

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CLIENT REFERRAL LIST

ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES

Literacy Assistance Center: 212-803-3333 (Hotline), www.lacnyc.org

- Provides information and referrals for 300+ free adult education centers throughout NYC.
- Callers from outside NYC should dial 888-683-READ

Office of Adult & Continuing Education, www.adultednyc.org

- DOE programs serving students ages 22 & older. Classes cover basic education (pre-GED), ESL, GED, employment prep, career & technical education. Multiple locations in some boroughs. Call or see web site for additional locations.
- Bronx: 718-863-4057
- Brooklyn: 718-638-2635
- Manhattan: 212-666-1919 or 212-666-1920
- Queens: 718-361-9480

Project Renewal: 212-620-0340, www.projectrenewal.org

- Serves chronically homeless, formerly homeless and low-income New Yorkers who suffer from substance abuse and/or mental illness through Job Placement and Education services.

CHILD CARE ISSUES

Administration for Children's Services (ACS) Day Care & Head Start Info:

- Childcare: 311
- Head Start: 212-232-0966 or 311

Child Care, Inc.: 212-929-7604, www.childcareinc.org

- Provides childcare resources and referrals, advocacy, and public policy analyses.
- Child Care Resource and referral line: 212-929-4999 (provides information on child care centers, after-school programs, and family child care providers).

Child Care Law Project, South Brooklyn Legal Services: 718-237-5540, www.sbls.org/childcare

- Represents individuals who want to challenge the suspension of New York City-funded child care vouchers.

Coalition for Asian American Children and Families: 212-809-4675, www.cacf.org

- Assists families with issues of childcare, child welfare, and family law.

Committee for Hispanic Children and Families: 212-206-1090, www.chcfinc.org

- Childcare resource and referral.

Early Childhood Strategic Group: 212-686-4672, www.ecsgnyc.org

- Public policy work relating to childcare and universal pre-Kindergarten.

National Center for Economic Justice: 212-633-6967, www.ncej.org

- Works with and on behalf of low-income people to ensure that public assistance for childcare is provided on the basis of need.
- Formerly known as the Welfare Law Center.

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation: 212-822-8300, www.nmic.org

- Provides education and social service programs to the Washington Heights neighborhood.

Public Benefits Resource Center: 212-614-5552, <http://www.cssny.org/pbrc/>

- For assistance determining eligibility for child care public assistance.
- To request a fair hearing if you are sanctioned: 212-417-6550

United Neighborhood House: 212-967-0322, <http://www.unhny.org/>

- Provides advocacy and public policy analysis, public education, and technical assistance to member agencies.

CHILD WELFARE/ACS ISSUES/FOSTER CARE

Adoptive Parents Committee Inc. (APC)—NYC chapter: 212-304-8479, www.adoptiveparents.org

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- A non-profit parent support group comprised of volunteers dedicated to improving all aspects of adoption and interim (foster) care.
- Child Welfare Organizing Project: 212-348-3000, www.cwop.org
- Empowers parents through information dissemination and organizing around issues with the child welfare system
- Children's Advocacy Center of Manhattan: 212-517-3012
- Provides comprehensive support to child abuse victims and their families.
- Chinese American Planning Council, www.cpc-ny.org
- General social services, including mental health, employment services, immigrant information, adult education opportunities, public benefits assistance, & child welfare.
 - Brooklyn office: 718-492-0409
 - Manhattan office: 212-941-0920
 - Queens office: 718-358-8899
- Coalition for Asian American Children and Families: 212-809-4675, www.cacf.org
- Assists families with issues of childcare, child welfare, and family law.
- Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc. (CASA): main number: 212-791-7988, www.casa-nyc.org
- Serve as representation of children's best interests in foster care hearings.
- The Family Law Center: 212-254-8228 or 212-422-2660, www.pfffamilylaw.com
- Represents low-income families on issues of divorce, child custody, and child support—has a sliding scale, serves all boroughs.
- Foster Care Youth United—Youth Communications: 212-279-0708, www.youthcomm.org
- Magazine written by and for children involved in the foster care system.
- Lansner & Kubitschek: 212-349-0900, www.lanskub.com
- Represents parents in all phases of applications for disability benefits, family law, and appeals of family law and disability benefits cases.
- Lawyers for Children: 212-966-6420 or 800-244-2540, www.lawyersforchildren.org
- Serve as law guardians for children in voluntary foster care; visitation and custody issues.
- Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Offices: www.legal-aid.org, 212-577-3300 (Legal Aid HQ)
- Represents children who appear before family court in matters involving child abuse/neglect, delinquency, PINS petitions
 - Bronx: 718-579-7900
 - Brooklyn: 718-237-3100
 - Manhattan: 212-312-2260
 - Queens: 718-298-8900
 - Staten Island: 718-981-0219
- Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT): 646-613-9633, www.liftonline.org
- Provides legal information on issues of child welfare and family law.
 - Helpline (bilingual): 212 343 1122, M – F, 9 – 5. Answers questions about family law or criminal law. Direct all other inquiries to the main number.
- Partnership for Children's Rights (formerly Legal Services for Children): 212-683-7999, www.kidslaw.org
- Represent children in all types of civil legal matters, including custody/guardianship issues, abuse/neglect issues, public benefits, immigration issues, discrimination, and educational entitlements.
- NYS Child Support Helpline: 888-208 – 4485,
- Child support representatives available to provide information/assistance, 8 AM – 7 PM, M-F.
- NYS Foster & Adoptive Parents Association: 800-790-3690
- NYC Office of Child Support Enforcement, www.nyc.gov
- Helps to locate absent parents and collect child support.
 - **Walk-in service**, 8 AM – 7 PM, M-F. Saturdays, 9 AM – 5 PM by appointment only. Call 212-274-6482 or 212-274-4920 during the week to make appointment.
- Youth Advocacy Center: 212-675-6181, www.youthadvocacycenter.org

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- Trainings for young adults in and at risk of foster care.

CRIMINAL/POLICE ISSUES

Andrew Glover Youth Program: www.agyp.org

- Works with at-risk and adjudicated youth in the Criminal Court System to deter them from crimes and offer alternatives to incarceration.
- Lower East Side center: 212-505-5130
- East Harlem center: 212-987-9486

Bronx Defenders: 718-838-7878 or 800-597-7980. www.bronxdefenders.org

- Non-for-profit public defense organization that provides legal counsel and information to low-income members of the Bronx community.

Brooklyn Defender Services: 718-254-0700, www.dbs.org

- Legal assistance for the Brooklyn community.

Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES): 212-732-0076, www.cases.org

- Works with youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

Legal Aid Society Criminal Defense Offices: 212-577-3300 (Legal Aid HQ), www.legal-aid.org

- Represents young people in criminal court cases.
- Bronx: 718-579-3000
- Brooklyn: 718-237-2000
- Manhattan: 212-732-5000
- Queens: 718-286-2000

Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem: 212-876-5500, www.ndsny.org

- Non-profit community-based public law office whose mission is to provide high quality comprehensive legal representation to residents of Upper Manhattan.

New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board: 800-341-CCRB, www.nyc.gov/html/ccrb/

- Investigates allegations of police misconduct in NYC. 24 hours day/7 days a week.

DISABILITY SERVICES

ADD Resource Center: 646-205-8080, www.addrc.org/

- Consultation, educational & coaching services, career & business counseling, study & organizational skills training, behavior management, advocacy & case management, seminars & small-group classes for adults, children, adolescents, parents/caregivers & spouses/partners.

Association for the Advancement of Blind & Retarded (ABBR): 718-521-3800, www.aabr.org

- Case management, family support, residential habilitation, respite. All boroughs.

Association for the Help of Retarded Children: 212-780-2500, www.ahrcnyc.org/

- Information, referral, consultation, representation at CPSE and CSE meetings and impartial hearings, state appeals

Association for the Neurologically Impaired Brain Injured Children (ANIBIC): 718-423-9550

- Camp, case management, family reimbursement/support, tutoring.

Autism Society of America: www.autism-society.org

- Advocacy, information and referral.
- Bronx Chapter: 718-519-4797
- Brooklyn Chapter: 718-336-9533
- Manhattan Chapter: 212-628-0669
- Queens Chapter: 718-464-5735

Children & Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD): 212-721-0007, www.chadd.org

- Information, support meetings and referral.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Interpreting Services: 718-433-1092, www.dhisnyc.com/

- ADA implementation assistance, Sensitivity training

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CLIENT REFERRAL LIST

- TTY: 718-433-1092
 - Toll free: 877-275-3447
- Developmental Disabilities Services Office:
- Bernard M. Fineson Office: 718-217-4242 (Queens only)
 - Brooklyn: 718-642-6000 (Brooklyn only)
 - Metro NY Office: 212-229-3000 (the Bronx & Manhattan)
 - Staten Island: 983-5200 (Staten Island only)
- Early Childhood Direction Centers (ECDC)
- Specialized information and referral, trainings for parents, transition services for children with disabilities
 - Bronx ECDC: 718-584-0658
 - Brooklyn ECDC: 718-437-3794
 - Manhattan ECDC: 212-746-6175
 - Queens ECDC: 718-374-0002, ext. 465
 - Staten Island ECDC: 718-226-6670
- Early Intervention Totline: 1-800-577-BABY (2229) or 212-941-6625
- Services for infants and toddlers under the age of three with developmental disabilities or delays
- Epilepsy Institute: 212-633-2930 or 212-677-8550, www.epilepsyinstitute.org
- Case management, family reimbursement, counseling, and educational training.
- Heartshare Human Services: 718-422-4200, www.heartshare.org
- Case management, crisis intervention, family reimbursement, parent workshops.
- Independent Living Centers:
- Benefits advocacy, housing counseling, individual advocacy, life care planning, crime victim support, public awareness/education, specialized information and referral, and transition services for disabled children.
 - Bronx Independent Living Services, Inc.: 718-515-2800, www.bils.org
 - Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled: 718-998-3000, www.bcid.org
 - Harlem Independent Living Center: 212-369-2371, www.retrofit.net/HILC
 - Queens Independent Living Center: 718-658-2526, www.nycilc.org
- Jewish Guild for the Blind: 212-769-6200 or 800-284-4422, www.jgb.org
- Early intervention, health screening/diagnostic services, health supportive services, low vision aids, private special day schools, psychiatric support services, rehabilitation services, special preschools, information and referral, workshops.
- Learning Disabilities Association of New York City: 212-645-6730, www.ldanyc.org
- Learning disability helpline, information and referral
- New York Families for Autistic Children Inc.: 718-641-3441, www.nyfac.org/
- Parent information exchange & support group.
- New York Society for the Deaf: 212-777-3900
- Case management, crisis intervention, family counseling, individual and family support services, recreation therapy, educational programs, tuition assistance, vocational rehabilitation, residential living options, sign language interpreter registries, information and referral.
- Professional Service Centers for the Handicapped (PSCH): 718-445-4700, www.psych.org
- Case management, evaluations, family reimbursement, & parent support.
- Quality Services for the Autism Community (QSAC): www.qsac.com
- Case management, family reimbursement, parent training, respite, residential habilitation, after school, preschool, informational workshops/seminars.
 - Manhattan Office: 212-244-5560
 - Queens Office: 718-7-AUTISM (718-728-8476)
- Resources for Children with Special Needs: 212-677-4650, www.resourcesnyc.org
- Advocacy, legislative advocacy, public awareness/education, special education advocacy.

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Sinergia/Metropolitan Parent Center: 212-643-2840, www.sinergiany.org

- Individual advocacy and legal representation for parents of students with disabilities.

Tourette Syndrome Association: 718-224-2999, www.tsa-usa.org

- Information & referral.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP): 212-683-6700, www.ucpnyc.org

- Case management, family reimbursement, residential habilitation, and family support.

Young Adult Institute (YAI): 212-273-6182, www.yai.org

- Crisis intervention, family reimbursement, respite, parent training.

DISCRIMINATION ISSUES

ABC NY Legal Referral Service: 212-626-7373, <http://www.abcny.org/LRS/index.htm>

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund: 212-966-5932, www.aaldef.org

- Defends and promote the legal rights of Asian Americans through litigation, legal advocacy, community education, leadership development and the position of free legal assistance to low-income and immigrant Asian Americans.

NAACP Legal Defense Fund: 800-221-7822

- Fights for equality and access to education, employment, healthcare, housing, environmental justice, voting rights, and criminal justice. Provides scholarships to promising African-American undergraduates and law students.
- New York Office: 212-965-2200

New York State Division of Human Rights: 718-741-8400, www.dhr.state.ny.us

New York Civil Liberties Union: 212-607-3300, www.nyclu.org

- Defends the fundamental civil liberties values of freedom of speech, equal protection and due process of the law.

New York City Commission on Human Rights: www.nyc.gov/html/cchr

- Bronx: 718-579-6900
- Brooklyn: 718-722-3130
- Manhattan: 212-306-5070
- Queens: 718-886-6162
- Staten Island: 718-390-8506

Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education: (646) 428-3900, www.ed.gov/ocr

- Call to request forms for filing an official complaint of discrimination.

Partnership for Children's Rights (formerly Legal Services for Children): 212-683-7999, www.kidslaw.org

- Represent children in all types of civil legal matters, including custody/guardianship issues, abuse/neglect issues, public benefits, immigration issues, discrimination, and educational entitlements.

Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund: 212-219-3360 or 800-328-2322, www.prldef.org

Urban Justice Center: 646-606-5600, www.urbanjustice.org

- Legal services for the City's most vulnerable residents, including benefits advocacy, eviction prevention services, & legal assistance for lesbian, gay, bisexual, & transgender youth.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES & ADVOCACY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ISSUES

Archdiocese of New York: 212-371-1000 (ask for education help line), www.ny-archdiocese.org/education/

Diocese of Brooklyn: 718-399-5900 ext. 5504, www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/catholic_ed/

- Serves Brooklyn and Queens

DISABILITY ADVOCACY

Association for the Help of Retarded Children: 212-780-2500, www.ahrcnyc.org/

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- Information, referral, consultation, representation at CPSE and CSE meetings and impartial hearings, state appeals
- Autism Society of America: www.autism-society.org
- Advocacy, information and referral.
 - Bronx Chapter: 718-519-4797
 - Brooklyn Chapter: 718-336-9533
 - Manhattan Chapter: 212-628-0669
 - Queens Chapter: 718-464-5735
- Children's Aid Society—Office of Public Policy & Client Advocacy: 212-358-8930, www.childrensaidsociety.org/
- Provides advocacy and detailed brochures on the rights of children and parents dealing with the Department of Education.
- Independent Living Centers:
- Benefits advocacy, housing counseling, individual advocacy, life care planning, crime victim support, public awareness/education, specialized information and referral, and transition services for disabled children.
 - Bronx Independent Living Services, Inc.: 718-515-2800, www.bils.org
 - Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled: 718-998-3000, www.bcid.org
 - Harlem Independent Living Center: 212-369-2371, www.retrofit.net/HILC
 - Queens Independent Living Center: 718-658-2526, www.nycilc.org
- Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Offices: www.legal-aid.org, 212-577-3300 (Legal Aid HQ)
- Representation and advocacy for clients of the Juvenile Rights Division in all school-related matters.
 - Bronx: 718-579-7900
 - Brooklyn: 718-237-3100
 - Manhattan: 212-312-2260
 - Queens: 718-298-8900
 - Staten Island: 718-981-0219
- Legal Aid Society of Rochester: 585-282-4090
- Accepts all legal inquires.
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (formerly Westchester/Putnam Legal Services): 877-574-8529, www.lshv.org
- Handles all civil legal matters.
 - Intake: Monday – Thursday, 9AM – 4PM, Friday, 1PM – 3PM
 - Counties served: Westchester, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, & Ulster
- Long Island Advocacy Center: www.longislandadvocacycenter.org/
- Nassau County: 516-248-2222
 - Suffolk County: 631-234-0467
- New Alternatives for Children: 212- 696-1550, www.nac-inc.org
- Comprehensive social services including educational advocacy for children with disabilities
- New York Lawyers for the Public Interest: 212-244-4664, www.nylpi.org
- Information and advice; representation at impartial hearings, appeals to the SRO and court cases.
- New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG): 212-613-5000, ext. 3, www.nylag.org
- Practice areas include family law, domestic violence clinic, immigrant protection, child advocacy & special education, & public benefits (food stamps, Medicaid, SSI).
- NY State Commission on Quality of Care: www.cqcapd.state.ny.us/
- Individuals, family members, advocates, etc. can make a direct complaint or call for assistance: 800-624-4143,
 - Protection & Advocacy Program Administration Division—provides information, referral, systems, and case advocacy: 518-388-2892
- Parent-to-Parent of New York State: www.parenttoparentnys.org
- Benefits advocacy, parent groups, special education advocacy, information & referral
 - NYC office: 800-405-8818 or 212-229-3222

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- Staten Island office: 800-866-1068 or 718-494-3469
- Partnership for Children's Rights (formerly Legal Services for Children): 212-683-7999, www.kidslaw.org
- Represent children in all types of civil legal matters, including custody/guardianship issues, abuse/neglect issues, public benefits, immigration issues, discrimination, and educational entitlements.
- Queens Legal Services (LSNY): 718-392-5646, www.queenslegalservices.org
- Special education and suspension work—entire spectrum of services.
- Resources for Children with Special Needs: 212-677-4650, www.resourcesnyc.org
- Advocacy, legislative advocacy, public awareness/education, special education advocacy.
- Sinergia/Metropolitan Parent Center: 212-643-2840, www.sinergiany.org
- Individual advocacy and legal representation for parents of students with disabilities.
- South Brooklyn Legal Services: 718-237-5500, www.sbls.org
- Information and advice, advocacy at the school level or CSE representation at CSE reviews and impartial hearings.
- Student Advocacy, Inc.: 914-347-3313, www.studentadvocacy.net
- Serving Westchester and Putnam counties.
 - Intake: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10AM -12PM
- United We Stand: 718-302-4313, www.uwsony.org
- Community-based parent resource center servicing primarily culturally-diverse families who have children with disabilities who reside in, but not limited to, the Greenpoint/ Williamsburg sections of Brooklyn.

GED PROGRAMS

- Job Corps: 1-800-733-JOBS (5627), www.jobcorps.dol.gov/
- Job training program for students 16-24 years old. While in training, most students live on campuses. Students can earn GED, high school diploma, or take advanced training courses.
- Learning to Work: 212-374-6616
- Board of Ed job readiness and career exploration program designed to enhance the academic component of select Young Adult Borough Centers, Transfer High schools, and GED-blends.
- Office of Adult & Continuing Education, www.adultednyc.org
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 - Queens: 718-361-9480
- Project Renewal: 212-620-0340, www.projectrenewal.org
- Serves chronically homeless, formerly homeless and low-income New Yorkers who suffer from substance abuse and/or mental illness through Job Placement and Education services.
- Referral Centers for High School Alternatives:
- DOE office providing information & counseling for students returning to school, pregnant & parenting students, & students interested in alternative educational options, including GED Plus, Young Adult Borough Centers (YABCs), Learning to Work (LTW), & Transfer Schools
 - Bronx: 718-842-9200, 9201, or 9281
 - Brooklyn—East: 718-649-3400
 - Brooklyn—West: 718-636-5770, press 1 for Referral Center
 - Manhattan: 212- 868-7238, ext. 1162 or 212-868-7481, ext. 1162
 - Queens: 718-739-2100
 - Staten Island: 718-273-3225 (main), 1060, or 3256

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GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION: TESTING

Educational Records Bureau: 212-672-9800, www.erbtest.org

Kenwood Psychological Services: 212-744-212 or 800-937-8437, www.kenwoodpsych.com/

- Dr. David Kelley, Director

National Training and Evaluation Center: 212-877-4480

HOME SCHOOLING

Alternative Schools Resource Organization: 800-769-4171, www.educationrevolution.org

Loving Education at Home: no phone number listed, www.nysleah.org

- Provides information & support for parents interested in Christian home-schooling.

