

CROWN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTER

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We are so happy you've found the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center Resource Directory!

About Us:

The Crown Heights Community Mediation Center staff and volunteers work to make our neighborhood safer and healthier for all. The Center works out of its storefront office on Kingston Avenue as well as throughout the neighborhood. At our office we offer resources, referrals, and youth programs, and in the community, we run youth development and anti-violence programs. The Crown Heights Community Mediation Center is a project of the Center for Court Innovation.

Below are descriptions of a few of our programs.

Save Our Streets Crown Heights (S.O.S. Crown Heights)

S.O.S. Crown Heights works to stop shootings and killings within the Crown Heights neighborhood. The program focuses on several fronts to disrupt violence: S.O.S. Violence Interrupters mediate conflicts on the street; Outreach Workers work with the people most likely to be involved in shooting incidents, trying to change their thinking and behavior; and Hospital Responders meet with the victims of gun violence and their families at the emergency department at Kings County Hospital to prevent retaliation and interrupt the cycle of violence. S.O.S. Crown Heights works closely with neighborhood leaders and businesses to promote a public, community-supported campaign against gun violence. S.O.S. has an ongoing and critical collaboration with local clergy through S.O.S. CAN, in which clergy members assist in mobilizing participation in vigils within 72 hours of an incident, provide counseling, and promote a message of non-violence.

Make It Happen!

Make It Happen! is a program designed to assist young men, ages 16-24, in overcoming challenges related to exposure to violence, poverty, and inadequate role models. Participants are given coaching on their goals and vision for the future. All participants are connected to resources to assist in job readiness and placement, education, housing, and other relevant issues.

Youth Organizing to Save Our Streets (YO S.O.S.)

YO S.O.S. is a youth development program and the youth mobilization arm of S.O.S. Crown Heights. It aims to empower young people to become community leaders and organizers around issues of violence. The program is available to Brooklyn teens, ages 14-17, who are interested in becoming peer educators. Teens from different schools get to know each other, share ideas, and ultimately come up with their own strategies for ending gun violence. In twice weekly experiential workshops, teens focus on self-empowerment, community outreach, and project implementation.

Neighbor Services

With assistance from our AmeriCorps staff, we are able to make referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment, benefit eligibility and applications, emergency food and housing options, affordable housing, job training programs, and adult education classes. We also host organizations providing free tax assistance, free health-care screenings, and free legal services. We register families for Fresh Air Fund programming and also disseminate general information about the community through our blog, storefront window, and email communications.

Please join us in our efforts to make Crown Heights an even better and stronger neighborhood!

You can join our group of volunteers, communicate with us through Facebook, Twitter, or phone, or come by our office during our open hours. We always have something helpful and new going on at the Mediation Center.

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Adult Education and GED Classes

Looking for a GED Class in Your Area?

Get the most up-to-date information by going to this website and typing in your zip code: http://www.gedcompass.org/program_locator_search.aspx

Goodwill Industries Family Learning Center Back to Work Program

42 Bond St.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 625-9936
Downtown: 25 Elm Pl.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 246-4905
www.goodwillny.org

Training Classes include ESL, GED preparation, Adult Basic Education, computer skills, retail sales, customer service, banking skills, security guard certification, home health aide certification, civics classes, resume-building, job-readiness preparation, and office skills.

Brooklyn Adult Learning Center Crown Heights Location

475 Nostrand Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 638-2635
www.adultednyc.org

GED and Pre-GED classes. 18+. Free. See website for alternate locations.

Sunset Park Family Support Center

6025 6th Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11220
(718) 951-4141

Basic adult GED classes. Day and evening. All free. Call to make appointment.

Brooklyn Public Library – Eastern Parkway Branch

1044 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 953-4225

www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/ged.jsp

Pre-GED classes for adults 17+. Free but registration is required. Check out the website for lots of resources about the GED test, links to helpful sites, and for the schedule at your local library. Some branches also have computer classes.

Fifth Avenue Committee

294 Smith St.
Brooklyn, NY 11231
(718) 624-3475
www.fifthave.org

Unisex and co-ed GED, Pre-GED, and English language classes. Free. 19+. Call to put your name on waitlist.

DREAMS: Youth Build and Young Adult Training Program

1604 St. John's Place Suite 1C
Brooklyn, NY 11233
(718) 455-4308
www.dreamsyouthbuildged.com

Basic GED programs for ages 17.5 – 24, all day Monday – Thursday. Registration is on a rolling basis. Must go to office in person and bring birth certificate, Social Security card, proof of address and income, state ID, high school transcript, and immunization record.

Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow

Sunset Park:
783 Fourth Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11232
(718) 369-0303

Bushwick:
25 Thornton Street
Brooklyn, NY 11206
(718) 387-1600

Pre-GED, GED, ESL, computer classes, and job training. Call for details. Ages 17-21.

Kingsborough Community College Office of Continuing Education

2001 Oriental Blvd.
Brooklyn, NY 11235
(718) 368-5052
www.kbcc.cuny.edu

Ages 18+. Call for cost and seasonal schedule.

CAMBA- Adult Literacy Center

885 Flatbush Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(718) 940-3453
www.literacycamba.org

Offers basic education, ESL classes, and GED preparation. Free.

Medgar Evers College – School of Continuing Education

1150 Carroll St.
Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 270-6405
www.mec.cuny.edu

Day/Evening. Ages 19+. Free. Call to make an appointment.

Brooklyn College Adult Literacy

2900 Bedford Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11210
(718) 622-3000
www.bcalp.org

18+ GED classes. Must go to location to register, look at website for exact dates.

Rico s Place

804 Classon Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 398-1144
www.adultednyc.org

GED classes, evening. 17+. Free. Student must go to location to fill out application.

New York City College of Technology – Youth Division

25 Chapel St., 4th floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 552-1133

For Brooklyn youth ages 18-22 who are not enrolled in school. Offers basic academic skills for GED test as well as career counseling, family life preparation program and computer training. All services are free, although registration is by appointment only. Call to make an appointment.

The Literacy Assistance Center is a non-profit organization that provides services to adult students who want to find free classes in reading, writing, and speaking English and information on getting their GED. Call the LAC hotline for free or low-cost services. Hotline staff are multilingual.

Business and Entrepreneur Resources

Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation (BEDC)

Kingsborough Community College, Building T4 2001 Oriental Blvd., Rm. 4162 Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 368-6790

www.bedc.org

Provides help to individuals who are interested in starting a small business. Services offered include: workshops, classes, trainings, and one-on-one business consultations. Some of these services are free while others have a fee. Call for more information.

Business Outreach Center Network (BOC Network)

85 S. Oxford St., 2nd floor Brooklyn, NY 11217 (718) 624-9115

www.bocnet.org

Offers free counseling and referrals on all issues involved in starting and growing a business.

Business Center for New Americans

120 Broadway, 2nd floor New York, NY 10005 (212) 898-4167/26

www.nybcna.org

Helps refugees, immigrants, women and "other NYers" save money, invest in their 1st home, and establish and run small businesses through workshops, on-going education and 1-on-1 coaching.

Comprehensive Business Resource Center/Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI)

Brooklyn Navy Yard, Building #5 63 Flushing Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11205 (718) 834-4544

www.caribbeantradecenter.com

CACCI's Resource center provides technical assistance, loan packaging, business planning, legal, accounting, book keeping services, and mortgage counseling.

Local Development Corporation Crown Heights

252 Kingston Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11213 (718) 604-0020

www.ldcch.com

Loans from \$2,000 - \$50,000 are available to minority women-owned businesses in Crown Heights, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brownsville and East Flatbush.

Minority Business Development Center of Opportunity Development Association

12 Heyward St. Brooklyn, NY 11211 (718) 522-5620

Offers individual counseling or financing, marketing, procurement opportunities, and other issues related to business startup and growth. Helps businesses become certified as SBA 8(A) contractors. Eligible for federal contracts. Hasidic and other minority businesses are eligible.

Pace University Small Business Development Center

163 William St., 16th floor New York, NY 10038 (212) 618-6655

Manhattan.NYSSBDC.org

Provides free management and technical assistance to small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. Services include one-on-one counseling, business plan development, loan

packaging, SBA 7(a) and 504 loans, financial statement analysis, practical cash flow and profit and loss projections, and regular business planning seminars. Call to schedule an appointment.

Pratt Area Community Council (PACC)

201 DeKalb Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11205 (718) 522-2613

www.prattarea.org

PACC works to recruit and retain local businesses and provide new and existing businesses with one-on-one counseling, access to free legal assistance loan packaging, financing and technical assistance for low-income entrepreneurs, and informational workshops.

NYC Small Business Services

helps grow businesses by connecting business owners and entrepreneurs to public- and private-sector business assistance resources and providing information on a range of topics. This unit also provides free one-on-one counseling to NYC small businesses and entrepreneurs. For more information, call 311. You can also check out SBS online at: <http://www.nyc.gov/sbs/nycbiz>.

Need an affordable computer?

Go to www.perscholas.org/access/buy.html or call (718) 772-0628 to find out about the cheap Access computers available for huge discounts.

Career Counseling and Training Programs

Per Scholas - Bronx Campus

804 East 138th Street
Bronx, NY 10454
(718) 991-8400
www.perscholas.org

Offers an intensive training program for adults 18 and older who have a high school diploma or GED and who are interested in pursuing a career in Information Technology (IT). 6 Train to Cypress Avenue / Bx33 Bus to 138th & Willow Ave.

Brooklyn Adult Learning Center

475 Nostrand Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 638-2635
www.adult.ed.nyc.org

For adults 21 or older. Offers computer classes, GED preparation, English as a Second Language, computer repair, A+ certification, medical billing and coding, EMT, and Licensed Practical Nursing. Classes are Mon-Sat; all classes free except for Licensed Practical Nursing and EMT.

Brooklyn Job Corps Academy

585 DeKalb Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11205
(718) 623-4059
brooklyn.jobcorps.gov

Provides no-cost education and training program for youth ages 16 - 24. Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident and income eligible. Students enroll to learn a trade, earn a high school diploma or GED, and get help finding a job. Job Corps counsels its students for up to 12 months after they secure employment. Call the above number for information on enrollment.

CAMBA

1720 Church Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(718) 287-2600
www.camba.org

Adults and youth. Offers a full range of job training and placement services to low-income Brooklyn residents. CAMBA provides job placement and training to limited English speakers and refugees, youth, those with long-term unemployment or limited work histories, and others. Call for information on the best program for you.

St. John's Place Family Center, HDFC Employment Center

1630 St. John's Pl.,
Brooklyn, NY 11233
(718) 771-7720 x240

Provides maintenance training and job placement. Participants learn carpet maintenance, electricity fundamentals, handling hazardous materials, floor care, plastering and painting, plumbing, masonry, and janitorial/porter responsibilities. Walk-in orientation sessions Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Call for eligibility requirements.

Covenant House

461 8th Ave.
New York, NY 10001
(212) 727-4000
www.covenanthouseny.org

Vocational training for youth ages 16-21 in many areas such as culinary arts, bank teller, nurses aides, and security. Job readiness programs, computer classes, GED, counseling and employment assistance. Free.

Expanding Options for Teen Parents and Youth

Access for Women Center, NYC College of Technology,
300 Jay St., H-407
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 552-1133 (youth program)
(718) 552-1131 (adult program)

For youth ages 18-22: 18-week program, 16 hours/week. Includes academic skills for GED test, career education and counseling, computer lab for GED math and science

instruction, GED practice tests and referrals to NYS GED testing center. All programs are free.

Need helpful information about workforce development programs, including links to job banks?
www.goodwillny.org/employ_workforce_development.aspx

Library resources for career counseling and training:
brooklynlibrary.org/jbinfo.jsp

Interested in Civil Service Jobs?

Go to www.nyc.gov/dcas to learn about how and when to apply for the exams.

How to Get an Employment Certificate (Formerly Known as "Working Papers")

In New York State, students 14-17 who work must have an employment certificate. First, you must **get information and an application** from your school counseling office. If you are not attending school or if you apply during vacation periods, go to the school nearest your home. The next step is to **complete the application form**. This form requires: *The signature of your parent or guardian, **AND** your birth or baptismal record for proof of age, **AND** a doctor's certificate showing that you are physically fit to work.*



Career Counseling and Training Programs (continued)

The Times Square Ink/Dads United for Parenting Program

*314 W 54th St,
New York, NY 10019
(646) 264-1328*

A fatherhood job training program for non-custodial fathers who are 24 and older; at least one of their children must not live with them and must be 18 or younger. Times Square Ink specializes in serving those with criminal histories and helps with financial and emotional engagement with children through job readiness training, education, and parenting skills groups. It is run in 8 week cycles and the program provides food and daily transportation. Contact the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center if you're interested so staff can fill out a referral form.

