

# **Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council**



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# What is the SIDDC?

The Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council (SIDDC) was established in 1969 to assist in the planning, promotion, and development of supports and services for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities(I/DD) and their families throughout their lifespan. The SIDDC works to ensure the best possible quality of life for Staten Islanders with special needs through advocacy and relevant information. Members include self-advocates, their parents/family, friends, and service providers.

Monthly meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Presentations by guest speakers keep members informed about current issues. The SIDDC committees provide monthly reports, describing their work and advocacy efforts on the latest issues and trends impacting individuals with developmental/ intellectual disabilities.

The SIDDC communicates the needs of families to public and elected officials using various media outlets, legislative information exchanges and an annual Community Breakfast. The SIDDC offers numerous events throughout the year to support our members. These include a Family Resource and Transition Fair, Celebrating Achievements, Direct Support Professional Awards Ceremony, Educational forums and Adult Transitioning forums.

**Visit our Website for an Updated Schedule  
of SIDDC Meetings  
[www.siddc.org/calendar](http://www.siddc.org/calendar)**

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# STANDING COMMITTEES

## **Adult Services:**

**Purpose:** To identify and address issues and needs pertaining to adults with developmental disabilities (age 18 years and older).

## **Advocacy:**

**Purpose:** To actively engage with and inform representatives of governing agencies e.g. Office of People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and all elected public officials of the needs, concerns and ongoing issues impacting people with I/DD and their families. The Advocacy committee arranges meetings and rallies of all interested stakeholders on a variety of specific and relevant topics, coordinates, and participates in regularly scheduled meetings with provider associations, elected officials, and State agency representatives, develops the SIDDC's annual position paper and hosts the Annual Community Breakfast. Advocacy is a year-round effort.

## **Care Management:**

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for Care Managers who are employed by Care Coordination Organizations (CCO's) and interested parties to network, exchange ideas, share resources and discuss current issues and trends. Topics of relevance to Care Managers are presented to guest and/or committee members at monthly meetings.

## **Community Outreach:**

**Purpose:** To disseminate and publicize council information and other relevant issues to the community through the SIDDC website, social media, flyers, newsletters, local newspapers, and presentations in the community.

## **Education:**

**Purpose:** To identify and address issues pertaining to the education of individuals with developmental disabilities (birth to age 22). Continuous review of educational programs available to students with developmental disabilities and support driven practices to develop school cultures becoming more collaborative through family engagement practices and parent voice.

## **Family Support Services Advisory Council (FSSAC):**

**Purpose:** The FSS Advisory Council (FSSAC) is open to anyone living on Staten Island who has a family member with a developmental disability living in their family home, as well as to

individuals with developmental disabilities. A family member may remain a member even if their family member no longer lives in their home or is deceased. The FSSAC represents the needs of local individuals and families and works in partnership with the local office known as the Developmental Disabilities Regional Office (DDRO), to plan, develop and monitor Family Support Services (FSS) programs. The Council may also make recommendations about how to improve the quality and effectiveness of FSS programs. The local FSSAC also seeks to increase community outreach and to promote awareness of FSS programs.

### **Health and Clinical Services:**

**Purpose:** To focus on issues concerning all aspects of health services, including medical, rehabilitative and mental health that impact individuals with developmental challenges.

### **Residential Quality of Life:**

**Purpose:** To identify and address issues pertaining to the quality of life of I/DD living in residential settings. Discuss all aspects of residential programming, including regulations, role of staff/clinicians and residential opportunities. Meetings are held on a monthly basis and the committee participates in an annual presentation containing various topics in conjunction with the direct support profession and recognition.

### **Self-Directed Supports:**

**Purpose:** Fiscal Intermediary Providers, Care Managers, Self-hired Support Staff and all other valuable stakeholders to share resources and discuss issues to support people who choose to take direct responsibility to manage their services and lead a self-directed life. Meetings are held 6-12 times per year and guest speakers present on a variety of topics at these meetings.

### **Willowbrook Legacy:**

**Purpose:** The Willowbrook Legacy Committee's mission is to develop a sustaining presence of the experience of Willowbrook State School. The committee has developed a collaborative relationship with the College of Staten Island (CSI) and the CTV cable station. These collaborations have created two ongoing projects, "The Willowbrook Mile" and the television series, "Willowbrook Revisited." Members of the committee serve on the CSI Steering Committee which is planning and implementing The Mile which is a walking trail through the former grounds of Willowbrook. Signs/milestones along the path give insightful perspectives and information about the Willowbrook experience. The Willowbrook Revisited show is a retrospective look at the institution including interviews with those who experienced the impact of Willowbrook.