New York City Board of Education—Citywide Home Schooling Coordinator: 917-339-1700.

New York City Home Educators Alliance: 212-505-9884, www.nychea.org

- Supports & informs families who choose home education; informs the general public about home education; protects the rights to home educate; provides social occasions & group educational experiences for member families.

NYS Education Department, Dept. of Non-public Schools: 518-474-3879, www.emsc.nysed.gov/nonpub/

The Uhuru Homeschool Hut: 212-NY-MOM-01, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TheHomeschoolHut/>

- The Hut implements a holistic and balanced African and Multicultural curriculum. Located in the Bronx.

PARENT GROUPS

Dial-A-Teacher: 212-777-3380, www.uft.org

- Free homework help in reading, writing, math, & science. Monday – Thursday, 4 – 7 PM.

Long Island Advocacy Center (Nassau County): 516-248-2222

- Educational advocacy for children going to school in Nassau County.
999 Herricks Road, Room 108 New Hyde Park, New York 11040

Long Island Advocacy Center (Suffolk County): 631-234-0467

- Educational advocacy for children going to school in Suffolk County.
490 Wheeler Road, Suite 165C Hauppauge, NY 11788

Lower East Side Family Union: www.lefsu.org

- Referral; advocacy; supportive counseling services; parent/caregiver education; assistance translating, understanding or completing government forms; referrals for individuals who may need help with substance abuse, mental health, hunger, illness, etc.
- Manhattan: 212 260 0040
- Queens: 718 575 5520

Mothers on the Move: 718-893-4703, www.mothersonthemove.org

- A grassroots group of concerned parents in the Bronx; trains parent leaders to organize other parents around issues of education and school district accountability.

Parent-to-Parent of New York State: www.parenttoparentnys.org

- Benefits advocacy, parent groups, special education advocacy, information & referral
- NYC office: 800-405-8818 or 212-229-3222
- Staten Island office: 800-866-1068 or 718-494-3469

Resources for Children with Special Needs: 212-677-4650, www.resourcesnyc.org

- Advocacy, legislative advocacy, public awareness/education, special education advocacy.

Sinergia/Metropolitan Parent Center: 212-643-2840, www.sinerigiany.org

- Individual advocacy and legal representation for parents of students with disabilities.

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- Serving Westchester and Putnam counties.
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PRIVATE SCHOOL ISSUES

A Better Chance: 646-346-1310, www.abetterchance.org

- Provides scholarships for independent and private schools for middle and high school students of color.

Early Steps: 212-288-9684

- Provides opportunities for minority children to attend K-2 independent and private schools.

Independent School Admissions Association of Greater New York (ISAAGNY): 212-289-5683, www.isaagny.org

The Parent's League: 212-737-7385, www.parentsleague.org

- A non-profit organization of parents and 250 independent schools offering all families with children current information on education, entertainment and enrichment opportunities.

Student Sponsor Partners: 212-986-9575, www.sspnyc.org

- Gives NYC students the opportunity to attend non-public schools with the financial help of a sponsor. S/SP students typically come from low-income, single-parent homes, and are academically average or below average. **8th graders only.**

TUTORING SERVICES & HOMEWORK HELP

826NYC: 718-499-9884, www.826nyc.org

- 1-1 tutoring; ages 6-18. Subjects covered include writing, English language learning, homework, creative writing, & publishing projects. Tutoring is available at the Park Slope office or at the Williamsburg Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library.

A-1 Certified Tutoring Service: 718-874-1042, www.a1cts.com

Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City: 212-686-2042, www.bigsnyc.org

Beacon Programs: 212-788-6754

- School-based community centers operating in all NYC boroughs, offering free tutoring, college prep, sports, & other recreational activities.

Better Brooklyn Community Center: 718-624-1992, www.bbcenter.org

- Located in Bedford- Stuyvesant. Offers an after-school tutorial program, computer technology courses, & college & career counseling.

Boys Clubs of New York: www.bcnyc.org

- Literacy program, SAT prep, day camp, & summer school/camp program.
- East Harlem: (212) 534-2661
- Flushing: (718) 886-5454
- Lower East Side: (212) 533-2550

Dial-A-Teacher: 212-777-3380, www.uft.org

- Free homework help in reading, writing, math, & science. Monday – Thursday, 4 – 7 PM.

East Harlem Tutorial Program: 212-831-0650, www.ehtp.org

Girls, Inc.: 212-531-7620, www.girlsincnyc.org

Huntington Learning Center: 800-CAN-LEARN, www.huntingtonlearning.com

Learning Leaders (formerly known as NYC School Volunteers): 212-213-3370, www.learningleaders.org

Learning Tree Tutorial: 212-533-5804, www.wondersoflearning.com

Literacy Assistance Center: 212-803-3333 (Hotline), www.lacnyc.org

- Provides information and referrals for 300+ free adult education centers throughout NYC.
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Live Homework Help-- Brooklyn Public Library: www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org

- Free 1-1 tutoring in 20-min sessions via home computer or using a library computer. Serves grades 4-12 in math, science, social studies, & English. Math & science tutoring are available in Spanish.

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- **Must have a valid BPL library card.**
- Out of School Time Programs—Dept. of Youth & Community Development: 311, www.nyc.gov/findafterschool
- Free academic support, sports and recreational activities, the arts and cultural experiences. After school, on weekends, & during school vacations.
- Rise Up and Walk Youth Outreach Center: 718-221-1154, www.riseupwalk.org
- Located in Bedford-Stuyvesant. Offers group and individual tutoring in reading, writing, & math for students 6-18. Also offers weekend, after-school, & summer camp programs.
- Score Educational Centers: 800-65-SCORE, www.escore.com
- Computer-based math and ELA tutoring at neighborhood centers
- Sylvan Learning Center: 888-EDUCATE, www.tutoring.sylvanlearning.com
- Test Quest, Inc: 212-398-2357, www.testquestinc.com
- In-home tutoring citywide. Prices range from \$20-\$20 per hour. Some tutors are NYS-certified teachers, incl. some SpEd teachers.