First Step Job Training, Coalition for the Homeless

*129 Fulton St.
New York, NY 10038
(212) 776-2000 ext. 2075
Diana Olaizola*

www.coalitionforthehomeless.org
A program for homeless, formerly homeless, and low-income women in the New York City area who want help entering or returning to the working world. Participants learn skills to help get and keep a job, plus skills to help each woman become economically sufficient. Information on finding jobs, computer education, internships, assertiveness training, tips on professional dress, personal development workshops, and budget tips. Carfare provided.

Goodwill Industries

*Family Learning Center:
42 Bond St.
Brooklyn, NY 11201*

*(718) 625-9936
Downtown:
25 Elm Pl.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 246-4905
www.goodwillny.org*

Training Classes include ESL Classes, GED preparation, Adult Basic Education, Microsoft Office, computer skills, website design, retail sales training, customer service training, banking skills, security guard certification, home health aide certification, civics classes, resume-building, job-readiness preparation, and office skills.

Greenwood Center 85 (Human Resources Administration, Department of Social Services)

*275 Bergen St.
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 694-8837/8390
www.nyc.gov/html/hra*

Welfare to Work Job Center provides on-site access to job search and placement services, childcare information, vocational, educational and training services, as well as referrals for Medicaid, Food Stamp and other emergency assistance benefits. Information, services and referrals may be offered as substitutes to cash assistance in order to minimize barriers to employment and negate the need for welfare.

New York City College of Technology – Youth Division

*25 Chapel St., 4th floor,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 552-1133*

For Brooklyn youth ages 18-22 who are not enrolled in school. Offers basic academic skills for GED test – an 18-week program at 16 hours per week – as well as career counseling, family life preparation program and computer training. All services are free, although registration is by appointment only. Call to make an

appointment.

New York State Department of Labor

*250 Schermerhorn St.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 780-9200/1
www.labor.state.ny.us*

For ages 13+. Provides free employment services, workshops on resume writing and computer use for any Brooklyn resident. Also check the website for information about apprenticeship opportunities where you can receive free training in a series of labor jobs such as brick-layers, carpenters, electricians, etc.

Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow

*25 Thornton St.
Brooklyn, NY 11206
(718) 387-1600
783 Fourth Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11232
(718) 369-0303*

Bushwick Workforce Resource Center:

*280 Wyckoff Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11237
(718) 381-3222
www.obtjobs.org*

For youth ages 17-21 years. Conducts two annual training cycles with an average training period of 24 weeks. The program provides English and math instruction, technical instruction, counseling, social training and preparation for GED. After training, participants are placed in entry-level clerical positions. Also offers pharmaceutical, GED, and ESL classes for individuals 18+.

Rite Center, Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation

*1368 Fulton St., 4th fl.,
Brooklyn, NY 11216.
(718) 636-6400*

www.restorationplaza.org
Forty-station computer facility offering technology education, Internet access, job readiness and job placement. For high school age and older.

Community Centers

Albany Community Center

164 Troy Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 771-6462

After school programs and food service. Offers a variety of programs for youth ages 6-12 and teens ages 13-19. Provides after school tutoring in math and reading, arts and crafts, tabletop games and recreation, and a movie lecture every Wednesday.

Bedford Haitian Community Center

229 Rogers Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 756-0600
www.bedfordhaitiancommunitycenter.org/bedford

Provides educational support and youth leadership programs, including leadership skills, academic enhancement, education, and employment counseling as well as youth social, cultural, and recreational activities. Also provides immigration and refugee assistance.

Crown Heights Jewish Community Council

387 Kingston Ave.,
Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 778-8808
www.chjcc.org

The CHJCC offers special services, including help for crime victims, employment assistance, food stamp and medicaid application assistance, immigration assistance, and senior entitlement services.

Crown Heights Service Center

121 New York Ave., 2nd fl.,
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 774-9800

Helps community members navigate the New York City housing and social service network, and also refers them to job training programs. Offers after school programs and

HIV prevention education. The center is the only agency in Crown Heights that can make food pantry referrals.

Make the Road New York

301 Grove St.
Brooklyn, NY 11237
(718) 418-7690
www.maketheroad.org

Provides legal services, educational programs, emergency food provision and support for resident-led community organizing projects.

James E. Davis Stop Violence Foundation

1135 St. John's Pl.,
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 221-2911

Provides conflict resolution and peer mediation services. Offers housing referrals, job training, job placement, computer training, and family service referrals. Organizers of the annual James E. Davis stop violence march. GED Tuesdays & Thursdays for adults 17+.

St. John's Place Family Center

1630 St. John's Pl.,
Brooklyn, NY 11233
(718) 771-7720
www.stjohnsplace.org

This center relocates families to permanent housing and provides youth services through afterschool and day care programs, summer day camps, employment training, living skills, parenting, case management, counseling, housing readiness, and housing relocation assistance. Referrals available to substance abuse, mental health, and legal services.

St. John's Recreational Center

1251 Prospect Pl.,
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 771-2787
www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/recreationcenters/B245

This community development center is run by the NYC Parks Department and provides an array of exercise opportunities, including a pool,

basketball courts, and an aerobic room, as well as after-school programs, computer access, and classes for youth and adults. Call or see website to get a schedule. Currently free for 18 years and under, reduced fees for seniors, and \$150/year for adults. Open to everyone for free on the first Monday of the month.

The Local Development Corporation of Crown Heights

252 Kingston Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 604-0020
www.ldcch.com/

Can assist with affordable housing, references to resources, help with loans, and other services.

Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc

1482 St. Johns Pl. Room #1F.
Brooklyn, NY 11213

BNIA currently provides housing counseling, housing development and other community development services for residents of Central Brooklyn. Most of the clients served have household incomes below 60 percent of the area median household income. BNIA brings together public and private sectors to produce efficient management systems for this large resource of publicly-owned housing.

Community boards are local representative bodies that consist of up to 50 unsalaried, involved people appointed by the Borough President.

Brooklyn Community Board 8 (Crown Heights North):

(718) 467-5574
www.brooklyncb8.org

Brooklyn Community Board 9 (Crown Heights South):

(718) 778-9279
www.communitybrd9bklyn.org

Cultural Institutions

BRIC Arts/Media

647 Fulton Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 683-5600

www.bricartsmedia.org

They present, produce and enable a wide array of quality contemporary art, performing arts and community media programs through concerts, partnerships with schools, and local community media.

vBrooklyn Academy of Music

Peter Jay Sharp Building 30
Lafayette Ave.,
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 636-4100

www.bam.org

Offers music, theater, dance, art, and film performances and educational programs. See <http://www.bam.org/view.aspx?pid=443> for information on getting free and discounted tickets.

See the “Discount”
section for information
on discount
admissions to
museums throughout
NYC.

Brooklyn Children’s Museum

145 Brooklyn Ave.,
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 735-4400

www.brooklynkids.org

The world’s first museum just for children! Filled with wonderful indoor and outdoor exhibits, for children and babies of all ages. \$7.50/person. There are free admission days twice each month; check website for details.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

900 Washington Ave.,
Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 623-7200
www.bbg.org

A beautiful and tranquil spot in the heart of Brooklyn; accessible and fun for all ages. People 16 and over: \$10. Seniors 65 and older: \$5. Students with valid IDs: \$5. Children under 16: Free. Also, FREE for all: M-F, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. during winter hours, and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Free for Seniors 65+ on Fridays.

Brooklyn Museum

200 Eastern Parkway,
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 638-5000

www.brooklynmuseum.org

Adult suggested contribution: \$10. Students with valid ID: \$6. Older adults 65 & over: \$6.

Bronx Zoo

Fordham Road & Bronx River
Parkway,
Bronx, NY 10460
(718) 367-1010

www.bronxzoo.com

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day, and MLK Jr. Day. Children under 2 are free. Admission fees vary; pay what you wish on Wednesdays.

Five Myles Gallery

558 St. John’s Pl.
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 783-4438

www.fivemyles.org

Art gallery and performance space with changing exhibitions and dance performances. Call for hours.

High 5 Tickets to the Arts

1 East 53rd St.
New York, NY 10022
(212) 750-0555

www.highfivetix.org

\$5 tickets to hundreds of New York’s best dance, music, theater, film, museum and spoken word

events all year round. For ages 13-18 (or any student enrolled in a middle or high school program). Teens may buy 1 \$5 ticket for an 18+ parent, teacher, or mentor.

Ifetayo Cultural Arts Facility, Inc.

Admin. Office: 629 E. 35th St.
Brooklyn, NY 11226
Program Site: St. Mark’s Day
School 1346 President St.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 856-1123

www.ifetayo.org

An arts and cultural organization dedicated to supporting the creative, educational and vocational development of youth and families of African descent. Ifetayo strives to enhance their lives by providing programs in cultural awareness, performing and visual arts, as well as academic instruction, health and wellness, professional skills development, and social services.

Jewish Children’s Museum

792 Eastern Parkway,
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 467-0600

www.jewishchildren.museum

Interactive activities and exhibits about Jewish life, culture, and history. Admission is \$10 per person. Children under 2 are free.

To find out where you can go, visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/resourceguide2.html> for the Arts and Cultural Services Education Guide. This guide provides links to over 200 New York City museums and cultural institutions.



Cultural Institutions (continued)

Making the Most of a Visit to a Museum or Cultural Institution

(Adapted from Museums & Learning: A Guide for Family Visits, available online at <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/Museum/index.html>)

Museums provide a perfect opportunity to learn together. Look at the splash of color in a painting, explore the constellations of the universe from your chair in the planetarium, compose your own music on a synthesizer, or discover why a pendulum swings back and forth.

Remember that you don't have to be an expert. You don't have to know the answers to all the questions that your child will ask. That's part of the fun of exploring a museum – finding out what it is that excites you and your child by sharing, looking, listening, talking, and learning together.

Here are some helpful hints:

- Talk about what you will see in the museum, including some basic information about museums, how objects get there, and why people collect objects.

- “Child-size” your visit and don't try to see everything in one visit.

- Be flexible and follow your child's lead. Don't be surprised if your planned visit to see the dinosaur bones is put on hold because the huge elephant has caught your child's attention. Let your child enjoy the exhibit at his or her own pace.

- The Information Desk is a good “first stop” once you're at the museum. There, you'll find floor plans, materials in foreign languages, self-guided family tour brochures, gallery games and activity sheets, and family workshops and programs.

- Play Museum and Gallery Games. Children of all ages love to play games. Museum games and treasure hunts focus a visit and help to break up the time as you go from exhibit to exhibit. They stimulate your child's curiosity, sharpen observation skills, and generally make the visit more enjoyable. Here are some games to play:

- I Spy: Have your child find an object in an exhibit and describe it to other family members so that each one can take a turn guessing what the object is.

- Seek and Find: Ask your child to find paintings that have his or her favorite colors, shapes, and objects in them.

Adults: \$8; Children (3-17): \$5; Seniors (65+): \$6.

Weeksville Heritage Center

1698-1708 Bergen St.
Brooklyn, NY 11213.

(718) 756-5250

www.weeksvillesociety.org

A historic, 19th century community that was home to free African-American ministers, teachers, and other professionals, including the first female African-American physician in New York State and the first African-American police officer in New York City. Discover all of the history through exhibitions, tours, school programs, and adult and family programs. People residing in zip codes 11213 and 11233, seniors 59+, and children 12 and under admitted free with proper ID.

Urban River Arts

690 St. Marks Ave, between
Rogers Ave and Nostrand Ave.

Brooklyn, New York 11216

(917) 584-4616.

urbanriverarts@gmail.com

URA works with community organizations to do arts projects with youth and adults and also holds occasional classes at their space.

Youth Arts Academy of Bed-Stuy Restoration

1368 Fulton St.

Brooklyn, NY 11216

(718) 636-6995

www.restorationplaza.org

A multi-disciplinary program that provides artistic training both on- and off-site. Provides afterschool and Saturday classes with culminating events for each of the five disciplines (dance, music, drama, visual arts, and martial arts).

MOCADA - Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts

80 Hanson Place,
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 230-0492

www.mocada.org

Brooklyn's first museum dedicated to contemporary art by people of African descent. Admission is suggested donation of \$5. \$4 for seniors and students with ID. Free for children under 12. Call for information about public programs.

New York Aquarium

Surf Ave. and West 8th St.
Brooklyn, NY 11224

(718) 265-FISH

www.nyaquarium.com

Located on the boardwalk next to Coney Island Beach. Admission is \$14.95 for adults, \$10.95 for children 2-12 and \$11.95 seniors 65+. Children under 2 are free.

New York Transit Museum

Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street

Brooklyn, NY 11201

(718) 694-1600

www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mta/museum

Interactive exhibits about the subways, buses, and trains of New York City. Also has age-appropriate education workshops and computer resources. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children age 3-17 and seniors 65+. Free for seniors on Wednesdays.

Prospect Park Zoo

450 Flatbush Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11225

(718) 399-7339

The Zoo is open 365 days a year. Tue-Fri: 10am-4:00pm. Weekends and holidays: 12pm-5:00pm.