# SUPPORTS & SERVICES ON STATEN ISLAND

- **Care Management**
- **Waiver Services**
  1. Care at Home Waiver
  2. Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS)
- **HCBS Waiver Services**
  1. Community Habilitation
  2. Day Habilitation
  3. Supported Employment
  4. Pathway to Employment
  5. Respite
  6. Adaptive Devices
  7. Environmental Modifications
- **Residential Services**
  1. Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRA)
  2. Community Residences (CR)
  3. Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)
  4. Family Care
  5. Non-Certified Housing Options
  6. Individualized Support Services (ISS)
- **Family Support Services**
  1. Family Reimbursement
  2. Recreation
  3. Counseling, Training, and Supports
  4. Advocacy
- **Self Direction**
  1. Brokerage Services
  2. Fiscal Intermediary Services
  3. Individual Directed Goods

## HOW TO ESTABLISH OPWDD ELIGIBILITY

The **Front Door** is the way OPWDD connects individuals to the services they need and want.

Once you enter, a person-centered planning process begins which helps you learn about and access service options taking your needs and desires into consideration.

Everyone new to OPWDD will go through the Front Door regardless of their age or the nature of the services they are seeking.

The first step to receiving assistance is to determine if the person seeking services is eligible to receive services and supports. Once someone is determined eligible to receive services, they can begin the planning process.

### Where to begin?

Contact the **OPWDD field office** that covers your county to access the Front Door to help you get ready to plan for OPWDD services, you will be asked to attend an information session.

**Staten Island Front Door Access Number 718-982-1913**

**OPWDD Info Line 1-866-946-9733**  
**[www.opwdd.ny.gov](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov)**

## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

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## RESOURCES

Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council  
[www.siddc.org](http://www.siddc.org)

SIDDC membership list of provider agencies  
with direct links to their website  
[www.siddc.org/program-opportunities](http://www.siddc.org/program-opportunities)

Office for People with Developmental Disabilities  
[www.opwdd.ny.gov](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov)

OPWDD Front Door  
[www.opwdd.ny.gov/welcome-front-door/home](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/welcome-front-door/home)

Self-Advocates of New York  
State [www.sanys.org](http://www.sanys.org)

Parent to Parent New York  
State [www.ptopnys.org](http://www.ptopnys.org)

Medicaid  
[www.health.state.ny.us/health\\_care/medicaid/](http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/)

Acronym List  
[www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd\\_regulations\\_guidance/.../acronym\\_list](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_regulations_guidance/.../acronym_list)

## CARE COORDINATION AGENCIES

Advance Care Alliance  
[www.acany.org](http://www.acany.org)  
833-692-2269

Tri-County Care  
[www.tricountycare.org](http://www.tricountycare.org)  
844-504-8400

Care Design  
[www.caredesign.org](http://www.caredesign.org)  
518-235-1888

## PROVIDER AGENCIES

- Adapt Community Network
- Advance Care Alliance NY (ACANY)
- AHRC, NYC Chapter
- A Very Special Place (AVSP)
- Care Design
- CASC/Community Agency for Senior Citizens
- Catholic Charities of Staten Island
- Center for Family Support
- Children At Play
- City Access New York, Inc.
- College of Staten Island-Creative Exchange
- Community Resources
- Constructive Partnerships Unlimited
- Crossroads Unlimited, Inc.
- Eden II Programs
- Extended Home Care
- HeartShare Human Services
- Hope Home Care
- Include NYC
- Independent Living Association
- Jewish Community Center of Staten Island (JCC)
- Lifespire
- Lifestyles for the Disabled
- Mercy Drive
- Modest Community Services Association
- NY Foundling
- NYS Institute for Basic Research (IBR)
- New York State Institute on Disability, Inc.
- On Your Mark, Inc.
- Person Centered Care Services (PCCS)
- Partners Health Plan
- Public School 37R
- Richard H. Hungerford School
- Richmond University Medical Center
- Seton Foundation for Learning
- SIUS-Services for the Underserved
- Staten Island Center for Independent Living
- Staten Island University Hospital/Northwell Health
- The Good Shephard, Inc.
- The GRACE Foundation
- Tri-County Care
- Vita Care Pharmacy/Enexia

# BECOME A MEMBER

- **Parents/Guardians**
  - **Advocates**
  - **Vendors**
- **Professionals**

Join the SIDDC in our efforts to ensure the best possible quality of life for individuals with special needs across their lifespan.

**BE INFORMED.**  
**BE EMPOWERED.**  
**JOIN TODAY!**

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