FAMILY LAW

- ABC NY Legal Referral Service: 212-626-7373, <http://www.abcny.org/LRS/index.htm>
- Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services—LSNY: 718-636-1155, www.lsnyc.org
- Bronx Defenders: 718-838-7878 or 800-597-7980. www.bronxdefenders.org
- Non-for-profit public defense organization that provides legal counsel and information to low-income members of the Bronx community.
- Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation “A” —LSNY: www.bka.org
- Bushwick: 718-487-0800
 - East Brooklyn: 718-487-1300
 - Williamsburg: 718-487-2300
- Coalition for Asian American Children and Families: 212-809-4675, www.cacf.org
- Assists families with issues of childcare, child welfare, and family law.
- The Family Law Center: 212-254-8228 or 212-422-2660, www.pfffamilylaw.com
- Represents low-income families on issues of divorce, child custody, and child support—has a sliding scale, serves all boroughs.
- InMotion, Inc. (formerly the Network for Women’s Services): 212-695-3800, www.inmotiononline.org
- Provides legal representation for battered women in divorce, child custody/visitation, and child support/spousal support cases. Also assists undocumented immigrant women who are victims of abuse with gaining legal residency
- Japanese American Social Services, Inc. (JASSI): 212-442-154, www.jassi.org
- Provides culturally sensitive assistance & support to callers whose first language is Japanese. Areas of assistance include housing, immigration, consumer issues, public benefits, health-related concerns, labor issues, divorce, domestic violence, etc. 10 AM – 5:30 PM, M-F.
- Lansner & Kubitschek: 212-349-0900, www.lanskub.com
- Represents parents in all phases of applications for disability benefits, family law, and appeals of family law and disability benefits cases.
- Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Offices: www.legal-aid.org, 212-577-3300 (Legal Aid HQ)
- Law guardians provide legal representation, express clients' wishes to the court, and safeguard the interests and legal rights of these clients.
 - Bronx: 718-579-7900
 - Brooklyn: 718-237-3100
 - Manhattan: 212-312-2260
 - Queens: 718-298-8900
 - Staten Island: 718-981-0219
- Legal Aid Society Neighborhood Offices (Civil Practice): www.legal-aid.org, 212-577-3300 (Legal Aid HQ)

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CLIENT REFERRAL LIST

- Divorce and related issues, custody, child support, domestic violence, guardianships, adoptions, foster care.
 - Bronx: 718-991-4600
 - Brooklyn: 718-722-3100
 - Manhattan: 212-426-3000
 - Queens: 718-286-2450
 - Staten Island: 718-2736677
- Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT): 646-613-9633, www.liftonline.org
- Provides legal information on issues of child welfare and family law.
 - Helpline (bilingual): 212 343 1122, M – F, 9 – 5. Answers questions about family law or criminal law. Direct all other inquiries to the main number.
- LSNY-Legal Services for New York City: 212-431-7200, www.lsnyc.org
- Provides legal assistance in the areas of family, housing, benefits, consumer, and education law.
 - LSNY Bronx: 718-958-3700
 - LSNY Brooklyn Branch: www.lsnycbb.org
 - Brooklyn Branch: 718-852-8888
 - Brighton: 718-852-8888
 - Williamsburg Outreach Office: 718-643-9700
 - LSNY Staten Island: (718) 233-6480
- Manhattan Legal Services—LSNY: www.lsnyc.org
- Upper Manhattan Office: 212-348-7449
 - Lower Manhattan Office: 646-442-3100
- New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG): 212-613-5000, ext. 3, www.nylag.org
- Practice areas include family law, domestic violence clinic, immigrant protection, child advocacy & special education, & public benefits (food stamps, Medicaid, SSI).
- Queens Legal Services—LSNY: www.queenslegalservices.org
- Jamaica Office: 718-657-8611
 - Long Island City Office: 718-392-5646
- Safe Horizons Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-621- HOPE (4673)
- Crisis counseling, referrals for transportation, food, clothing, and shelter, immediate day care placement.
- Sanctuary for Families: 1-800-942-6906 (English) and 1-800-942-6908 (Spanish), www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org
- For victims of domestic violence, provides crisis intervention, emergency and transitional housing, individual and group counseling, job readiness and mentoring programs, legal assistance and direct representation
- South Brooklyn Legal Services—LSNY: 718-237-5500, www.sbls.org
- Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE): Field & Customer Service Offices, www.nyc.gov
- Client and child advocates who guide custodial parents through the court process and provide a wide range of administrative actions to collect and enforce child support obligations.
 - Bronx: 718-590-3924 or 3432
 - Brooklyn: 718-246-7962 or 7968
 - Manhattan: 212-385-8218 or 8219
 - Queens: 718-725-3148 or 3149
 - Staten Island: 718-720-2495

HEALTHCARE ACCESS

Child Health Plus: 888-809-8009, www.healthplus-ny.org

- Children under the age of 19 who are not eligible for Medicaid and who have limited or no health insurance may be eligible.

Children's Defense Fund: 212-697-2323, www.cdfny.org

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CLIENT REFERRAL LIST

- Information and referral on all issues of children's health care.
- Community Healthcare Network: 866-CHN-8529, www.chnnyc.org
- Non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and promoting the health of New Yorkers. Runs 13 community-based health care centers.
- Family Health Plus: 888-809-8009, www.healthplus-ny.org
- NYS program that provides some adults with affordable healthcare. Covers some NYC residents who are not eligible for Medicaid.
- Floating Hospital: 212-514-7440, www.thefloatinghospital.org
- Free medical clinic for low-income families and immigrants.
- Health Care Plus: 888-809-8009, www.healthplus-ny.org
- Medicaid managed care program.
- Japanese American Social Services, Inc. (JASSI): 212-442-154, www.jassi.org
- Provides culturally sensitive assistance & support to callers whose first language is Japanese. Areas of assistance include housing, immigration, consumer issues, public benefits, health-related concerns, labor issues, divorce, domestic violence, etc. 10 AM – 5:30 PM, M-F.
- Sight for Students Program: 800-877-7195, www.sightforstudents.org
- Provides free eye exams and glasses to uninsured, low-income children across the country. Call M-F, 5 AM – 7 PM, PST.

HOUSING ISSUES

- ABC NY Legal Referral Service: 212-626-7373, <http://www.abcny.org/LRS/index.htm>
- Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services—LSNY: 718-636-1155, www.lsnyc.org
- Bronx Defenders: 718-838-7878 or 800-597-7980. www.bronxdefenders.org
- Non-for-profit public defense organization that provides legal counsel and information to low-income members of the Bronx community.
- Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation "A" —LSNY: www.bka.org
- Bushwick: 718-487-0800
 - East Brooklyn: 718-487-1300
 - Williamsburg: 718-487-2300
- CAMBA Legal Services: 718-287-2600, www.camba.org
- No-cost general legal services to low-income eligible individuals in housing and immigration. Located in Brooklyn.
- Japanese American Social Services, Inc. (JASSI): 212-442-154, www.jassi.org
- Provides culturally sensitive assistance & support to callers whose first language is Japanese. Areas of assistance include housing, immigration, consumer issues, public benefits, health-related concerns, labor issues, divorce, domestic violence, etc. 10 AM – 5:30 PM, M-F.
- Legal Aid Society Housing Offices: www.legal-aid.org
- Bronx: 718-681-8712
 - Brooklyn: 718-643-4819
 - Manhattan: 212-766-2450
 - Queens: 718-739-6272
- LSNY-Legal Services for New York City: 212-431-7200, www.lsnyc.org
- Provides legal assistance in the areas of family, housing, benefits, consumer, and education law.
 - LSNY Bronx: 718-958-3700
 - LSNY Brooklyn Branch: www.lsnycbb.org
 - Brooklyn Branch: 718-852-8888
 - Brighton: 718-852-8888
 - Williamsburg Outreach Office: 718-643-9700
 - LSNY Staten Island: (718) 233-6480

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CLIENT REFERRAL LIST

Manhattan Legal Services—LSNY: www.lsnyc.org

- Upper Manhattan Office: 212-348-7449
- Lower Manhattan Office: 646-442-3100

New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG): 212-613-5000, ext. 3, www.nylag.org

- Practice areas include family law, domestic violence clinic, immigrant protection, child advocacy & special education, & public benefits (food stamps, Medicaid, SSI).