Domestic Violence Resources

USEFUL NUMBERS

SAFE HORIZON DV HOTLINE
(800) 621-4673

SHALOM TASK FORCE HOTLINE
(888) 883-2323

WOMEN'S SAFE START
(718) 439-1000

THE SAFE HOMES PROJECT
(718) 499-2151

77TH PRECINCT
(718) 735-0600

71ST PRECINCT
(718) 735-5704

HELPFUL WEBSITES

FUTURES WITHOUT VIOLENCE
www.futureswithoutviolence.org

WOMEN'S LAW
www.womenslaw.org

LEGAL INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES TODAY
(HOW TO FILE A CASE)
www.liftonline.org

OTHER INFORMATION

If you are a victim of domestic violence and require legal assistance, please refer to our "Legal Services" section in this guide.

Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233 in cases where the client is in need of immediate assistance.

To locate an emergency shelter for DV victims, call the 24-hour hotline at **(800) 621-HOPE (4673)**. See "Homelessness" section for more info and alternatives.

Barrier Free Living

270 E. 2nd St.
New York, NY 10009
(212) 677-6668
www.bflnyc.org

Offers short and long-term domestic violence counseling and education, case management services, advocacy within the medical, mental health, law enforcement and criminal justice systems, and occupational therapy.

CAMBA – Intervention and Prevention Program

1720 Church Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(718) 287-2600
www.camba.org

Provides counseling and support groups for survivors of domestic violence. Serves individuals as well as families. Multiple locations, so call before visiting. 24-hour hotline: 800-310-2449

Caribbean Women's Health Association, Inc.

3512 Church Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 940-9501
www.cwha.org

Provides on-site case management, referral, and advocacy services.

HELP (Reaching Out to Advocate Domestic Abuse Survivors)

515 Blake Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 498-4002

Provides services to survivors of domestic violence, both men and women. Individual counseling, parenting classes, and legal advocacy.

New York Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project

240 W. 35th St. Ste. 200
New York, NY 10001
(212) 714-1184 (hotline)

www.avp.org

See agency information under "Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Services" section in this guide.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE is a pattern of behaviors and tactics used by one partner in an intimate relationship to maintain control and power over the other partner. Abuse can be physical, verbal, emotional, financial, and/or sexual, and usually increases in frequency or severity over time.

OHEL Children's Home and Family Services

4510 16th Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11204
(800) 603-OHEL
www.ohelfamily.org

Counseling, support groups of women and children, and temporary safe housing are provided for victims of domestic abuse.

Project Eden – Kings County District Attorney's Office

350 Jay St.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 250-2005
www.brooklynnda.org/project_eden.html

Project Eden bridges the community with the criminal justice system to negotiate reaching Orthodox victims of domestic violence. Direct services include: individual counseling and support groups, an Orthodox shelter, legal representation, services for children and teens, and crisis intervention, as well as other relevant services.



Domestic Violence Resources *(continued)*

Don't let your immigration status stand in the way of getting help for domestic violence.

Call the NYLAG intake line at (212) 750-0800 or the Crown Heights Mediation Center at (718) 773-6886 to see what immigration options are available to DV victims.

promoting gender justice, CONNECT seeks to create safe families and peaceful communities through legal empowerment, grassroots mobilization and transformative education.

Do you need to get an Order of Protection in Family Court?

For step-by-step information on how to do this and what to expect, check out www.lawhelp.org.

Safe Homes Project, a Program of Good Shepherd Services

The Safe Homes project offers FREE and confidential services to survivors of domestic violence, including LGBTQ survivors, and their children. Services include counseling, safety planning, support groups, legal advocacy, and emergency shelter. All services offered in English and Spanish. For assistance, call the **HOTLINE at (718) 499-2151**

Safe Horizon

2 Lafayette St. #3,
New York, NY 10007
(212) 577-7700
www.safehorizon.org

For survivors of domestic violence, stalking, rape, and sexual assault, Safe Horizon offers services that help them and their children move toward safe, independent, and violence-free lives.

NYC Family Justice Center

Brooklyn Center: 350 Jay Street,
15th Floor,
Brooklyn, NY 11201

This innovative program enables victims to meet with a prosecutor, speak with a trained counselor, and apply for housing and financial assistance in just one visit. Services are available in multiple languages and child care is provided on site. M-F, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; services provided to walk-ins, no appointment necessary.

CONNECT

(212) 683-0015

Dedicated to preventing interpersonal violence and

Sanctuary for Families

PO Box 1406
Wall Street Station
New York, NY 10268
(212) 349-6009

*Sanctuary for Families also provides services out of the Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens Family Justice Centers. Sanctuary for Families serves domestic violence victims, sex trafficking victims, and their children by offering a range of high quality clinical, legal, shelter, children's and economic empowerment services. Sanctuary also works to end domestic violence and its far-reaching impact through outreach, education, and advocacy.

Discount and Free Opportunities



This is a discount card, free for all New Yorkers without insurance.

Free Walking Tours

Manhattan:

Tour of Grand Central Neighborhood, free, every Friday at 12:30 p.m. 120 Park Avenue, located at the southwest corner of East 42nd Street and Park Avenue directly across from Grand Central Terminal. No reservations are necessary.

Tour of the High Line, every Saturday at 11 a.m., meet at Gansevoort Plaza, under the High Line at the corner of Gansevoort and Washington Streets.

Tours of Central Park, many tours of different areas from 30 min to 2 hours, go online to see tours, times, and dates: www.centralparknyc.org/visit/tours

Historic Tour of the LES: Sunday, from April – November at 11 a.m. Meet in front of Katz's Delicatessen (corner of East Houston and Ludlow Street).

Brooklyn:

Tours of Prospect Park Ravine -- still behind fences to allow the soil to heal and new plantings to grow -- are offered every Saturday and Sunday through November at 3 p.m., led by Park Rangers.

Take a ride on a trolley! The route begins at the Wollman Center Parking Lot in Prospect Park (718-965-8999) at noon and completes a full circuit of the Park with stops at 16th Street & West Lake Drive, Park Circle (at the Traffic Light), the Prospect Park Wildlife Center (Zoo) (718-399-7339), the Brooklyn Museum (718-638-5000), the Brooklyn Botanic Garden (718-622-4433), Grand Army

Plaza, and the 9th Street Bandshell. The entire tour of the Park and Cultural Institutions takes approximately one hour. Get on and off as often as you like! Every Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

Free Museums:

Brooklyn Museum's First Saturdays

200 Eastern Pkwy
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 638-5000
www.brooklynmuseum.org
Admission to the Brooklyn Museum is free the first Saturday of every month. Family friendly. Check the website to see monthly programs.

BAMcafe Live

30 Lafayette Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11217
718.636.4100
www.bam.org
See live music at BAM from September to June on select Fridays and Saturdays. See the website for the schedule.

The National Museum of the American Indian

1 Bowling Green,
New York, NY 10004
(212) 514-370
Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Always free.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

6 East 82nd Street,
New York, NY 10028
www.metmuseum.org
Pay-what-you-wish every

day. Hours: Tuesday–Thursday: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Sunday: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., closed Mondays (except Holiday Mondays).

The American Museum of Natural History

Central Park West at 79th Street.
www.amnh.org
Pay-what-you-wish every day. Open daily 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m.

The Whitney Museum of American Art

945 Madison Avenue,
New York, NY 10021
www.whitney.org
Pay-what-you-wish on Fridays from 6-9 p.m.

The Museum of Modern Art

11 W 53rd St.,
New York, 10019
(212) 708-9400
www.moma.org
Free on Fridays from 4-8 p.m.

The Museum of the Moving Image

3601 35th Avenue, Astoria,
New York 11106
(718) 777-6888
www.movingimage.us
Free on Fridays from 4-8 p.m.

The Museum of Jewish Heritage

36 Battery Place,
New York, NY 10280
(646) 437-4202
www.mjhnyc.org
Free on Wednesdays from 4-8 p.m.

Diversity and Nonviolence

We Are All Brooklyn, CAUSE-NY

(212) 983-4800 X 140

<http://waab.moonfruit.com>

The mission of We Are All Brooklyn is to promote and facilitate understanding, cooperation and mutual appreciation and respect among Brooklyn's richly diverse communities. WAAB provides a 1-year leadership development fellowship, creates safe spaces and public education opportunities, and facilitates dialogues.

Council of Peoples Organization

1081 Coney Island Ave.
Brooklyn, New York 11230
(718) 434-3266

<http://www.copousa.org>

The Council of Peoples Organization's (COPO) mission is to assist low-income immigrant families, particularly South Asians and Muslims, to reach their full potential as residents of New York City. COPO empowers marginalized communities to advocate for their rights, helps to build community relations among Muslim and non-Muslim community groups, and works to establish connections between the communities and various government agencies.

Anti-Defamation League

605 Third Ave.

New York, NY 10158

<http://regions.adl.org/new-york/>

ADL fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals and protects civil rights for all. A leader in the development of materials, programs and services like trainings and internships.

Brooklyn for Peace

(718) 624-5921

<http://www.brooklynpeace.org>

BFP organizes community meetings and forums, participates in phone and advertising campaigns, meets with elected officials, and participates in demonstrations. BFP disseminates solid and carefully researched analysis on international and domestic policies. BFP also hosts the Annual Brooklyn Peace Fair in April.

New Yorkers Against Gun Violence

212-679-2345

<http://www.nyagv.org>

The mission of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence and its Education Fund is to reduce gun violence through advocacy and education designed to encourage action, influence public opinion and lead to policy change.

Fellowship of Reconciliation – I Will NOT Kill.

<http://forusa.org/groups/campaigns/i-will-not-kill>

I WILL NOT KILL is a campaign for our communities, a call for an end to the violence and warfare around the world, in our neighborhoods and our homes. It is a pledge that we will NOT KILL.

Intersections International

274 Fifth Avenue,
New York, NY 10001

(212) 951-7006

www.intersectionsinternational.org

Intersections is a New York based non-government organization (NGO) that works at the intersection of communities in conflict. Using arts immersion, social marketing, intentional dialogue and other innovative methods, Intersections' work

includes projects that promote pluralism in emerging democracies, eradicate ignorance regarding Islam, nurture global peacemakers, and dismantle systemic discrimination against the LGBT community.

Center for Anti-Violence Education, Inc.

327 7th Ave., 2nd Fl. Brooklyn, NY 11215

(718) 788-1775

www.caeny.org

Co-ed Youth Empowerment program teaches self-esteem, self-defense, and karate skills. Free teen women's self-defense classes. A 5-week adult's self-defense course combines basic physical and verbal self-defense skills and support-service referrals. Free child care and sliding scale fees. Free for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse.

The Six Principles of Nonviolence:

(1.) Nonviolence is for courageous people. It is a way of life.

(2.) Build the Beloved Community wherever you go.

(3.) Attack forces of evil, not persons doing evil.

(4.) Accept suffering without retaliation, for the sake of the just cause.

(5.) Avoid inner violence of the spirit as well as outward physical violence.

(6.) The universe is on the side of justice.

Financial Advice

USEFUL NUMBERS

BURIAL ASSISTANCE – BURIAL CLAIMS UNIT (HRA)
(718) 473-8310

CHILD SUPPORT INFORMATION [HRA HOTLINE – 24 HOURS]
(877) 472-8411

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS
(212) 969-8111

Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc.

123 Remsen St. 2nd floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 624-3894

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

Offers free legal assistance to financially eligible low income residents of Brooklyn. Programs include Home and Hospital Visiting Lawyer Service, Senior Outreach Program, Battered Women Legal Hotline, Family Law Program, Uncontested Divorce, Consumer Law, Consumer Debt, Foreclosure Intervention, Elder Law, and Consumer and Bankruptcy Law Panel. Open Tue, Wed, Th, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (leave message).

Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Corp.

1360 Fulton St. 3rd fl.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 636-1155

www.lsnyc.org

Assists low-income individuals in the Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights areas of Brooklyn (specifically in zip codes 11213, 11216, 11221, 11225, 11233) with landlord/tenant issues, tax

problems, unemployment insurance benefits, and ACS/parental permission concerns. Bring all the papers that are related to your problem. Languages spoken are Haitian, Creole, and Spanish.

Money Management International and Consumer Credit Counseling Services

26 Court St. Suite 1801

Brooklyn, NY 11225

(800) 308-2227

www.moneymanagement.org

Assists low-income families experiencing financial difficulties or families in need of financial planning assistance, credit reports help, bankruptcy counseling, small business credit advice, interest rate debt, general budgeting and financial planning help. Call first to set up an appointment.

Other Information

For additional resources, call 311 and ask for Consumer Information. Or take a look at www.nyc.gov, the official website for the City of New York. Under "Information and Services," click on "Residents," then select "Consumer Information." Here, you will find some helpful information from the Department of Consumer Affairs. You can also look in the Yellow Pages or the Internet for non-profit counseling or budget planning organizations, but be sure to check that they are licensed by the State of New York Banking Department by calling (877) BANK-NYS.

Next Help with Your Taxes?

Go to this NYC government website to find the closest Tax Assistant Center to you: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/ofe/html/poverty/taxprep.shtml>.

