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Service Opportunities Newsletter

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Referrals for certified residential opportunities in IRAs must be received from OPWDD's Capacity Management Dept.
Families, advocates, and service providers may request referral to HeartShare.
OPWDD's Residential Referral form: https://opwdd.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/04/h005_cro-residential-referral-form_3-5-19.pdf
Checklist of required documents: https://www.iacny.org/images/R4_residential_referral_checklist_-_December_2019.docx

Residential Services

Program	Location	Opportunities	Contact
24-hour - Supervised IRAs			
Brooklyn (Williamsburg) Dr. White Residence		**2 opportunities, 1 male and 1 female,** in a 10-bed co-ed IRA; single bedrooms. Candidates: must be able to ambulate stairs; Moderate-Severe ranges of ID; any range of expressive communication; behaviorally stable due to limited line-of-sight supervision and medically frail housemates. Current residents are ages 44-64.	Andrea Tosto (917) 685-4771 andrea.tosto@heartshare.org
Brooklyn (Bushwick) Hart Street Residence		**1 opportunity for a male** in a 10-bed co-ed IRA; SHARED bedroom. Candidates: must be able to ambulate stairs; Moderate – Profound ranges of ID; any range of expressive communication; behaviorally stable due to medically frail housemates. Current residents are ages 43-50.	
Brooklyn (Midwood) Midwood Residence		**2 opportunities for males or females (1 available; 1 expected)** in a 12-bed, co-ed IRA; single bedroom. Candidates: must be able to ambulate stairs; Moderate-Severe ranges of ID; behaviorally stable due to medically frail housemates. Current residents are ages 27-72.	
Queens (Bayside) Subbiondo I Residence		**1 opportunity for a male** in a 6-bed IRA; SHARED bedroom. Candidates: Mild to high Moderate ranges of ID; able to communicate verbally. This location has a ramp and can accommodate someone who has ambulation limitations (including use of walker); the house is not capable of accommodating someone who uses a wheelchair. Current residents are ages 43-67.	
Queens (Far Rockaway) Ferraro Residence		**1 anticipated opportunity for male or female** in a 14-bed co-ed IRA; single bedroom. Candidates: must be able to ambulate stairs; Moderate-Severe ranges of ID; limited behavioral needs due to medically frail housemates. Current residents are ages 22-63; average age is 50.	
Non-24-hour Supportive IRAs			
Queens (Flushing) **Supportive IRA**		**1 anticipated opportunity for a female** in a 3-bed apt.; single bedroom. Must be fully ambulatory.	Candidates for Supportive IRAs **must:** be fully independent in ADLs; require limited support in DLS; travel independently; self-administer medication responsibly; self-preserve; have a day-time activity; and have an affirmative consent assessment (Psychosexual). Candidates are typically in the Mild or Borderline ranges of ID (with or without ASD).
Brooklyn (Flatlands) **Supportive IRA**		**1 opportunity for a male** in an apartment for 3 males. SHARED bedroom. Must be fully ambulatory.	
Queens (Woodside) **Supportive IRA**		**1 opportunity for a male** in an apartment for 3 males. SHARED bedroom. Must be fully ambulatory.	

Day Habilitation Services

	Day Hab. Center	Type of Individuals Served	Contact
Brooklyn	Hoffman (Woodside area)	Individuals with Moderate, Severe, or Profound ID.	Melissa Camacho O: (718) 422-3264 C: (347) 640-8927 melissa.camacho@heartshare.org Ellen Garcia ellen.garcia@heartshare.org Families, advocates, and service providers may send referral packets containing (1) psychological eval., (2) psychosocial eval., (3) annual physical, (4) Life Plan, and (5) LCED.
Brooklyn	Bay Ridge (Bay Ridge area)	Individuals with Mild-Moderate ID.	
Brooklyn	Lavin (Bay Ridge area)	**Accepting referrals for waiting list** for individuals who are ambulatory and with Moderate, Severe, or Profound ID.	
Brooklyn	Brooklyn (Downtown area)	**Accepting referrals for waiting list** for individuals who are ambulatory and with Mild-Mod. ID.	
Brooklyn	Brooklyn PACT (Downtown area)	Individuals with autism spectrum conditions. Candidates must be ambulatory and behaviorally stable.	
Brooklyn	Brooklyn, Without Walls	Individuals who are ambulatory and with Mild – high Mod. ID.	
Brooklyn	Avenue L (Flatlands area)	Individuals who are ambulatory and with Mild-Mod. ID.	
Queens	Hoffman (Woodside area)	Individuals who are ambulatory and with Moderate-Profound ID, including those who are medically frail.	
Queens	Queens Center (Bayside area)	**Accepting referrals for waiting list** for individuals who are ambulatory with Mild-Mod. ID. Offering **Without Walls** as well.	
Queens	Union Tpk. Center (Fresh Meadows area)	**Accepting referrals for waiting list** for individuals who are ambulatory and with any range of ID.	
SI	Staten Island PACT	Individuals with autism spectrum conditions. Candidates must be ambulatory and behaviorally stable.	
Day Habilitation Without Walls	Services provided in **all five boroughs** of NYC!	**Accepting referrals** for Day Hab Without Walls. Candidates: 21+ whose program needs cannot be met in traditional, center-based program. Services will be determined on an individualized basis.	