Public housing applications: www.nyc.gov

- Bronx: 718-329-7859
- Brooklyn: 718-250-5900
- Manhattan: 212-828-7100
- Queens: 212-828-7100
- Staten Island: 718-448-7326

Queens Legal Services—LSNY: www.queenslegalservices.org

- Jamaica Office: 718-657-8611
- Long Island City Office: 718-392-5646

South Brooklyn Legal Services—LSNY: 718-237-5500, www.sbls.org

HOMELESSNESS

Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services—LSNY: 718-636-1155, www.lsnyc.org

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation “A” —LSNY: www.bka.org

- Bushwick: 718-487-0800
- East Brooklyn: 718-487-1300
- Williamsburg: 718-487-2300

Coalition for the Homeless: 212-776-2000, www.coalitionforthehomeless.org

- Litigation, advocacy, grassroots organizing, public education, & direct services. Operates a number of soup kitchens serving homeless individuals. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday (walk-ins until 2 PM)

Common Ground Community: 212-389-9300, www.commonground.org

- Operates several supportive housing units throughout New York City.

Covenant House: 800-999-9999, www.covenanthouseny.org

- Provides shelter and service to homeless and runaway youth.

Department of Homeless Services—Emergency Information Line: 1-800-994-6494, www.nyc.gov/dhs

- Crisis intervention for people at risk of becoming homeless, mediation of conflicts between shelter staff and client.

Legal Aid Society Neighborhood Offices (Civil Practice): www.legal-aid.org, 212-577-3300 (Legal Aid HQ)

- Provides legal services to homeless individuals and their families.
- Bronx: 718-991-4600
- Brooklyn: 718-722-3100
- Manhattan: 212-426-3000
- Queens: 718-286-2450
- Staten Island: 718-2736677

LSNY-Legal Services for New York City: 212-431-7200, www.lsnyc.org

- Provides legal assistance in the areas of family, housing, benefits, consumer, and education law.
- LSNY Bronx: 718-958-3700
- LSNY Brooklyn Branch: www.lsnycbb.org
 - Brooklyn Branch: 718-852-8888
 - Brighton: 718-852-8888
 - Williamsburg Outreach Office: 718-643-9700
- LSNY Staten Island: (718) 233-6480

Manhattan Legal Services—LSNY: www.lsnyc.org

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CLIENT REFERRAL LIST

- Upper Manhattan Office: 212-348-7449
 - Lower Manhattan Office: 646-442-3100
- Partnership for the Homeless: 212-645-3444, www.partnershipforthehomeless.org
- Coordinates network of private shelters for single adults; assists homeless individuals with HIV/AIDS housing and access to medical services; donates furniture to formerly homeless families; assists formerly homeless families with transitional services.
- Project Renewal: 212-620-0340, www.projectrenewal.org
- Serves chronically homeless, formerly homeless and low-income New Yorkers who suffer from substance abuse and/or mental illness through Job Placement and Education services.
- Queens Legal Services—LSNY: www.queenslegalservices.org
- Jamaica Office: 718-657-8611
 - Long Island City Office: 718-392-5646
- Safe Space: 212-226-3536, www.safespacencyc.org
- Provides an integrated system of progressive services in the following core areas: children & family services, young adult services and community health services.
- South Brooklyn Legal Services—LSNY: 718-237-5500, www.sbls.org
- Triangle Tribe Apartments Programs, Green Chimneys: 212-491-5911, www.greenchimneys.org
- Transitional Living Apartment Programs (TLP) for runaway and homeless GLBTQ youth ages 17-21.
- Urban Justice Center: 646-606-5600, www.urbanjustice.org
- Legal services for the City's most vulnerable residents, including benefits advocacy and eviction prevention services.
- Urban Strategies: 718-919-3600, www.urbanstrategiesny.org
- Provides transitional housing to persons between the ages of 16 and 21 who do not have permanent homes

IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

- Bronx Defenders: 718-838-7878 or 800-597-7980. www.bronxdefenders.org
- Non-for-profit public defense organization that provides legal counsel and information to low-income members of the Bronx community.
- Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement: 718-722-6017, 6019, 6009, 6071, www.ccbq.org/refugee.htm
- Refugee assistance/services. Located in downtown Brooklyn.
- Chinese American Planning Council, www.cpc-ny.org
- General social services, including mental health, employment services, immigrant information, adult education opportunities, public benefits assistance, & child welfare.
 - Brooklyn office: 718-492-0409
 - Manhattan office: 212-941-0920
 - Queens office: 718-358-8899
- The Door: 212-941-9090, www.door.org
- Legal representation of children in deportation proceedings.
- Japanese American Social Services, Inc. (JASSI): 212-442-154, www.jassi.org
- Provides culturally sensitive assistance & support to callers whose first language is Japanese. Areas of assistance include housing, immigration, consumer issues, public benefits, health-related concerns, labor issues, divorce, domestic violence, etc. 10 AM – 5:30 PM, M-F.
- New York Association for New Americans (NYANA): 212-425-2900, www.nyana.org
- Direct services for refugees, immigrants, and other underserved Americans.
- Legal Aid Society Neighborhood Offices (Civil Practice): www.legal-aid.org, 212-577-3300 (Legal Aid HQ)
- Legal services for immigrants.
 - Bronx: 718-991-4600
 - Brooklyn: 718-722-3100
 - Manhattan: 212-426-3000

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CLIENT REFERRAL LIST

- Queens: 718-286-2450
 - Staten Island: 718-2736677
- New York Immigration Coalition: 212-627-2227, www.thenyc.org
- A nonpartisan umbrella group representing more than 30 organizations devoted to immigration rights.
- Partnership for Children's Rights (formerly Legal Services for Children): 212-683-7999, www.kidslaw.org
- Represent children in all types of civil legal matters, including custody/guardianship issues, abuse/neglect issues, public benefits, immigration issues, discrimination, and educational entitlements.