What to do if you are the victim of Identity Theft:

The fastest growing financial crime in the nation, identity theft is when someone uses your personal information, such as your credit card or Social Security number, to obtain something of value. Here is what you should you do if you suspect you have been victimized:

1. Report lost or stolen credit, ATM, and debit cards immediately to the credit card company or bank associated with the fraudulent activity. It is important to do this as soon as you discover the fraud – if you wait, you may be found liable for the charges.
2. Immediately call the fraud help lines of each of the three major credit bureaus and tell them to flag your file with a "fraud alert," including a statement that creditors should call you for permission before opening any new accounts in your name.

Trans Union Fraud Victim Assistance Department
(800) 680-7289
Experian Consumer Fraud Assistance
(888) 397-3742
Equifax Consumer Fraud Division
(800) 525-6285

3. Report all fraudulent activity to the local police and sheriff departments, and be sure to get a copy of the police report for your records.

4. Have your bank put "stop-payment orders" on any checks that you believe have been stolen. Consider closing out all existing accounts and then opening new accounts with new account numbers.

5. If you believe somebody has used your Social Security number, report to the Federal Trade Commission at (877) 438-4338.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONSUMER HELP LINE AT (800) 771-7755.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Resources

Audre Lorde Project, Inc.

85 South Oxford St.
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 596-0342
www.alp.org

ALP is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, two spirit and transgender people of color center for community organizing, focusing on the New York City area. Offers educational trainings, outreach, and workshops on homophobia, classism, and racism. Also has resource guide for other LGBT resources.

The Door

555 Broome St.
New York, NY 10013
(212) 941-9090
www.door.org

Designed to welcome youth of all sexual orientations (ages 12-21) by providing a comfortable and visibly gay-positive environment. Provides individual and group counseling, as well as art therapy for young people dealing with issues of family, gender, relationships and sexuality. The Legal Services Center provides guidance and advocacy on civil legal issues, as well as workshops on legal rights for LGBTQ youth.

Gay Men's Health Crisis

446 West 33rd St.
New York, NY 10001
(212) 367-1000
(800) AIDS-NYC
www.gmhc.org

GMHC believes in promoting the health and wellness of all people affected by HIV and AIDS. Free.

GLOBE – Gays and Lesbians of Bushwick Empowered

Make the Road New York;
301 Grove St.
Brooklyn, NY 11237
(718) 418-7690

The GLOBE program offers workshops, counseling, and other services/counseling for the LGBT community.

Green Chimneys

Know Your Rights

Hate Crimes are criminal offenses committed against persons, property, or society that are motivated, in whole or in part, by an offender's bias against an individual's or a group's actual or perceived race, religion, national origin, ethnic background, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation.

Steps to Take When Reporting a Hate Crime:

- 1. Report the hate crime immediately to the New York City Police Department and ask that the incident be treated as a "hate crime."**
- 2. Document the incident and save evidence.**
- 3. Act quickly. The incident must be dealt with when it happens.**

To Report a Hate Crime Call: 1-206-350-HATE

456 West 145th St.
New York, NY 10031
(212) 491-5911

www.greenchimneys.org

Programs focus on the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth and their families. Runs a group residence for ages 18-21, an alternative secondary school and mentoring program, a boarding home for ages 13-16, a transitional living program for ages 25 and under, and a supervised independent living program for ages 16-21.

Hetrick-Martin Institute

2 Astor Place
New York, NY 10003
(212) 674- 2400
www.hmi.org

Provides GLBTQ youth with services in arts, education, and recreational activities. Ages 12- 21. Free. Youth membership intake M-F 3-5:30 p.m.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center

208 W 13th St.
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-7310
www.gaycenter.org

Provides extensive social services, including workshops, support groups, counseling, health education, and wide variety of cultural programs, as well as family and child services.

The New York Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project

240 West 35th St. Suite 200
New York, NY 10001

(212) 714-1184

www.avp.org

AVP is the only agency in New York City that provides services specifically for lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual & HIV-affected victims of domestic violence. These include Pick-Up Crimes, Rape and Sexual Assault, HIV-Related Violence, Community-Police Relations, Legal Services, Community Organizing and Professional Training. They have a 24 hour hotline: (212) 714-1141.

PFLAG Brooklyn (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

360 Atlantic Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 769-1421
www.pflagnyc.org

Provides services for the families and friends of GLBT people through open monthly support and education meetings, a 7-day-a-week Helpline, free educational materials, advocacy for safe schools and equal civil rights, college scholarships, and awareness-raising events and speaking engagements.

SAGE – Senior Action in a Gay Environment

305 7th Avenue 16th floor,
New York, NY 10001
(212) 741-2247
www.sageusa.org

Offers social services, programs and community-building to LGBT seniors in and around New York City and provides education and advocacy on LGBT aging issues nationwide.

Head Start and Day Care Centers

Day Care Centers

The following are some local day care centers. Some of them are subsidized.

Albany Avenue Day Care

196 Albany Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 773-0071

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.–6 p.m. For children ages 2-4; subsidized by ACD and operated by the Agency for Child Development.

St. John's Day Care Center

813 Sterling Pl.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 756-0496

For children ages 2-5; subsidized by ACD.

Haitian American Day Care Center

813 Sterling Pl.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 771-3800

For children Pre-K and 2-6; after-school program for children ages 6-12. Subsidized by ACS.

1491 Bedford Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216.
(718) 756-0253

For Children ages two and a half to six and six to twelve.

John Edward Bruce Day Care Center

196 Albany Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 773-5794

A multi-cultural learning facility designed to meet the needs of children 2 months – 6 years old. Activities include dance, karate, and steel drums.

The Garden of Learning Day Care

834 Prospect Pl.
Brooklyn, NY 11216

(718) 778-0996

For children ages 2-5. The cost is \$180 plus a \$50 registration fee. Licensed private care and certified kindergarten; accepts ACS, ACD, and HRA.

Martha Udell Early Childhood Agency

505 St. Marks Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 638-3838

For ages 2-6. Funded by ACS and ACD.

Park Place Day Care Center

963 Park Place
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 778-8558

For ages 2-4; subsidized by ACD.

Cool Culture!

If your child is enrolled in a Head Start center or another city-funded child care center, find out if the center is part of the Cool Culture program. If so, your family is eligible for a Cool Culture pass, which allows you FREE admittance to a lot of New York museums, cultural institutions, zoos, and botanical gardens. For more information, talk to your center's Director or contact Cool Culture at (718) 230-4186. Check out their website at: www.coolculture.org

Head Start Centers

Head Start is a federally-funded, community-based child development program designed to meet the needs of low-income children and their families. Research shows that young children involved in quality early childhood programs are substantially more successful in both school and life environments. Head Start childcare programs are FREE for qualifying families.

Call 212-232-0966 or go to <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/headstartoffices> to locate other Head Start centers in your neighborhood.

Beth Rivka Head Start

310 Crown Street (between Nostrand and New York Avenues) Brooklyn, NY 11225. Crown Heights
(718) 735-0729

Medgar Evers College Head Start

171 Lincoln Place (between Fifth and Sixth Avenues) Brooklyn, NY 11217
Park Slope. (718) 783-8667

St. Mark's Head Start

2017 Beverley Road (at Ocean Avenue) Brooklyn, NY 11226 Flatbush
(718) 287-7300 ext. 25

Bedford-Stuyvesant Head Start

352-358 Classon Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11238 Bedford-Stuyvesant
(718) 398-2050

Child Development Support Corporation Head Start

352-358 Classon Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11238 Bedford-Stuyvesant
(718) 398-2050

Community Parents, Inc. Head Start

90 Chauncey Street (between Stuyvesant Ave. and Malcolm X Blvd.) Brooklyn, NY 11233 Bedford-Stuyvesant
(718) 771-4002.

Breukelen Recreation Rooms Head Start

715 East 105th Street (between Flatlands Ave. and Glenwood Rd.) Brooklyn, NY 11236 East New York
(718) 649-2960

Visit http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/childcare_eligibility/wizard.html to determine your eligibility for subsidized child care.

Health

USEFUL NUMBERS

DISABLED HOTLINE
(718) 836-2183

NY STATE GROWING UP
HEALTHY
(800) 522-5006

NY MEDICAID CHOICE
(800) 505-5678

MEDICAID HELPLINE
(888) 692-6116

MEDICARE – EMPIRE BLUE
CROSS / BLUE SHIELD
(800) 261-5962

NEW YORK STATE
TEMPORARY & DISABILITY
ASSISTANCE INFO
LINE
(800) 342-3009

Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health

450 Clarkson Ave, Box 1232
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 270-3101

www.arthurasheinstitute.org

Provides a variety of services to the community to educate the local population about access to care and increased health knowledge.

Brooklyn Plaza Medical Center

650 Fulton St.
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 596-9800

www.brooklynplaza.com

Provides family medicine, dentistry, health (HIV/AIDS counseling & testing), wellness (alternative medicine, parenting skills). Women, infant & children (WIC) services are available on

site. Staff also available to assist with applications for the Prenatal Care Assistance Program (PCAP) and applications for child health insurance.

Caribbean Women's Health Association

3512 Church Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 940-9501

www.cwha.org

A free non-profit clinic for men and women in need of counseling, support services and referral and immigration help. Offers AIDS and HIV patient help, asthma education and case management for children, prenatal referral and parenting classes and immigration services.

Brownsville Clinic

259 Bristol St.
Brooklyn, NY 11212
(718) 495-7283

Brownsville Child Health provides well care visits and pediatrics for children and adolescents ages 0 to 18. These services include yearly physicals and check-ups as well as immunization, asthma treatment, urine analysis and most other basic health care services. Medicaid is accepted and many of the community preventive services are free for low-income families.

Caribbean House Health Center

1167 Nostrand Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 778-0198

www.chnyc.org

HIV Counseling and testing, general medical care. Accepts most managed care insurance. Part of the community healthcare network, Caribbean House Health Center is a multi-service community clinic that offers basic primary health care, OB-GYN health services, family planning, as well as alternative treatments

and social service case management. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare

Interfaith Medical Service

1545 Atlantic Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 613-4000

www.interfaithmedical.com

General hospital and clinic services, including pediatrics, OB/GYN, orthopedics, and more.

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center

585 Schenectady Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 604-5000

www.kingsbrook.org

General hospital and clinic services, including a Caribbean Mental Health Program and diabetic and geriatric services, among many other options. Also provides various free health screenings – call to register.

Mic Women's Health Services

1873 Eastern Pkwy.
Brooklyn, NY 11233
(718) 498-1001

Services include walk-in pregnancy tests, prenatal care, family planning & GYN services. Dental services and HIV counseling and testing. PCAP and Medicaid Enrollment. Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m - 4:30 p.m.

Community Health Care Centers provide comprehensive and cost-effective primary care and supportive services that promote access to health care. These centers accept health insurance and also provide services to the uninsured on a sliding fee scale. Check out a list of centers on the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (along with other useful resources):
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/hia/html/resources/community.shtml>



Health (continued)

Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty

1672 President St.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 467-0166
<http://metcouncil.brinkster.net/>
Social Service provider that operates housing units, kosher food pantry, home safety and repairs, home care, free and low cost health insurance, career services, and crisis intervention. Services for people of all faiths. Services in English, Spanish, Yiddish, Russian, Chinese, German and sign language.

SUNY Downstate Medical Center

450 Clarkson Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 270-1000
www.hscbklyn.edu
General hospital and clinic services, including a Center for Community Health Promotion and Wellness, which provides free health screenings and other medical services.

Brooklyn Partnership to Drive Down Diabetes

718-462-8654
www.brooklynhealth.org
kgeorge@brooklynhealth.org
The Community Coalition of core partners – CAMBA, GBHC, CHN, BKDPHO – as well as supplemental stakeholders, government representatives, and low-income residents. If you are interested in joining the Community Coalition or for more information, please contact Kimberly George, Greater Brooklyn Health Coalition Executive Director and BP3D Program Director.

Visions Center on Blindness
500 Greenwich Street, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10013
(212) 625-1616 or
Toll Free: 1-888-245-8333
Offers rehabilitation, educational and other training programs for youth, adults, and families.

Check out this great tool for finding appropriate resources!

The Health Information Tool for Empowerment is designed to help social service providers connect their clients to a variety of services. Visit www.hitesite.org/About.aspx to use the directory.

FREE AND LOW-COST HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH NEW YORK STATE

Many working families and individuals are eligible for free or low-cost health insurance. You do not have to be a citizen to qualify. Most adult immigrants and ALL children and pregnant women are eligible if they meet the other program requirements. Immigrants who do not qualify for insurance may be eligible for help with the cost of emergency medical care.

Call 1-866-432-5849 to enroll or to find out if you may qualify and where you can enroll in your neighborhood. The programs are:

Medicaid and Child Health Plus A provides free health insurance for low-income children and adults. Children under 21 have an added guarantee of all necessary screenings, treatment, assistance with appointments and transportation through the Child/Teen Health Program.

Call 1-877-472-8411 for more information. To apply for Medicaid call 1 718-557-1399.