Employment & Vocational	**ACCES-VR Funded Rehabilitation Services and Supported Employment**	Services provided in **all five boroughs** of NYC! REMOTE and IN-PERSON Services are available!	This program provides an array of services for students and youth (ages 14-24) and adults (ages 18+) who have disabilities to assist them in becoming gainfully employed in a variety of industries. Type of services: • Pre-Employment • Transition Services • Job Preparation • Job Development & Placement • Travel Training • Self-Advocacy • Work Readiness	Joy Palmer (718) 422-3313 joy.palmer@heartshare.org Michelle Henley (718) 797-2020 x8049 michelle.henley@heartshare.org Effie Osbourne (718) 797-2020 x8033 effie.osbourne@heartshare.org
	OPWDD-funded Supported Employment Services (SEMP)		Opportunities available for individuals who need supports to obtain and maintain paid employment. Individuals typically transition to SEMP after they have received supported employment services funded by ACCES-VR and require limited job coaching supports to successfully maintain employment.	
	Community Prevocational Program		**Opportunities available** in community prevocational program for individuals who are interested in preparing for and obtaining employment.	

Family Support Services	**No-Cost Clinical Evaluations for Children and Adults**	177 Livingston St. Brooklyn, NY 11201	****NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**** REMOTE and IN-PERSON OPTIONS AVAILABLE for no-cost psychological and psychosocial evaluations for OPWDD eligibility for individuals **ages 3+**; must be a Brooklyn resident and not have Medicaid.	email: FSSEvaluations@heartshare.org
	Community Habilitation	Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island & Manhattan	1:1 service for individuals of **all ages** to learn, maintain, or improve skills necessary to live more independently or to be more participatory in community life. Possibility to hire family member or friend to provide service. REMOTE and IN-PERSON OPTIONS AVAILABLE	Jasmine Rivera (718) 422-3276 (718) 637-7804 jasmine.rivera@heartshare.org
	Options Project Reimbursement Program	Brooklyn & Queens residents	Financial assistance for individuals and families for the cost of goods and services associated with the needs of the family member who has a developmental disability. Applications for all ages are being accepted.	Michael Hilliman (718) 422-3290 (347) 853-3724 michael.hilliman@heartshare.org
	Site-Based Respite	Brooklyn & Queens	***RESUMING IN-PERSON SERVICES LATE APRIL 2021*** **Holiday Overnight-** Gives adults an opportunity to take 1–2-night trip to local destinations. Transportation is provided from a central location.	Benita Ramsaroop (718) 422-3292 (646)-734-5352 benita.ramsaroop@heartshare.org
	Recreational Respite ****VIRTUAL SESSIONS TEMPORARILY AVAILABLE FOR ALL RESPITE GROUPS. RESUMING IN-PERSON SERVICES POST VACCINE ROLL-OUT.****	Brooklyn & Queens	Our groups are a great way meet new friends and experience new activities in the community. **Virtual sessions are now being held due to the pandemic.** **Activities include:** ★ Thursday Social Night ★ Friday Movie Night ★ Saturday and Sunday Groups ○ Games ○ Karaoke ○ Art classes ****RESUMING IN-PERSON SERVICES POST VACCINE ROLL-OUT**** Available for ambulatory and non-ambulatory individuals who function in the Mild-Moderate ranges of IDD. Our groups are a great way meet new friends and experience new activities such as bowling, attending sports games, arts & crafts, Broadway shows, movies, etc. Transportation will be provided for all services, except TGIS. ★ **Respite Recreation Groups:** Gives individuals ages 6 and up the opportunity to explore new experiences together. Groups meet on Saturdays, Sundays, and/or Wednesdays. ★ **School Holiday:** Available for ages 6 and up an opportunity for day trips on school holidays. ★ **Aiello:** Available for adults twice a month. Offers some site-based activities. ★ **Heels & Wheels:** Available for non-ambulatory adults on Saturdays once a month. ★ **TGIS:** Available for independent traveling adults to explore the community in a group every Saturday.	Benita Ramsaroop (718) 422-3292 (646)-734-5352 benita.ramsaroop@heartshare.org

Healthcare Services	Metro Community Health Centers Network	177 Livingston St., Lower Level, Brooklyn, NY 11201 Telehealth options available for existing and new patients!	**Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) offering the following medical services:** • Primary Medical Care • Psychiatry • Dentistry • Neurology • Gastroenterology	• Optometry • Podiatry • Social Work • Wheelchair Clinic (at the Lefferts Avenue location)	718-855-7707 www.mchcnyc.org
	HeartShare Wellness, LTD		**Article 16 clinic offering the following:** • Psychosocial Evaluation • Psychological Evaluation • Autism Evaluation • Psychosexual Evaluation	• Counseling • Speech Therapy • Occupational Therapy • Physical Therapy	Angela Thomas, Director (718) 797-2020 x8015

Educational Services	Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) **Children's Evaluations**	82-12 151st Ave. Howard Beach, NY 11414	**Offering remote and in-person CPSE evaluations** for children ages 3-5 (psychological, social history, educational, and speech/OT/PT). Requires consent form from DOE.	MaryBeth Blank (718) 323-2877 Alt. (718) 805-7117 mary.blank@heartshare.org
	The HeartShare School	1825 Bath Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11214	**Day-school** Seats available for children ages 5-21. Must have an autism spectrum disorder or intellectual disability. www.theheartshareschool.org **Residential School** There are currently no vacancies, however, referrals requiring responses may be sent to Deidra Moore.	Sharon Toledo (718) 621-1614 sharon.toldeo@heartshare.org Deidra Moore (718) 621-1614 deidra.moore@heartshare.org
	HeartShare First Step Early Childhood Centers	**Seats are available for 2020-2021 year in REMOTE ONLY or combination IN-PERSON/REMOTE** • Richmond Hill, Queens • Howard Beach, Queens Queens contact: MaryBeth Blank Tel.: (718) 323-2877; Alt.: (718) 805-7117 mary.blank@heartshare.org	• Bath Beach, Brooklyn Brooklyn contact: Kathy Toal (718) 238-4637; kathy.toal@heartshare.org	

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