

Transition Resource Guide for Families and Students

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1. Association for Children with Down Syndrome (ACDS)

www.acds.org

516-933-4700

ACDS provides a continuum of year-round programs and services including diagnostic evaluations and treatment, early intervention, day care/nursery, preschool, special education and clinical services for children from infancy to age 5; individualized residential services (IRA) for adults age 21 and over; and evening and weekend recreation and socialization services for children, age 5 and over.

2. Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES –VR) Formerly VESID

www.vesid.nysed.gov

1-800-222-JOBS (5627)

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) offers access to a full range of services for persons with disabilities. Through its administration of vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs, ACCESS-VR coordinates policy and services relating to:

- Transition services for students from school to adult services;
- Vocational rehabilitation services for individuals ages 16 and older;
- Independent living services for people with disabilities of all ages;
- Business services for hiring a qualified diverse workforce.

3. Asperger Syndrome and High Functioning Autism Association/AHA

www.ahaNY.org

AHA provides resources, support and information for families, individuals and professionals affected by Asperger Syndrome, High Functioning Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorders and related conditions. AHA presents two major conferences yearly and offers support groups from Montauk to Manhattan.

4. Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities ACLD

www.aclد.org

516-822-0028

ACLD is a not-for-profit agency that 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 increase their independence and improve the quality of their lives.

5. AHRC

www.ahrcsuffolk.org

631-585-0100

AHRC's mission is to provide individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities opportunities for attaining the highest level of self sufficiency in personal growth and development.

6. Career Zone

<http://www.nycareerzone.org>

Career Zone is a career exploration system designed for middle and high school students by the NYS Department of Labor with a grant from the US Department of Labor. It is an interactive site designed to encourage students to explore career options as a means of making informed choices about their future.

7. CHADD

www.chadd.org

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), is a national non-profit organization providing education, advocacy and support for individuals with ADHD. In addition to their website, CHADD also publishes a variety of printed materials to keep members and professionals current on research advances, medications and treatments affecting individuals with ADHD, including Attention! magazine, the CHADD Information and Resource Guide to ADHD, News From CHADD, a free electronically mailed current events newsletter, as well as other publications of specific interest to educators, professionals and parents.

8. Clubhouse of Suffolk

www.clubhouseofsuffolk.org

939 Johnson Ave.

Ronkonkoma, NY

631-471-7242

Clubhouse serves to assist people who are affected by mental illness to lead healthy, productive, addiction-free, and socially satisfying lives.

9. Cody Center at Stony Brook

www.codycenter.org

The mission of the Cody Center is to promote excellence in the clinical treatment, research, community service, and educational programs benefiting those with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and related developmental disabilities

10. College Disability Services

- a. www.heath.gwu.edu George Washington University is a clearing house of information on post secondary education for students with disabilities.
- b. www.CCDAnet.org CCDA focuses on preparing students with disabilities for the transition from high school to college.
- c. www.thinkcollege.net This website provides resources and strategies for college preparation.

11. Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH)

www.ocfs.ny.gov/main/cbvh

This site has information regarding specialized transition services for youth who are blind or have visual impairments. The mission of the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped is to enhance employability, maximize independence and assist in the development of the capacities and strengths of people who are legally blind. For more information or to find a local District Office please call: 1- 866- 871-3000 TTY: 1- 866- 871-6000

12. Community Resource Database of Long Island

www.crdli.org

This is a database of over 11,000 Health, Human Services and Educational Resources on Long Island.

13. Family Service League

www.fsl-li.org

631-427-3700

Family Service League serves individuals of all ages and families who are in crisis and challenged by homelessness, unemployment or mental illness. These services include counseling, vocational services and housing.

14. Families Together in New York State

www.ftnys.org

631-761-3181

This is non profit, parent run organization that strives to establish a unified voice for children with emotional, behavioral and social challenges. Their mission is to ensure that every family has access to needed information, support and service.

15. Federation of Organizations

www.fedoforg.org

631-669-5355

Federation of Organizations is a multi-service, community-based social welfare agency that develops programs designed to meet the needs of special populations, such as people recovering from mental illness, the homeless, low-income seniors and at-risk children.

16. Healthy Transitions

www.healthytransitionsny.org

This website is designed for youth with developmental disabilities ages 14-25 years, as well as family, caregivers, service coordinators, and health care providers. Healthy Transitions NY teaches skills and provides tools for transitioning from pediatric to adult health care.