Child Health Plus B provides free or low-cost health insurance for children under the age of 19 who are not eligible for Medicaid.

Call 1-800-698-4543 for more information.

Family Health Plus provides free health insurance for eligible low-income, uninsured adults (ages 19-64). **Call 1-877-934-7587 for more information.**

HIV/AIDS Related Services

Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center, Inc.

1413 Fulton St.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 636-4500
www.bsfhc.org

Provides mental health, prevention and education, outreach, and support services to HIV-positive individuals and their loved ones.

Better Brooklyn Community Center

900 Fulton St. 2nd floor
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 624-1992
www.bkccenter.org

Prevention Support Center provides educational outreach and training to the Brooklyn community, including the Youth Voice program for young people of color or young people within the LGBTQ community. Drop-in center and a variety of other services.

Brooklyn AIDS Task Force, Inc.

502 Bergen St.
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 622-2910
www.batf.net

Infectious disease prevention and support service, providing housing for infected individuals, clinic services, counseling, HIV testing, case management for people infected with AIDS, and a chemical dependency treatment program.

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation

80 Jamaica Ave, 2nd fl.
Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 487-1300

Provides support services and legal assistance to children and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

CFPC Health Center – CABS Community Health Center

9498 Manhattan Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11206
(718) 388-0390/91
www.chnny.org

Offers HIV primary health care and social services, confidential testing and counseling, case management and family services.

Diaspora Community Service

182 Fourth Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 399-0200
www.diasporacs.org

Formerly the Haitian Women's Program (HWP), Diaspora Community Service provides health and well-being services to men, women and children living in Brooklyn who are infected with the HIV/AIDS virus. Also provides teen workshops for ages 10-18.

Downstate Medical Center – Adult AIDS Clinic

470 Clarkson Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
Health Center - (718) 270-3745
Social Worker - (718) 270-2005
www.downstate.edu

Offers support groups and other resources. Accepts Medicaid and other insurances.

Gay Men's Health Crisis

446 West 33rd St.
New York, NY 10001
(212) 367-1000 or
(800) AIDS-NYC
www.gmhc.org

Provides workshops and programs to the general public regardless of HIV status, sexual orientation, or gender. Safe and non-judgmental place for HIV-positive men and women to express their concerns. Additional programs and services (legal, mental health, etc.) available to registered clients only. Free.

Heartshare Human Services of New York

2865 19th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11224
(718) 372-0580
www.heartshare.org

Family-centered case management services for women and men residing in Brooklyn and Queens who are HIV-positive, at risk for HIV infection, or live with AIDS, as well as their children up to age 21. All clients must be Medicaid-eligible.

POCC (People of Color in Crisis)

468 Bergen St.
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 230-0770

Provides a wide array of prevention and support services for individuals both infected and affected by the AIDS epidemic.

God's Love We Deliver

166 6th Avenue, New York, NY 10013
(212) 294-8100
www.glwd.org

God's Love We Deliver is the tri-state area's leading provider of nutritious, individually-tailored meals delivered to people who are too sick to shop or cook for themselves. To enroll, call GLWD to receive appropriate forms. You will need medical certification.

Women and HIV/AIDS – Did you know?

Early in the epidemic, only 10% of New Yorkers with HIV were women. *Today, 1 in 3 New Yorkers with HIV is a woman.*

Most women used to become infected by injecting drugs. *Today, most women are infected by an HIV-positive man.*

Most New York City women with HIV (almost 90%) are African-American or Hispanic.

Every woman living with HIV can get good health care, regardless of ability to pay or immigration status. *Help is available.*

Homelessness

What to do when you need help: When you visit an intake center, a trained social worker will assess your unique needs and assign you to a shelter.

USEFUL NUMBERS:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
(718) 722-6000

CITY HARVEST
(917) 351-8700

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES (DHS)
212-361-8000

HUNGER HOTLINE
(866) 888-8777

NYC HUMAN RESOURCES
(877) 472-8411

PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS
(212) 645-3444

RED CROSS (BROOKLYN)
(718) 330-9200

WIC ON FULTON STREET
(718) 774-6300

WIC SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD
(800) 522-5006

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN:

Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing (PATH) Unit
(Formerly the EAU) 346 Powers Ave. (between 141st and 142nd Sts.)
Bronx, NY 10455
(917) 521-3900
www.nyc.gov/html/dhs/html/home/home.shtml

Families with **children under 21** years old must go (in-person) to the Prevention Assistance and Temporary Housing (PATH) Unit, located in the Bronx. Adult families with no minor children must go to the Adult Family Intake Center (AFIC), located in Manhattan. Both of these facilities are open 24 hours, 7 days a week. **Must bring kids.**

Adult Family Intake Center
400-430 29th St. (at 1st Avenue)
New York, NY 10016
(212) 481-4707/4
www.nyc.gov/html/dhs/html/home/home.shtml

Families with **no children under 21** must come here first. Open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Directions: Take the 6 train to 28th St. station. Walk east to 1st Ave. and turn left heading north to 29th St. Walk up the ramp to the AFIC entrance. By bus, you can take the M15 to 29th St.

FOR SINGLE INDIVIDUALS:

If you do not have children and need shelter, you **MUST** first visit an intake center.

Men:
30th Street Intake
400-430 East 30th St. (near 1st Avenue)
New York, NY 10016
(212) 481-0771
www.nyc.gov/html/dhs/html/home/home.shtml

Directions: Take 6 train to 28th St. Walk to 1st Avenue and 29th Street.

Women:
Help Brooklyn Women's Shelter
116 Williams Ave. (between Liberty and Glenmore Aves.)
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 495-7874
www.nyc.gov/html/dhs/html/home/home.shtml

Directions: Take the A train to Liberty. Walk back to Williams

FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

Call the Hope Hotline at (800) 621-HOPE for a domestic violence shelter placement. If there are no places available, go through the PATH center and ask for the NOVA program, which will make another effort to find a DV shelter.

DROP-IN CENTERS

24-hour Drop-In Centers, where you can get clothing, hot meals, medical attention, shower and laundry facilities, and assistance finding shelter:

MANHATTAN **Mainchance**

120 East 32nd Street in East Midtown
Subway: 6 to 33rd St.

Olivieri Center
257 West 30th Street near Penn Station

Subway: 1/2/3/A/C/E to 34th St.-Penn Station
(open from 7:30 am - 8:30 pm)

BRONX
The Living Room
800 Barretto Street (at Lafayette Avenue)
Subway: 6 to Hunt's Point Ave.
Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

BROOKLYN
The Gathering Place
2402 Atlantic Avenue
Subway: A to Broadway Junction
(open from 7:30 am - 8:30 pm)

STATEN ISLAND
Project Hospitality
25 Central Avenue
(open from 7:30 am - 8:30 pm)



Homelessness

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FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH NOWHERE TO GO:

Covenant House

460 W. 41st Street (corner of 10th Avenue)

New York, NY 10036

(212) 613-0300

www.covenanthouse.org

Directions: Take the A/C/E/2/3 to 34th Street or the N/R/Q/W to 42nd Street. Walk to 41st St. and 9th Ave.

Safe Horizon Streetwork Project Harlem Drop-In Center:

209 W 125th St.

New York, NY 10027

(212) 695-2220

Lower East Side Drop-In Center:

33 Essex St.

New York, NY 10002

(646) 602-6404

For Shelter Availability For Runaway and Homeless Youth:

Call the Neline: 1-800-999-9999

Crisis Intervention and Information Referral Hotline for Youth (DYCD):

(800) 246-4646

OTHER HELPFUL HOMELESS RESOURCES:

Brooklyn Clinic: St. John's Bread and Life Programs, Inc.

795 Lexington Ave.

Brooklyn, NY 11206

(718) 574-0058

To partake of the food pantry services, you must bring photo ID, proof of family size, proof of address, and proof of income.

Food Pantry Services: Monday – Wednesday, 9 – 11:30 a.m. (must sign in by 11 a.m.). Thursdays 9-11 a.m. (must sign in by 10:30 a.m.), Fridays for Seniors only 9-11

a.m. (must sign in by 10:30 a.m.). The office is closed and there are no food pantry services the first Friday of each month. Soup Kitchen Services: Monday – Friday. Breakfast: 8-9:30 a.m., Lunch 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Coalition for the Homeless

129 Fulton Street

New York, NY 10038

(212) 776-2000

or (212) 964-5900

info@cfthomeless.org

They have services to help with housing, job training, emergency food, crisis intervention, and youth programs. Their walk-in hours begin at 9 a.m. Monday – Friday, but they see a limited number of clients on a first come, first serve basis, so it is advised to get there early.

Homeless Outreach and Prevention Project of the Urban Justice Center

123 William Street 16th Floor

New York, NY, 10038

(646) 602-5600

Assists clients who are either homeless or marginally housed with legal problems in the areas of government benefits (such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, and cash assistance), housing, and disability.

SAFE HORIZON -- THE STREETWORK PROJECT **For young people between the ages of 13-23 who are homeless**

The Streetwork Project provides a number of free services, above and beyond just a roof over your head. Go to either of their drop-in center locations for free legal, medical and psychiatric services, including:

long-term counseling, hot meals, parenting groups, individual and group therapy, bag lunches, drop-in groups, case management, showers, referrals, advocacy, clothing, syringe exchange, help in obtaining identification, acupuncture, emergency and transitional housing, yoga, GED preparation and support, nutritional counseling, help in obtaining Medicaid and other benefits, HIV prevention counseling, and even free smoothies!

See the listing for Streetwork for address and transportation information.

For an extensive list of services in Manhattan, contact the Manhattan Outreach Consortium at 212-595-3066 and ask for their "Street Sheets" documents.

Behind on rent payments?

FEPS is a housing supplement to help prevent evictions and provides rental support to families for up to five years.

Families applying for FEPS must have at least one minor child and an open Public Assistance case (cannot be sanctioned).

- Eligible families must be facing eviction for the nonpayment of rent. FEPS pays arrears up to \$7000 and monthly rent payments for up to five years.
- Individuals residing in the household that are not receiving PA (e.g. SSI recipients) must pay 30% of their income toward the rent.
- FEPS does not accept rent payments from third parties.

FEPS applications can be filed through specific legal providers and community-based organizations in each borough. Please call the Mediation Center for a list of FEPS providers in Brooklyn.

Housing

USEFUL NUMBERS:

HPD AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOTLINE (BOROUGH-BY-BOROUGH APARTMENT LISTINGS)
(212) 863-5610

BROOKLYN HOUSING & FAMILY SERVICES
(718) 435-7585

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES (DHS) -- OUTREACH SERVICES
(800) 994-6494

EVICITION PREVENTION / RENTAL ASSISTANCE (HOUSING COURTS UNIT – HRA)
(718) 237-7024

HOUSING PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT
(718) 802-3662

HPD APARTMENT COMPLAINT LINE
311

HOUSING COURT
(718) 643-7528

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY
(212) 306-3000

OTHER INFORMATION: see the “homelessness” page for information on eviction prevention and rental assistance.

Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association
1482 St. John’s Pl. Suite 1F
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 773-4116

Provides advice, assistance and housing court representation to community members. Specializes in community landlord/tenant issues. Also has counseling for first-time home buyers as well as assistance dealing with foreclosures.

CAMBA Homebase Program
1117 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 622-7323
www.camba.org

Homebase is a city-wide program designed to help families and individuals overcome immediate housing problems that could result in becoming homeless, and to develop a plan for long-term housing stability.

Housing Court Answers
(212) 962-4795
www.cwtfhc.org

Locate a task force table in any New York City Housing Court. The Task Force operates a telephone hotline from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. Staff and volunteers provide information regarding enforcement of housing code violations and other landlord/tenant issues at tables located in New York City Housing Courts.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors
443 39th Street Suite 202
Brooklyn, NY 11232
(718) 686-7946
www.nhnhome.org

Enables people with low and moderate incomes to build assets for their families and Brooklyn communities by securing, improving, and owning their own homes and businesses. Education and counseling services for home buyers; financial assistance, loans, education, and counseling for home owners and landlords; and education and advocacy for tenants.

Neighborhood Housing Services of NYC

Bedford-Stuyvesant
1012 Gates Ave. 2nd floor
Brooklyn, NY 11221
(718) 919-2100

East Flatbush
2806 Church Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718)469-4679

Homeownership Center
307 West 36th Street, 12th Fl.
New York, NY 10018
(718) 230-7610
www.nhsnyc.org

Offers low-interest and high-risk loans to home and building owners for emergency repairs and general renovations. Also offers a range of homeownership education programs including home maintenance training, lead poisoning prevention, insurance counseling, budget and credit counseling and foreclosure prevention help.

Get help online!