LEGAL PROBLEMS (GENERAL)

- ABC NY Legal Referral Service: 212-626-7373, <http://www.abcny.org>
- Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services—LSNY: 718-636-1155, www.lsnyc.org
- Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation "A" —LSNY: www.bka.org
- Bushwick: 718-487-0800
 - East Brooklyn: 718-487-1300
 - Williamsburg: 718-487-2300
- Legal Aid Society Neighborhood Offices (Civil Practice): www.legal-aid.org, 212-577-3300 (Legal Aid HQ)
- General civil legal services including: welfare, SSI, and housing.
 - Bronx: 718-991-4600
 - Brooklyn: 718-722-3100
 - Manhattan: 212-426-3000
 - Queens: 718-286-2450
 - Staten Island: 718-2736677
- LSNY-Legal Services for New York City: 212-431-7200, www.lsnyc.org
- Provides legal assistance in the areas of family, housing, benefits, consumer, and education law.
 - LSNY Bronx: 718-958-3700
 - LSNY Brooklyn Branch: www.lsnycbb.org
 - Brooklyn Branch: 718-852-8888
 - Brighton: 718-852-8888
 - Williamsburg Outreach Office: 718-643-9700
 - LSNY Staten Island: (718) 233-6480
- Manhattan Legal Services—LSNY: www.lsnyc.org
- Upper Manhattan Office: 212-348-7449
 - Lower Manhattan Office: 646-442-3100
- New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG): 212-613-5000, ext. 3, www.nylag.org
- Practice areas include family law, domestic violence clinic, immigrant protection, child advocacy & special education, & public benefits (food stamps, Medicaid, SSI).
- Queens Legal Services—LSNY: www.queenslegalservices.org
- Jamaica Office: 718-657-8611
 - Long Island City Office: 718-392-5646
- South Brooklyn Legal Services—LSNY: 718-237-5500, www.sbls.org
- Urban Justice Center: 646-606-5600, www.urbanjustice.org
- Legal services for the City's most vulnerable residents, including benefits advocacy, eviction prevention services, & legal assistance for lesbian, gay, bisexual, & transgender youth.

MENTAL HEALTH

- I-800-LIFENET (1-800-543-3638)
- Provides callers with information & referrals to mental health & substance abuse resources throughout NYC.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CLIENT REFERRAL LIST

- Spanish: 877-AYUDESE (877-288-3373)
 - Mandarin, Cantonese, & Korean dialects: 877-990-8585
 - 24 hours per day/seven days per week
- Aurora Concept, Inc.: 718-969-7000
- Provide drug treatment services and concurrent high school diploma and GED program for teens and adults.
- Child Center of New York (formerly Queens Child Guidance Center): 718-651-7770, www.childcenterny.org
- (Queens) Provide family and individual counseling, outpatient services, counseling and support groups for those affected by HIV/AIDS treatment and advocacy for foster children/ families, after-school reading assistance, specialized services for Asian Immigrants and more.
- Chinese American Planning Council, www.cpc-ny.org
- General social services, including mental health, employment services, immigrant information, adult education opportunities, public benefits assistance, & child welfare.
 - Brooklyn office: 718-492-0409
 - Manhattan office: 212-941-0920
 - Queens office: 718-358-8899
- Mobile Crisis Teams: contact Lifenet (above) for referral to a local Mobile Crisis Team.
- Mental Hygiene Legal Service:
- Provides legal services, advice, & assistance to persons receiving care or alleged to be in need of care at inpatient and community-based facilities for the mentally disabled.
 - First Judicial Dept (Bronx & Manhattan): 212-779-1734
 - Second Judicial Department (Brooklyn, Queens, SI, Westchester, Nassau, & Suffolk): 516-746-4545
- Urban Justice Center: 646-606-5600, www.urbanjustice.org
- Legal services for the City's most vulnerable residents, including benefits advocacy and eviction prevention services.
- Mental Health Providers of Western Queens, Inc.—Western Queens Consultation Center: www.mhpbwq.org
- Mental health clinic provides psychotherapy, counseling, testing for all age groups and families. The center provides treatment in Spanish, Greek and Asian languages.
 - Jackson Heights: 718-672-1705
 - Sunnyside: 718-706-1663

PUBLIC BENEFITS

- Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services—LSNY: 718-636-1155, www.lsnyc.org
- Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation “A” —LSNY: www.bka.org
- Bushwick: 718-487-0800
 - East Brooklyn: 718-487-1300
 - Williamsburg: 718-487-2300
- Chinese American Planning Council, www.cpc-ny.org
- General social services, including mental health, employment services, immigrant information, adult education opportunities, public benefits assistance, & child welfare.
 - Brooklyn office: 718-492-0409
 - Manhattan office: 212-941-0920
 - Queens office: 718-358-8899
- The Door: 212-941-9090, www.door.org
- Offers legal services for young people ages 12-21 in need of civil legal representation.
- FoodChange (formerly the Community Food Resource Center): 212-894-8094, www.cfrnyc.org
- Addresses food, hunger, nutrition, and income support issues in New York City. Provides direct services, including meals, and advocates for improved government policies and programs.
- Food and Hunger Hotline: 212-533-6100, www.nyc.gov
- Provides emergency food assistance, food stamp, and others services for needy individuals.

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Human Resources Administration Infoline: 718-472-8411

- Food stamps & Medicaid information.

Japanese American Social Services, Inc. (JASSI): 212-442-154, www.jassi.org

- Provides culturally sensitive assistance & support to callers whose first language is Japanese. Areas of assistance include housing, immigration, consumer issues, public benefits, health-related concerns, labor issues, divorce, domestic violence, etc. 10 AM – 5:30 PM, M-F.

Legal Aid Society Neighborhood Offices (Civil Practice): www.legal-aid.org, 212-577-3300 (Legal Aid HQ)

- General civil legal services including: welfare, SSI, housing, divorce and related issues, custody, child support, domestic violence, guardianships, adoptions, foster care, and immigration.
- Bronx: 718-991-4600
- Brooklyn: 718-722-3100
- Manhattan: 212-426-3000
- Queens: 718-286-2450
- Staten Island: 718-2736677

LSNY-Legal Services for New York City: 212-431-7200, www.lsnyc.org

- Provides legal assistance in the areas of family, housing, benefits, consumer, and education law.
- LSNY Bronx: 718-958-3700
- LSNY Brooklyn Branch: www.lsnycbb.org
 - Brooklyn Branch: 718-852-8888
 - Brighton: 718-852-8888
 - Williamsburg Outreach Office: 718-643-9700
- LSNY Staten Island: (718) 233-6480

Manhattan Legal Services—LSNY: www.lsnyc.org

- Upper Manhattan Office: 212-348-7449
- Lower Manhattan Office: 646-442-3100

New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG): 212-613-5000, ext. 3, www.nylag.org

- Practice areas include family law, domestic violence clinic, immigrant protection, child advocacy & special education, & public benefits (food stamps, Medicaid, SSI).