17. The International Dyslexia Association

www.interdys.org

1-410-296-0232

The IDA promotes literacy through research, education and advocacy. Their goal is to provide a comprehensive range of information and services that address the full scope of dyslexia and related difficulties in learning to read and write.

- www.dyslexia.com/helpread.htm

This website offers a number of free software programs including Text-to-Speech and Writing and Spelling aids.

- www.learningtools.us

This website offers information about assistive and regular technology for students with disabilities.

18. Job Corp

<http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx>

Job Corps is a free education and training program offering information for young people to learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible youth at least 16 years of age.

19. Long Island Works Coalition

www.liworks.org

This is a coalition that brings together businesses, government officials, educators, parents and students on all levels. Initiatives include mentoring programs, developing business skills, needs and trend information, and analyzing how business skills, needs and educational programs overlap.

20. Long Island Developmental Disabilities Service Organization

LIDDSO

415-A Oser Ave.
Hauppauge, NY 11788
631-434-6100

LIDDSO works with the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities to provide a full range of services to individuals with developmental disabilities. These services include respite, counseling, day habilitation, supported employment, recreation, case management and other needed services.

21. Long Island Parent Center

www.liparentcenter.org

The purpose of the Long Island Parent Center is to help parents and professionals obtain services that meet the needs of children with disabilities, age 3 through 21. The LPC is available to assist parents by providing information on available resources and by enhancing their skills through training.

22. Mental Health Association in Suffolk County (MHA)

www.mhasuffolk.org

631-226-3900

MHA is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to promoting mental wellness by means of support services, education and advocacy.

23. National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities

NICHY

www.nichy.org

NICHY serves as a central source of information on disabilities.

24. New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH)

www.omh.state.ny.us/

1-800-597-8481

OMH offers a comprehensive array of services for children and adults with serious mental illness.

Long Island Field Office:

Pilgrim PC, Building 45-3
998 Crooked Hill Road
West Brentwood, NY 11717
631-761-2508

25. New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

www.opwdd.ny.gov/

Nassau and Suffolk: 631-493-1704

OPWDD works cooperatively with local governments, voluntary organizations, providers of services and persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and their families.

26. One Place for Special Needs

www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com

This site offers information on social networking that allows the disability community to share resources and make connections in their own neighborhood.

27. Parent to Parent of New York State

<http://www.parenttoparentnys.org/>

1-800-559-1729

Parent to Parent's mission is to match parents on a one-to-one basis via the telephone to offer support, educational and community resource information, presentations and educational advocacy.

28. PIPER - People Improving Peer Empowering Recovery

www.piperny.org

631-747-4197

PIPER strives to promote and foster complete recovery back to mental health through empowerment and education, aiding and addressing all levels of development and growth for persons of all ages and cultures.

29. Social Security

www.socialsecurity.gov

SSI provides monthly payments to people with low income and limited resources who are 65 or older, blind or disabled. Visit the web site for information about eligibility.

30. Suffolk County Accessible Transportation (SCAT)

<http://sct-bus.org/scat.html>

631-781-1150 (voice)

TTY: 631-981-0104

SCAT provides safe, reliable transportation service to individuals with disabilities designed to increase mobility in Suffolk County.

31. Suffolk County Department of Labor

www.suffolkcountyny.gov/labor/

Offers employment related services to Suffolk County youth including career counseling, resume preparation, job listings, vocational training, video library, and job search web sites for career exploration.

32. Suffolk Independent Living Organization (SILO)

info@suffolkilc.org

631-880-7929 TTY: 631-654-8076

SILO is a not for profit agency that advocates for the independence and rights of individuals with disabilities. Direct services assist consumers to act for themselves in developing skills and abilities that lead to autonomy and independence. Programs and services focus on empowerment, mentorship, knowledge and advocacy.

33. U.S. Department of Education- Office of Civil Rights

www2.ed.gov/ocr

US Department of Education enforces Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. These laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of a disability.

34. Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disability (VESID)

Renamed ACCES-VR effective 2/16/2011

www.vesid.nysed.gov

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The ACCES-VR program can help an eligible person with a disability to plan for a career, participate in paid work experiences, receive training to achieve work goals and find jobs that match their abilities, interests and needs.

35. Youthood

www.youthood.org

This web site offers a listing of services to help students plan for the future after high school in the areas of careers, college and community living.