Here are some websites with useful information about common housing concerns:

New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development
www.nyc.gov/html/hpd

Rental Assistance
www.hud.gov/local/ny/renting/assistanceprograms.cfm

Apartments Available in NYC:
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/hpd/html/apartment/lotteries.shtml>

Rental Assistance One Shot Deals

Behind on rent due to an emergency? You may be eligible for a “one shot deal” which can help get you back on your feet. Call HRA at (877) 472-8411 for more info, and visit your nearest job center to apply. See http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/directory/job_center_brooklyn.shtml for a list of job centers in Brooklyn.

Hunger

LOCAL SOUP KITCHENS AND FOOD PANTRIES:

Bethany United Methodist Church

1208 St. John's Pl. (between Albany and Troy)
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 774-5689
Tuesday 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Brotherhood Baptist Church

232 St. Mark's Ave. (between Vanderbilt and Underhill) and 625 Vanderbilt Ave. (between Prospect Pl. and St. Mark's Ave.)
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 638-7763
Tues-Fri 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. during the school year.

Hebron SDA Church

1256 Dean St. (between Nostrand and New York)
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 778-6454
Soup Kitchen 2nd, 3rd, and 4th
Sunday: 12:30-2 p.m. Pantry
1st and 3rd Wednesday: 9-10:30 a.m.

Chesed Center Soup Kitchen

271 Kingston Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(347) 295-2034
Call for hours.

Mt. Moriah Church of God in Christ

1149 Eastern Pkwy. (between Rochester and Utica)
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 953-4364
Food Pantry: Saturday, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Solid Rock Baptist Church

476 Gates Ave., #2 (between Marcy and Thompkins)
Brooklyn, NY 11216

(718) 387-9246

Food pantry Tues - Thurs 11 a.m.-2 p.m. ID required.

Salvation Army

601 Lafayette Ave. (between Nostrand and Marcy)
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 622-9020
www.salvationarmy.org
Food Pantry: Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-2:30 p.m. – for residents of zip codes 11205, 11206, 11211, 11216, 11222, 11237, 11238 only.

Shalom Senior Center

483 Albany Ave. (between Empire and Lefferts)
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 774-9213
Kosher food pantry: Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 p.m.

If you have a question about where to find a food pantry, contact:

Crown Heights Service Center

121 New York Ave. 2nd floor
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 774-9800
You can also look online for a full list of food pantries in any borough of New York:
www.foodbanknyc.org Click on "Get Help."

Community Resource Handbook:

If you have access to the internet, check out the Department of Homeless Services' online resources with answers to many more questions about city services. Online at:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dhs/html/home/home.shmtl>

HOW DO I GET FOOD STAMPS?

Food stamps are available monthly to help low-income families meet their food needs. To be eligible, a family's income must not total more than 130% of the federal poverty level (for a family of four, that means that the total income cannot be more than \$22,165) and the family cannot have more than \$2,000 in countable resources like cash, stocks, and bonds (\$3,000 for families with at least one member over 60 years old). You can still qualify if you own your home and/or car.

To apply, you can get an application at the Job Center, Income Support Center, or Food Stamp Office in your neighborhood, or you can apply online, or you can print it out and send it in by mail. Near Crown Heights, you can go to:

DeKalb Job Center
500 DeKalb Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11205
(718) 636-2495
Mon – Fri, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

In addition to Food Stamp assistance, you can also get help with income support and Medicaid. see http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/directory/food_stamp_centers.shtml for a list of all the centers.

Legal Services

LEGAL SERVICES FOR FAMILY AND YOUTH:

Advocates for Children
(212) 947-9779
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Association for the Help of Retarded Children
(212) 780-2500 Phone
(212) 780-2586 Guardianship

Council on Adoptable Children
(212) 475-0222

Covenant House
(212) 330-0541

The Door
(212) 941-9090 x 3280

Family Center
(212) 766-4522

Legal Services for Children, INC.
(212) 683-7999

IMMIGRATION TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

American Asian Legal Defense and Education Fund
(212) 966-5932

CAMBA
(718) 287-0010

Caribbean Women's Health Association
(718) 826-2942

Central American Legal Assistance
(718) 486-6800

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
(212) 216-7697

Immigrant Defense Project
(212) 725-6422

New York Immigration Hotline
(800) 566-7636

NYANA (New York Alliance for New Americans)
(212) 425-5051

NYLAG (New York Legal Assistance Group)
(212) 613-5000

City Bar Justice Center Legal Hotline
(212) 626-7383

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NUMBERS:

Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc. Battered Women's Legal Helpline
(718) 624-7700
24-hour-a-day helpline. Leave a message any time; someone will call back within 24 hours.

Caribbean Women's Health Association
(718) 826-2942

Day One
(800) 214-4150

Good Shepherd Services Safe Homes Project
(212) 243-7070 or
(800) 376-0219

In Motion, INC.
(212) 695-3800
Call Thursdays 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

New York Legal Assistance Group
(212) 750-0800
Call Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Safe Horizon Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center
(718) 330-5400

Safe Horizon Domestic Violence Police Program and Emergency Transfer Program
(212) 577-3220
Call Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary For Families
(212) 349-6009 Phone
(212) 349-6810 Fax
Call Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

South Brooklyn Legal Services
(718) 237-5500
www.sbls.org

OTHER LEGAL RESOURCES:

Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Corporation
1360 Fulton St. Suite 301
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 636-1155
Assists low-income individuals in the Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights areas of Brooklyn with issues in housing, social security, SSI, ACS, and unemployment. Must call the office to schedule a telephone interview. Languages spoken include English, Haitian Creole and Spanish.

Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers' Project, Inc.
123 Remsen St.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 624-3894
<http://www.brooklynvlp.org>
Offers free legal assistance to financially eligible low-income residents of Brooklyn. The program focuses its work on family law, wills/estates and consumer law, and primarily serves women with children, seniors, people with HIV/AIDS, and survivors of domestic violence.

If a loved one has been detained in New York State, call the Legal Aid Society Detention Hotline for assistance: (212-577-3456) (Wednesday from 1-5 p.m.).

Need immigration assistance?
Try the CUNY Citizenship Now! Centers all over New York City. See <http://www.cuny.edu/about/resources/citizenship/about-us/contact.html> for a list of all centers. In Crown Heights, visit the Medgar Evers College Immigration Center at 1150 Carroll Street, Room 226 Brooklyn, NY 11225. Call to make an appointment: (718) 270-6292.



Legal Services (continued)

CAMBA Legal Services

1720 Church Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(718) 287-2600
www.camba.org

Provides an array of legal services including anti-eviction legal services to families with children who are eligible for Emergency Assistance. Provides legal assistance to HIV/AIDS infected individuals in the areas of housing and immigration. Also provides immigration counseling.

Caribbean Women's Health Association Inc.

3512 Church Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 826-2942
www.cwha.org

Provides legal assistance in several areas, including immigration, deportation, removal proceedings, political/refugee asylum, status adjustment, self-petitions/battered spouse and citizenship.

City Bar Fund – SHIELD

42 W. 44th St.
New York, NY 10036
(212) 626-7383
www.lawhelp.org/ny

This hotline provides simple legal advice over the phone on civil legal issues such as family law, divorce, landlord/tenant disputes, and consumer law problems. This service is specifically for low income city residents and eligibility for this service is based on income.

Legal Aid Society, Brooklyn Neighborhood Office

111 Livingston Ave 7th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 722-3100

www.legal-aid.org

Areas of practice include Family Law (divorce, domestic violence, custody, child support, foster care, permanency planning, adoption and guardianship). Housing and AIDS representation.

New York City Commission on Human Rights – Brooklyn Community Service

Center 275 Livingston St. 2nd floor
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 722-3130
www.nyc.gov/html/cchr

The center conducts many educational and intervention programs that target specific issues or populations, such as discrimination in employment, housing, and immigration.

New York Legal Assistance Group

450 West 33rd St. 11th floor
New York, NY 10001
(212) 613-5000
www.nylag.org

Free legal assistance to New York's most at-risk, low-income populations. Call and leave a message and you will be called back.

Medgar Evers College Immigration Center at the Center for Law and Social Justice Medgar Evers College

1150 Carroll St. Room #P2
Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 270-6292
www.mec.cuny.edu

Provides free legal immigration services in addition to free naturalization training and a series of workshops to assist immigrants. All services including language translation are free. Call for hours.

Lawyers Alliance

http://www.lawyersalliance.org/legal_assistance.php

Organization that provides educational workshops, publications, and legal counsel to non-profit organizations. Areas they help with include corporate structure and governance, tax, real estate, employment and other business and transactional law issues that are critical to their operations.

Legal Services NYC

<http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/index.php>

They provide free legal help on cases involving housing, family, domestic violence, public benefits, income tax, employment, education, consumer rights and economic development.

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest

151 West 30th Street, 11th Floor,
New York, NY 10001
(212) 244-4664
<http://www.nylpi.org/>

Pro Bono Clearinghouse program takes on issues of interest to a group of individuals (not individual cases).

Urban Justice Center- Homelessness Outreach and Prevention Project

123 William Street, 16th Floor,
New York, NY, 10038
(646) 602-5600

Direct representation of individuals focuses on the enforcement of due process rights in the Cash Assistance, Food Stamp, and Medicaid programs. HOPP operates seven free and easily accessible walk-in legal clinics in food pantries and soup kitchens throughout New York City. Call the above number for clinic information.

Local Crown Heights

CROWN HEIGHTS ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

ilovefranklinave.blogspot.com

www.communitybrd9bklyn.org

www.brooklyn8.org

nostrandpark.com

brooklynian.com/forum/crown-heights-and-prospect-lefferts-gardens

prospectheights.patch.com

teamtish.blogspot.com

chcabklyn.blogspot.com

www.crownheights.info

www.collive.com

revitalizecrownheights.org

www.crownheightsmediationcenter.org

www.soscrownheights.org

www.yosos.org

BK Farmyards

volunteer@bkfarmyards.org

BK farmyards is a new Brooklyn-based farming network providing locally grown healthy and affordable food to Brooklyn residents and education opportunities for youth and adults interested in food production.

Imani Garden

196 Albany Avenue,
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 622-4537

The garden will be open to the public every Sunday afternoon,

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. They have an egg CSA here from May to October. Go to bkfarmyards.blogspot.com for more information.

Farmer's Market at the High School for Public Service

600 Kingston Ave (between Rutland & Winthrop)
Brooklyn, NY 11203

All produce produced at the School Farm is sold through the on-site green market and CSA. They accept EBT, WIC, Health Bucks and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs. Check here for green market hours and CSA details: <http://hspsfarm.blogspot.com/p/market.html>.

Save Our Streets Crown Heights (S.O.S.)

256 Kingston Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 773-6886

www.soscrownheights.org

An organization committed to reducing the number of shootings and killings in our local Crown Heights neighborhood through outreach and several community events. Call if you are interested in volunteering. After-school program available for youth ages 14-17; see www.yosos.org for details.

Youth Organizing to Save Our Streets (YO S.O.S.)

256 Kingston Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 679-9414

As the youth arm of S.O.S. Crown Heights, YO S.O.S. aims to empower young people, ages 14-17 to become community leaders and organizers in order to bring the ever-vital youth voice to the issue of gun violence. YO S.O.S. combines experiential workshops and service learning opportunities to develop the skills needed for tomorrow's leaders, such as community organizing, networking, public speaking, job training and real-world work experience.

Want to give back?

Try NY Cares

(212) 228-5000

<http://www.newyorkcares.org/>
New York's largest volunteer organization, running volunteer programs for 1,200 nonprofits, city agencies and public schools. Year-round or single days of services.

What is a CSA?

CSA stands for community supported agriculture and as a member you pay for an entire season (June till October) upfront and weekly or bi-weekly you will go to a drop-off location in your neighborhood and pick up your share of vegetables. A great way to get healthy food and support local farmers! To find out about CSAs near you, try visiting these sites:

Central Brooklyn CSA:
centralbrooklynca.wordpress.com

Crown Heights CSA:
crownheightscsa.org

Bed-Stuy Farm Share:
www.bedstuyfarmshare.org

Prospect Park CSA:
prospectparkca.org

Make it Happen!

256 Kingston Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 773-6886

You are not alone – together we can make the impossible possible. MIH! Provides group and individual support and resources for young men ages 16-24 in the areas of career and job training, legal issues, college/GED info, music, art and sports, and more. Call the number above to join the next group.

Mediation and Dispute Resolution

WHAT IS MEDIATION?

Mediation is a structured, confidential, and voluntary process that helps people understand each other, make agreements about future conduct, and improve relationships.

Center for Mediation and Training

111 West 90th St.
New York, NY 10024
(212) 799-4302

www.divorcemediation.com

Accepts clients from all five boroughs. With the help of a mediator, couples negotiate their own settlement and learn the techniques for resolving future differences.

Community Mediation Services Queens Mediation Network

89-64 163rd St.
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 523-6868 x269

www.adr-cms.org

Relationship building and mediation are the methods we use in order to resolve conflict resolution between neighbors, landlords and tenants, family members, divorces, and various members of the community.

