island and offers support services and activities for individuals diagnosed with autism. Support services include support groups for parents and family members, informational presentations, Medicaid Service Coordination, and in-home respite services. Activities include social skills groups, bowling, swimming, art classes, music and movement, and glee club. The Grace Foundation also offers several social activities available specifically for teens and young adults. In addition to activities and services, there are also an array of special events held each year including trunk or treat, family fun day and the Valentine's Day dance.

Contact Information: Visit www.graceofny.org for more information, email graceofny@aol.com or call 718-983-3800

- **Healthy Brain Network-** Healthy Brain Network (HBN) is a research center located on Staten Island that is associated with the Child Mind Institute. HBN offers no-cost study-related learning and mental health evaluations to children aged 5-21, including IQ, reading, spelling and math skills assessment. This can help parents attain an evaluation report that may help secure classroom accommodations for their child (504 plan/IEP). The evaluation process involves 3 visits to the Staten Island location and one visit to Rutgers University.

Contact Information: Visit www.healthybrainnetwork.org or call 347-934-2880.

- **Minds at Play and Pals-** Minds at Play and Pals are in association with the Volunteers of America and host a Saturday Respite program for children with special needs ages 3-6 on Staten Island. The program is funded through the OPWDD. Medicaid and waiver enrollment is required to participate and children must be ambulatory. The program runs 11 months of the year from 9am to 1pm two Saturdays per month. A wide range of activities are offered including art, music, computers, and storytelling. The learning center has a large outdoor playground and an indoor gym. In addition, the groups are run by certified teachers and there are three teacher assistants in each classroom.

Contact Information: visit the website at <https://www.voa.org/people-with-disabilities> or

call Bonnie Wohl, Education Director (718) 984-7900

- **New York Families for Autistic Children-** NYFAC provides support, education, recreational and socialization programs for individuals with autism. NYFAC provides free Wednesday workshops located in Howard Beach, NY. There are also an array of support groups and services that meet monthly including: Parent Exchange, Parent Support, Mom's Brunch, Dad's Night Out, Grandparents' Open House, and Sibling Support. These are opportunities to build connections, gain support, and gather information to facilitate the growth of your child or family member.
Contact Information: Visit <http://nyfac.org/let-us-help-you/support-services/> for the support services. Visit www.nyfac.org or call 888-MY-NYFAC.
- **Parent to Parent New York State-** Parent to Parent of New York State is a not for profit organization that was established to connect and support families of individuals with special needs. This organization helps parents and professional to share information and locate support services. Parent to Parent NYS offers free workshops and trainings on various topics such as stress management for caregivers and how to attain the Medicaid waiver. In addition, the parent-matching program provides parents of children with special needs a volunteer support parent who has had a similar experience. This program helps parents to come to terms with a diagnosis and understand that they are not alone.
Contact Information: Call the Parent to Parent of NYS Staten Island office for more information 718-494-3462, or visit parenttoparentnys.org.
- **Person Centered Care Services (PCCS)-** PCCS is a not for profit organization that offers individualized support and services to individuals with disabilities. The primary goal of this program is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families. The support and services available through PCCS include but are not limited to day habilitation, Medicaid Service Coordination, residential and employment supports, community habilitation, family education and training, respite services, and the support of a fiscal intermediary (for self-directed services).
Contact Information: email info@pccsny.org, call 718-370-1088 or visit www.pccsny.org
- **Proud Moments ABA-** Proud Moments is a behavioral health agency that provides ABA services to individuals with disabilities from 0-21. Proud Moments employs a team of BCBA's to work with children at home, in school or in other settings. Therapists also work with parents and siblings enabling families to grow. Services offered include Functional Assessments, Social Skills Training, ABA Therapy, Evaluations, Parent Training, and Staff Training. Proud Moments accepts most major insurances.
Contact Information: email info@proudmomentsaba.com, call 718-215-5311 or visit the website at www.proudmomentsaba.com

- **SNACK NYC (Special Needs Activity Center for Kids and Adults)**- SNACK is a fun collaborative and welcoming environment where any child despite their disabilities can socialize and enjoy activities while learning practical skills. SNACK is located in New York City and offers a wide range of activities blocked in two-hour sessions. You can feel safe knowing that your child is in the hands of caring and talented professionals in a 2:1 ratio (two participants per staff member) with a maximum of 8 participants per class. SNACK programs utilize the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in order to manage behavior and develop skills. In addition, siblings are invited to participate free of charge. Parents are also invited to observe sessions or just take a break for themselves. Children with and without a diagnosis are welcome as SNACK activities are open to the public. Activities include swimming, art, music, drama, and food preparation. In addition, free trial classes are offered if you think that SNACK is a good fit for your child.

Contact Information: visit the website at www.snacknyc.com email inquiries at info@snacknyc.com or call 212-439-9996