

TRANSITION INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

When your child is aging out (has turned 21-years-old) what do you need to do so your child has services as an adult?

“I want to go through the Front Door”

- Have to be eligible
- Have to prove that your child has a disability
- Prior to calling you will need to have an updated psychological and psychosocial done because the office will look at your child’s IQ

Adult Service Systems – *Which Door Should You Open?*

1. ACCES-VR

- Students with physical, developmental, or emotional disabilities whose disability prevents them from working.
- Students capable of working with additional training and education
- Apply in the borough of residence
 - Manhattan District Office (212) 630-2300
 - Brooklyn District Office (718) 722-6700
 - Bronx District Office (718) 931-3500
 - Queens District Office (718) 271-8315
 - Staten Island District Office (718) 816-4800

2. OPWDD – Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

- Students with developmental disabilities that occur before age 22 including: Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Seizure Disorders and other neurological impairments
- IQ less than 70 and deficits in adaptive behavior skills
- Apply at borough Developmental Disabilities Regional Office (DDRO)
 - Manhattan DDRO (212) 229-3132
 - Brooklyn DDRO (718) 642-6151
 - Bronx DDRO (718) 430-0478
 - Queens DDRO (718) 217-4242
 - Staten Island DDRO (718) 982-1903

www.omr.state.ny.us

3. OMH – Office of Mental Health

- Students with Axis 1 diagnosis (severe mental illness i.e. Major Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia)

- Apply to Adult Single Point of Access (SPOA) for case management (212) 801-3343
- Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS) for residential services (212) 801-3300, (212) 391-5970, www.cucs.org
- Lifenet (800)-lifenet, www.lifenet.org
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) (800) 950-6264 Helpline (212) 684-3264, www.nami.org
- Mental Health Association (MHA) (212) 254-0333, www.mhaofnyc.org

4. CBVH – Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped

- Students who are legally blind or visually impaired
- Apply to:
 - For: Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island
80 Maiden Lane 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10038
(212) 825-5710; TDD: (212) 825-7367; Fax: (212) 383-1350
 - For: Queens
50 Clinton Street, Suite 208, Hempstead, NY 11550
(516) 564-4325; TDD: (516) 564-4325; Fax: (516) 292-7448
www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cbvh

Apply for Guardianship after child turns 18-years-old:

Contact Paola Martinez with NY Lawyers for Public Interests

(212)-244-4664

151 W 30 St. 11th Fl. New York, NY 10001

www.nylnpi.org

Get a Medicaid Service Coordinator

- Go to your local hospital and tell them you want to apply for a Medicaid Service Coordinator
- A Medicaid Service Coordinator will assist you with applying for Social Security Insurance (SSI) and insurance such as Medicaid
- To apply for SSI and Medicaid you will need to obtain documents from your child's doctor
- Your child has to be 18 years of age or older in order to apply for SSI and Medicaid

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_contacts/contact_information/front-door-survey

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_about/home

http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/service_coordination

<http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/node/124>