CUNY Dispute Resolution Consortium

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Suite 520, 899 Tenth Ave.
New York, NY 10019
(212) 237-8692

<http://johnjay.jjay.cuny.edu/dispute>

A university based academic center which serves as a comprehensive coordinating mechanism to advance research and innovative program development throughout the New York City metropolitan area. Call

for more information about becoming a certified mediator.

Legal Referral Services of the New York City Bar Association

42 W. 44th St.
New York, NY 10036
(212) 626-7373

www.nycbar.org/LRS/index.htm

To find an ADR program or provider in the metropolitan area, call the number above and describe your dispute. You will be provided with a choice of dispute resolution programs, as well as the names of attorneys experienced in the area of law involved in the dispute.

New York Peace Institute

210 Joralemon St. Room 618
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 834-6671

www.nypeace.org

The mediation program helps participating parties generate solutions and then resolve disputes instead of entering into lengthy and expensive court processes. The mediator, an impartial third party, assists participants in finding their own solutions. Mediation helps to prevent the escalation of disputes into violent assaults, offers more immediate solutions than the court process allows, and decreases the number of cases in the family and criminal courts. The NY Peace Institute also provides mediation training and puts on dispute resolution-related events. Check their website for calendar.

For more information about mediation in general, visit the Association for Conflict Resolution, Greater New York Chapter at: www.acrgny.org.

What Can I Do When I Get Angry?

Tips for De-escalating a Conflict:

1. Take a deep breath and count to ten. Give yourself a moment to clear your head of the problem.
2. Ask yourself, "Is this worth it?" Evaluate whether or not you want to get upset over the problem at hand – maybe it's not worth your emotional energy.
3. Open your ears – try to listen to what the other person is telling you. Once you understand their perspective, you'll be better able to resolve the issue at hand.
4. Try to keep a calm tone of voice – yelling only makes the situation worse, but a calm tone and neutral language let the other person know that you're ready to resolve the problem.
5. Be aware of your body language – you may be sending signals that you're not aware of: rolling your eyes, for example, will definitely escalate the problem. A calm face and body, however, will help bring positive communication and hopefully a resolution.

Mental Health Resources

Brooklyn Psychiatric Centers, Inc.

25 Chapel St. Suite 903
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 875-7510
www.bpcinc.org

Services for children, adults, and seniors. Five outpatient mental health clinics provide a full range of mental health services, including individual, group and family therapy.

Caribbean Community Mental Health Program

Kingsbrook Medical Center: 585 Schenectady Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 604-5441
www.kingsbrook.org

A program specifically designed to fit the needs of the Caribbean population. The CCMH Program Includes an outpatient mental health clinic. Serves children 6 and older, families, and individual adults. Accept Medicaid, Medicare.

Community Counseling and Mediation

810 Classon Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 230-5100
www.ccmec.org

Mental Health Counseling for youth, parents, recovering substance abusers, families affected by substance abuse, HIV/AIDS infected and affected individuals, juvenile offenders, sexual and domestic abuse victims, and the learning disabled. Accepts HIP, AmeriChoice, Medicaid, or \$30 a session.

Community Health Network

230 Broadway 3rd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11211
(718) 387-7506
www.chnny.org

Provides both individual and group mental health treatment services and has trained social workers on the clinical team who provide comprehensive psycho-social services to identify and address and client's needs. Services available in Spanish, French, German, Hebrew, and Haitian Creole and daytime and evening sessions are available. CHN specializes in providing therapy around issues such as HIV/AIDS, depression, sexual abuse, domestic violence, and substance abuse.

East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center

2094 Pitkin Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 240-0400
<http://www.nyc/html/hhc/html/facilities/eastny.shtml>

Has a full range of outpatient mental health services for children and adults. Adults receive individual and group therapy. Family therapy is also available for children, their parents and families. Walk-ins are welcome. If no insurance, income is assessed for sliding scale fees (\$20-\$60).

Institute for Community Living

2581 Atlantic Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 290-8100 X141
www.iclinc.net

Offers supportive services for distressed children, adolescents, and families. Mental health clinic services provide family, individual, and group treatment. Specialized residential programs help families reunite and resume healthy lives in the community.

Interborough Development and Consultation Center, Inc.

887 E. New York Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 778-0485
<http://interborough.org/>

Hours: Mon- Thurs 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri, Sun 10 a.m.-6 p.m. A unique, culturally sensitive organization serving the African-American, Caribbean and Hasidic population as well as other ethnic groups. Therapists provide individual, group, couples and family therapy, psychiatric and psychological services for ages 4 and up. The multi-cultural staff specializes in the treatment of children and families, rape and incest survivors, and domestic violence. They provide services for victims, families and perpetrators. Most insurance accepted, including Medicaid. A sliding scale is available. Intake is \$70.00.

Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services

135 W. 50th Street
Brooklyn, NY 10019
(212) 582-9100 OR
(888) JBFCS-NY
www.jbfcs.org

Multiple locations with multiple programs in Brooklyn, including adult mentally ill programs, AIDS services, bereavement counseling, child development and learning, children day and residential treatment centers, court programs, and community counseling centers. Call for more information and specific program locations.



Mental Health Resources

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Kings County Hospital Center

451 Clarkson Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 245-3131

www.nyc.gov/html/hhc

Provides a complete range of mental health and addictive disease services, including: Emergency Services, Mobile-Crisis Unit (718-245-2350), which makes home visits; Adult Outpatient Dept. (718-245-2700) and the Continuing Day Treatment Program (718-245-4954), for adults who need an intensive support environment.

Mental Health Projects of the Urban Justice Center

123 William Street, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10038
(646) 602-5600

Provides free legal and social work services to low-income people with psychiatric disabilities in New York City. The Mental Health Project can help with stopping evictions/housing court, food stamps, Medicaid, Medicare, and managed care, Public Assistance, Welfare, and WeCARE, Social Security hearing, discharge planning for psychiatric patients, referrals to mental health services, and applications for case management. For help with medical insurance: (646) 602-5675. For help with discharge planning: (646) 602-5688. For help with Social Security: (646) 459-3076. To speak directly with MHP advocate, call the toll-free hotline Thursday, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.: (877) MHPLAW1.

MFY Legal Services, Inc. - Mental Health Law Project

299 Broadway
New York, NY 10007
(212) 417-3700

www.mfy.org

Provides advocacy services, including consultation and direct representation to the mentally ill with eviction prevention, obtaining and preserving government benefits such as SSI, Medicaid and food stamps, etc.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

505 Eighth Ave. Suite 1103
New York, NY 10018
(212) 684-3264

www.naminycmetro.org

Helpline: 12 p.m.-7 p.m. Offers monthly meetings, advocacy services and support groups, and engages in legislative initiatives. Available to those who suffer or have family members suffering from neurobiological disorders: primarily schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic-depression), depression, panic and anxiety disorder, including obsessive compulsive disorders, multiple diagnoses, including mentally ill, chemically addicted (MICA) consumers, and borderline personality disorders.

OHEL Children's Home and Family Services

4510 16th Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11204
(718) 851-6300

www.ohelfamily.org

Trained counselors and case managers help families in crisis to cope and alleviate stress. More extensive rehabilitative programs available for the severely mentally ill.

Paul J. Cooper Center for Human Services, Inc.

887A E. New York
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 467-6441

www.pauljcooper.com

Provides out-patient mental health counseling for children and adolescents and adult psychological testing and evaluation, as well as family counseling and group therapy support groups. Accepts Medicaid, HMO, sliding scale. Open from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

St. Vincent's Mental Health Services

333 Atlantic Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 522-6011

www.svs.org

Operates full service mental health clinic, including a chemical dependency program. Must call intake at telephone number before going to the center



New York City residents experiencing emotional distress can access free, confidential crisis counseling 24/7 through LifeNet (800-543-3638 and TTY at 212-982-5284), Spanish LifeNet (800-AYUDESE) and Asian LifeNet (800-990-8585).

LifeNet, the city's only accredited, multi-lingual, free and confidential crisis hotline, is run by the Mental Health Association of New York City (MHA-NYC) and supported by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Re-Entry Services and Resources

For a more extensive list of re-entry resources, see the S.O.S. Re-Entry Resource Directory, available on the S.O.S. blog: www.soscrownheights.org

Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)

32 Broadway, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10004
(212) 422-4430
www.ceoworks.org

Provides job readiness and placement services to men and women returning from prison to New York City and others under community supervision. Their signature work experience program - the Neighborhood Work Project (NWP) - provides immediate, paid, short-term employment and serves as an "employment lab," preparing participants with the essential skills to rejoin the work force and restart their lives.

Developing Justice Program (Fifth Avenue Committee)

621 Degraw St.
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 237-2017 x147
www.fifthave.org

Developing Justice provides walk-in support to individuals on parole, probation, or who have a pending criminal case, and also provides services to those who are presently incarcerated but nearing release. Program includes regular Community Justice Workshops on a range of topics aimed at family members with loved ones in prison. The overarching mission is to empower individuals and their family members as they re-integrate into the community.

Exodus Transitional Community

2271 Third Ave, 2nd Fl.
New York, NY 10029
(917) 492-0990
www.etcny.org

Provides supportive services to men and women who are in transition from incarceration to full reintegration into their communities. Offers employment, mentoring, substance abuse, aggression management and youth services.

Family Resource Center:

A toll-free information hotline for the families of New York State prisoners. (800) 344-3314

Girls Re-entry Assistance Support Project (GRASP)

King's County District Attorney
350 Jay St.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 250-3804
<http://www.brooklynnda.org/Grasp/Grasp.htm>

Re-entry assistance support for girls 13-18 years old who are returning to Brooklyn or Staten Island without a pattern of violent felony offenses or major psychiatric illnesses. Includes mentoring, case management, gender specific programming, anger management and conflict resolution, education support, career readiness and job placement.

Ready, Willing, and Able

520 Gates Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 622-0634/7
www.doe.org

Residential, work and job skills training program which empowers, employs and supports homeless individuals in their efforts to become self-sufficient, contributing members of society. The program targets single, able-bodied adults, the majority of whom have histories of

incarceration and substance abuse. Criteria for acceptance into the program are that the applicant be ready, willing and able, both physically and mentally, to work and maintain a drug-free lifestyle.

The Fortune Society

29-76 Northern Blvd.
Long Island City, NY 11101
(212) 691-7554
www.fortunesociety.org

Offers a variety of services to formerly incarcerated individuals, including Counseling Services, Education, Career Development, Alternatives to Incarceration, Substance Abuse Treatment, Health Services, Peer Education, Family Services, Housing, Drop-in Services, Recreation/Food, and Aftercare Services.

The Osborne Association

Brooklyn office:
175 Remsen St., Suite 800
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 637-6560

www.osborneny.org
Operates a broad range of treatment, educational, and vocational services for people involved in the adult criminal and juvenile justice systems, including prisoners and former prisoners, their children, and other family members. Includes prison, re-entry, family, treatment, prevention, court advocacy, and employment and training services. The Osborne Association runs different programs from different sites in the 5 boroughs, so it is best to call first to find out where to go.

Looking for a Job and Have a Criminal Record?

Call the National HIRE Network for some assistance.
(212) 243-1313

Senior, Veteran, and Disabled Services

USEFUL NUMBERS:

MEDICAID SERVICES
(877) 472-8411

**ELDER CRIME VICTIMS
RESOURCE CENTER**
(212) 442-3103

**LEGAL AID OFFICE FOR THE
AGING**
(718) 645-3111

**STANLEY ISAACS
MEALS-ON-WHEELS CENTER**
(212) 348-4344

**MEDICARE – EMPIRE BLUE
CROSS / BLUE SHIELD**
(212) 476-1000

**NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF
THE AGING**
(800) 342-9871

**SENIOR CITIZENS RENT
INCREASE EXEMPTION
PROGRAM (SCRIE)**
(212) 442-1000

**SENIOR ASSISTANCE –
DEPARTMENT OF THE AGING**
(212) 442-1000

**WEATHERIZATION REFERRAL
& PACKAGING PROGRAM**
(212) 442-3055

Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly

This city program provides very low-income elderly with options that allow them to live independently but in an environment that provides support activities such as cleaning, cooking, transportation, etc.

Section 202 in Crown Heights:

Berean Gardens
1481 St. Marks Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 498-2960

Brooklyn Home for the Aged
243 Kingston Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 756-1937

David Chavis Apartments
230 Kingston Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 493-5200

Senior Centers:
Albany Ave. Senior Center
196 Albany Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 773-3722

Hugh Gilroy Senior Center
447 Kingsboro 4th Walk, 2nd fl.
Brooklyn, NY 11223
(718) 756-8400

**Parkway Stuyvesant Senior
Active Mind Program**
77 New York Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 604-1948

St. Louis Senior Center
230 Kingston Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 771-7945

**You might qualify for SCRIE,
the Senior Citizen Rent
Increase Exemption, which
offers eligible tenants a freeze
in the amount of rent they pay.
Call 311 or see [http://
www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/
property/
property_tax_reduc_scrie.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/property/property_tax_reduc_scrie.shtml)
for details.**

Senior Resources: **ReServe**

150 Court St. 2nd floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 923-1400
www.reserveinc.org
Stipend paying opportunities for
older adults.