Partnership for Children's Rights (formerly Legal Services for Children): 212-683-7999, www.kidslaw.org

- Represent children in all types of civil legal matters, including custody/guardianship issues, abuse/neglect issues, public benefits, immigration issues, discrimination, and educational entitlements.

Queens Legal Services—LSNY: www.queenslegalservices.org

- Jamaica Office: 718-657-8611
- Long Island City Office: 718-392-5646

Resource, Entitlement & Advocacy Program (R.E.A.P.) at Mt. Sinai: 212-423-2800

- Answers questions regarding Medicare, Medicaid, home care, income resources, food stamps, housing, legal services and community programs. **By appointment only.**

South Brooklyn Legal Services—LSNY: 718-237-5500, www.sbls.org

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Information: 800-772-1213

Urban Justice Center: 646-606-5600, www.urbanjustice.org

- Legal services for the City's most vulnerable residents, including benefits advocacy and eviction prevention services.

WIC (Women, Infants & Children): To apply call 1-800-522-5006

- FDA nutrition program servicing mothers who are nutritionally at-risk

YOUTH SERVICES

GENERAL YOUTH SERVICES

Alianza Dominicana: 212-740-1960, www.alianzadom.org

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- Multi-service, comprehensive, integrated community-based organization for children, youth and families in the largely Dominican population of northern Manhattan.
- Andrew Glover Youth Program: www.agyp.org
- Works with at-risk and adjudicated youth in the Criminal Court System to deter them from crimes and offer alternatives to incarceration.
 - Lower East Side center: 212-505-5130
 - East Harlem center: 212-987-9486
- Beacon Programs: 212-788-6754
- School-based community centers operating in all NYC boroughs, offering free tutoring, college prep, sports, & other recreational activities.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City: 212-686-2042, www.bigsnyc.org
- Mentoring program for children ages 7-17 years old from low-income families.
- Crown Heights Youth Collective: 718-756-7600, www.chycbrooklyn.org
- Offers programs that teach job skills, chess, peacemaking, tap dancing, entrepreneurship, horticulture, math, "urban navigation" (how to use New York's complex subway system).
- The Door: 212-941-9090, www.door.org
- Offers young people ages 12-21 educational, health, and career counseling programs. Provides legal services for young people in need of civil legal representation. Offers counseling for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender or Questioning (GLBTQ) youth.
- Green Chimneys: 212-491-5911, www.greenchimneys.org
- Operates a wide range of residential, social service & educational programs that specifically focus on the need of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender or Questioning (GLBTQ) youth and their families.
- El Puente: 718-387-0404, www.elpuente.us
- A community center serving primarily young people and their families in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.
- Foster Care Youth United—Youth Communications: 212-279-0708, www.youthcomm.org
- Magazine written by and for children involved in the foster care system.
- New York Civil Liberties Union Reproductive Rights Project: 212-607-3300, www.nyclu.org
- The legal arm of the pro-choice movement in New York. Protect the rights of all women, particularly those most vulnerable: low-income women, women of color, and young people.
- The Neutral Zone: 646 935-1943
- Evening drop-in center for homeless & at-risk LGBTQ youth ages 15 to 22 years. Provides a range of services, including client advocacy, legal referral, housing assistance, & educational curriculums.
 - Open: 6 PM – 10 PM, Wed – Sat.
- Out of School Time Programs—Dept. of Youth & Community Development: 311, www.nyc.gov/findafterschool
- Free academic support, sports and recreational activities, the arts and cultural experiences. After school, on weekends, & during school vacations.
- Project Reach Youth: 718-768-0778 or 718-965-0821, www.pry.org
- Provides education, counseling and youth leadership development programs to help low-income children and youth throughout Brooklyn.
- Harlem Children's Zone (formerly the Rheedlen Centers for Children & Families): 212-534-0700, www.hcz.org
- Network of school-based prevention programs that provide families and youth services that keep young people in school while enhancing intellectual, social and emotional development.
- Safe Space: 212-226-3536, www.safespaceny.org
- Provides an integrated system of progressive services in the following core areas: children & family services, young adult services and community health services.
- South Asian Youth Action: 718-651-3484, www.saya.org
- SAT & Regents prep, college guidance, ESL/peer mentoring, employment training, & discussion groups for young women.
- Urban Justice Center: 646-606-5600, www.urbanjustice.org
- Legal assistance for gay, lesbian, bisexual, & transgender youth.
- Youthline: 1-800-246-4646 or 311

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN CLIENT REFERRAL LIST

- Referral service for teens and service providers; provides information on employment opportunities, education & training programs, housing & shelters, & immigrant services.
- Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 7 PM. Saturday & Sunday, noon – 8 PM.

HEALTH SERVICES

AIDS Hotline: 212-807-6655 or 800-AIDS-NYC, www.gmhc.org

- Referrals, support, and counseling for any HIV-related issues, sexuality, STDs, etc.
- Monday – Friday, 10 AM – 9 PM. Saturday, noon – 3 PM.

Alcohol & Substance Abuse Hotline: 800-522-5353

- Information/referrals for detox programs, residential rehabs, therapeutic communities, support groups, child abuse, drug detection information, treatment programs, HIV testing sites, half-way houses, etc. 24 hours.

PROGRAMS FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS

The Door: 212-941-9090, www.door.org

- Offers pregnancy testing/options counseling and legal representation for pregnant and parenting youth. Serves youth ages 12-21.

Living for Young Families through Education (LYFE): 917-521-3611 (District 79 Office)

- Serves teen parents enrolled in NYC's regular or alternative schools or are preparing for the GED exam. Provides childcare so mothers can continue with their studies.

Living for Young Families through Education (LYFE): 212-348-0608

- Serves teen parents enrolled in NYC's regular or alternative schools or are preparing for the GED exam. Provides childcare so mothers can continue with their studies.

New York Foundling Hospital Crisis Nursery and Parent Help-Line: 212-472-8555, www.nyfoundling.org

- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Planned Parenthood: 212-965-7000, www.plannedparentood.org

- Offers reproductive health services to women and teens regardless of income.

Queens South Young Parents Program (Catholic Charities): 718-217-1238, www.ccbq.org

- Supportive counseling, educational workshops, peer support groups, parent-child playgroup, case management, advocacy.

Transitional Services for New York: 718-526-8400, www.tsiny.org

- Parenting classes.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): 800-522-5006

- FDA affiliated nutrition program servicing mothers who are nutritionally at-risk: provide food packages for mothers and checks to cash in at stores that contract with WIC.