Bedford Heights Social Security Administration

350 Troy Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 773-6438 or
(800) 772-1213
www.ssa.gov
Provides assistance with Social
Security and Medicaid card
replacements, personal earnings,
and benefit estimate statements,
SSI benefits retirements or survivor
benefits, Medicare payments and
more.

Brooklyn Office for the Aging

111 Livingston St. 7th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 645-3111
www.legal-aid.org
Serves senior citizens 60 years and
over who live in Brooklyn. Assists
with housing, tenant's rights,
government benefits (public
assistance, food stamps, social
security, SSI, Medicaid, home care,
Medicare and veterans benefits),
rights of those in congregate care
facilities (hospitals, nursing homes
and adult homes), family law (elder
abuse, grandparent custody and
visitation, defense of Article 81
guardianship proceedings)
consumer, utilities and misc.
(including foreclosures, advance
directives and wills). By telephone
appointment only; call every other
Mon starting at 10am until all
appointment slots are filled. Home
visits available for those physically
unable to travel.

Brooklyn Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center (BADAC) at SUNY Downstate Medical Center

450 Clarkson Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 270-1000
Provides comprehensive
assessments, social service
evaluations, and management of
behavioral problems. Accepts
Medicaid, Medicare, and most
third-party reimbursements.



Senior, Veteran, and Disabled Services

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Disabled Resources:

Heights and Hills

57 Willoughby Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 596-8789

www.heightsandhill.org

Heights and Hills is one of the largest providers of supportive services for community-dwelling older adults in Brooklyn and their families. Provides case management, caregiver, and transportation services.

God's Love We Deliver

166 6th Avenue,
New York, NY 10013
(212) 294-8100

www.glwd.org

Provides hot meal delivery to those living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, or other diseases or disabilities that inhibit access to fresh meals. Needs referral.

Helping Hands for the Disabled of NYC

38-20 Bowne Street, #303,
Flushing, NY 11354
(917) 696-8115

<http://hhdnyc.org>

An organization run by disabled people for disabled people; coordinates volunteers to assist disabled people on social outings and with chores. Must become a member.

Dr. Theodore A. Atlas Foundation

543 Cary Avenue,
Staten Island, NY 10310
(718) 980-7037

www.dratlasfoundation.com

The Atlas Foundation has funds to assist families as well as single adults with specific needs. Write a letter explaining what you seek.

Veterans Resources:

Brooklyn Veteran Center
25 Chapel Street Suite 604
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 630-2830

Brooklyn Vets 4 Vets
25 Chapel Street, Suite 604
Brooklyn, NY, 11201
(718) 630-2830

www.brooklynvets4vets.org
Online resources available for vets, space for study groups for vets back in school. Also hosts other events.

Helpful websites and numbers for veterans:

New York State Division of Veteran Affairs:

<http://veterans.ny.gov/>

New York City Department of Veteran Affairs:

<http://nyc.gov/html/vets>

National Caregiver Support Hotline:

(855) 260-3274

Official Services of Government for Veterans:

www.militaryonesource.com,
800-342-9647
nationalresourcedirectory.org
800-342-9647

Jobs for veterans:

<http://www.military.com/veteran-jobs>

Veterans Crisis Hotline:

800-273-8255, press 1

Discounts for Those With Military IDs!

Check out this comprehensive list of stores that offer discounts to veterans:
www.veteransresources.org/military-discounts/.

Connected to the Internet?

Click on the New York City Department for the Aging website for more information:
www.nyc.gov/html/dfta.

Substance Abuse

Alcohol Abuse Help for Abusers and Families

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS
www.adultchildren.org

ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL HELPLINE
(800) 56-SOBER

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (INTERGROUP)
(212) 647-1680

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (BROOKLYN INTERGROUP)
(718) 339-4777

AL-ANON (FOR FAMILIES OF ABUSERS)
(212) 941-0094

AL-ANON (ESPAÑOL)
(800) 939-2770

ALATEEN AND ALA-PREENT (FOR TEENS 9-19 YEARS)
(212) 941-0094

Drug Abuse Help for Abusers and Families

CO-ANON FAMILY GROUPS (FOR FAMILIES OF COCAINE USERS)
(800) 898-9985

COCAINE ANONYMOUS
(212) 262-2463

DRUG ABUSE INFO LINE
(800) 522-5353

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS
(800) 736-9805

MARIJUANA ADDICTS ANONYMOUS
(212) 459-4423

NY AREA NAR-ANON
(800) 477-6291
www.nar-anon.org/Nar-Anon/New_York.html
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NYC)
(212) 929-6262

PILLS ANONYMOUS
(212) 874-0700

Anchor House
1041 Bergen St.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 771-0760
www.anchorhousenyc.org
Christ-centered, long-term (18-month) inpatient drug and alcohol treatment program that provides counseling and residential housing. For public assistance, call to schedule an interview.

Anchor House Men's Facility
1041 Bergen St.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 771-0760

Anchor House Women's Facility
675 Park Place,
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 756-8673

Addiction Research and Treatment Corp.
22 Chapel Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 260-2900
www.artcny.org
Provides counseling, substance abuse treatment, methadone services, HIV/AIDS services, vocational services. Medicaid and insurance accepted.

Bedford-Stuyvesant Alcohol Treatment Center
722 Myrtle Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11205
(718) 636-4200

Minimum length of treatment is 4 months with additional months added based on the referral agreement and patient's progress. Day and evening programs are available, as well as counseling and medical services. Must have some form of insurance and public assistance.

Brooklyn Hospital Parkside Dependency Treatment Program

121 DeKalb Ave. 9th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 250-8900
www.tbh.org

Open 24 hours a day. 3-6 day detoxification program for current alcohol and substance abusers who are over the age of 18 with medical coverage. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare and some insurance and managed care providers. The program is strictly for patients who choose to admit themselves to detoxification and it provides 3-6 intensive days of medical treatment, counseling and rehab planning. Following detoxification, patients are referred to inpatient or outpatient rehabilitation services.

Interfaith Medical Center
1545 Atlantic Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 613-4330
(718) 613-4185 (intake)

www.interfaithmedical.com
Substance abuse treatment, detoxification (no insurance required), Methadone/LAAM detoxification. Provides 28-day rehabilitation unit (no methadone maintenance and client must have insurance). Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and private health insurance.



Substance Abuse

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Kings County Hospital Polydrug Clinic

600 Albany Ave., Building K,
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 245-2651/2

Outpatient substance abuse treatment with special programs for criminal justice clients. Acupuncture also provided. Special language services. Accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and private health insurance. Sliding fee scale is available.

Family Youth Center

604 Winthrop St.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
Building F, 5th fl.
(718) 245-2541
(718) 245-2542 (intake)

Offers component substance abuse treatment for adolescents 17-19 years old. Accepts Medicaid, private insurance and offers a sliding scale fee based on income and other factors. Program includes working toward GED while obtaining individual, family and group counseling.

New Directions

202-206 Flatbush Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 398-0800
www.newdirectionsbrooklyn.com

The program, consisting of individual, group and family treatment, is a minimum of six months to a maximum of two years, based on the needs of the individual. Accepts Medicaid, insurance and sliding scale.

North Crown Heights Family Outreach Center

705 Franklin Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 230-8600

Intensive level component involves 3 hour participation up to 5 times per week. Clinic level component involves 1 ½ hour sessions. Extensive array of linkages to child care, employment, mental health and other services.

Palladia

2006 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10035
(212) 979-8800
(718) 583-5399 (intake)
www.palladiainc.org

Provides a range of services in its outpatient and residential programs: domestic violence and trauma treatment, HIV/AIDS services, primary care, alternative criminal justice rehabilitation, vocational training and placement, family reunification, and supported permanent housing.

Paul J. Cooper Center for Human Services

510 Gates Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 498-5555
<http://pauljcooper.org>

An outpatient, medically-supervised chemical dependency treatment program, this center services men and women over the age of 18. Groups and individual counseling sessions available for people that are having a problem with alcohol or any other drug. Accepts Medicaid or self-pay on a sliding scale. Also have a NYSMV-approved DWI program. Hours of treatment structured on an individual basis.

Phoenix House Foundation

174 Prospect Pl.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 789-4616 (Adult admissions)
(212) 595-5810 x 7780 (Teen admissions)
www.phoenixhouse.org

Offers 12-14 month inpatient treatment and outpatient treatment for teens only. Separate programs for men (20 and older), adolescents (younger than 17), and women.

Serendipity II for Women

New York Therapeutic
Communities, Inc. 944 Bedford
Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 802-0572

A residential program primarily for women who have been in the criminal justice system and have a substance abuse problem. Services include group and individual counseling, connections to the Women's Prison Association, Narcotics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous, access to medical services, assistance establishing contact with family and children, and parenting skills classes. Vocational counselors are available to prepare clients for re-entry into the job market and graduates receive bi-weekly aftercare sessions once they have finished their programs.

Want to Stop Smoking?

Coney Island Hospital Smoking Cessation Program

(718) 616-5039
Individual counseling and support groups, free medications.

Downstate Medical Center

(718) 270-7673/8846
5-week program. Open to everyone. Free nicotine patches available. Call for locations and hours.

Kings County Hospital & East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center Smoking Cessation Program

(718) 245-2782/3

Youth Programs and Family Resources

Useful Numbers:

GO CITY KIDS
www.gocitykids.com

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DYCD)
(800) 246-4646
www.nyc.gov/html/dycd

PARTNERSHIP FOR AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION
(212) 571-2664
www.pasesetter.org

ACS (ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN SERVICES)
(877) 543-7692

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
(212) 947-9779

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF NYC
(212) 686-2042
www.bigsnyc.org

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT HELP
311

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START REFERRALS
311

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (MANDATED REPORTERS)
(800) 342-3720

COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY (PARENTS/FAIR HEARINGS)
(212) 254-8900

FAIR HEARING ADVOCATES (FOSTER CARE OR ACS CASES)
(212) 669-4955

NYS PARENT CONNECTION
(800) 345-KIDS

PARENTS'/CHILDREN'S RIGHTS HOTLINE (FOSTER CARE)
(212) 676-9421
PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY
(800) 230-PLAN

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
(212) 677-4650

YWCA OF BROOKLYN
(718) 875-1190

YOUTHLINE
(800) 246-4646

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

The Literacy Assistance Center is a non-profit organization that provides services to adult students who want to find free classes in reading, writing, and speaking English and information on getting their GED. Call the LAC hotline for referrals to free or low-cost services. Hotline staff are multilingual: **(212) 803-3300** or **www.lacnyc.org**.

Ananse Shield Group
<http://www.ananseshield.org/leadershipacademy.html>
Ananse Shield is an organization devoted to allowing the communities of the African Diaspora to achieve their full potential and realize their aspirations. Offers a free intensive academic/leadership program which runs from mid-July until mid-August. For motivated students who need help achieving career goals. See website for details to apply.

Downtown Community Television Center
<http://www.dctvny.org/youth/activities/summer-fellowship>
Six-week fellowship in which students work on collaborative filmmaking, media

arts, media literacy, video production, editing, and documentary storytelling through video. Students develop web content and create short films.

Department of Parks and Recreation Summer Camps
Call 311

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/registration/summercamp/>
For children ages 6-13. Your child can go on trips to places like zoos, parks and museums as well as participate in sports and fitness activities, learn about computers and technology, swim at our pools, and more. Go to the website to see the camps nearest you. Registration fills quickly; register in March.

Department of Youth and Community Development www.nyc.gov/dycd/html/jobs/summer_youth_employment.shtml

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) provides New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with summer employment and educational opportunities. Participants work in a variety of entry-level jobs at government agencies, hospitals, summer camps, nonprofits, small businesses, law firms, museums, sports enterprises, and retail organizations. Visit the website throughout May and June to find out when the application is available.

Groundswell Community Mural Project
540 President Street, Suite 1A
Brooklyn, NY 11215
Contact Sharon Polli
(718) 254-9782

<http://www.groundswellmural.org>
The Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) is a summer job-training program for upwards of 100 youth. Six teams of youth spend seven weeks working with artists and community-based organizations, learning job skills and creating public art for their neighborhoods. Through these projects, New York youth will speak out and address critical social issues significant to all of us, like the importance of gun violence prevention, the role of restorative justice in civil society, our shared responsibility in creating livable streets and healthy relationships in an age of technology.



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

Albany Community Center

164 Troy Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 771-6462

Hours: 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Offers free school tutoring in math and reading, plus arts and crafts and recreation to 6-12 year olds from the Albany Housing Development and surrounding area.

Brooklyn Arts Exchange

421 Fifth Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11215
(718) 832-0018
www.bax.org

Full range of youth classes six days a week for children 5 to 18 years. A free sample class is available to all students. Financial aid and scholarships available for all programs.

Brooklyn Children's Museum

145 Brooklyn Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 735-4400
www.brooklynkids.org

Ten galleries of innovative hands-on exhibitions, daily workshops, programs and weekend performances. Also offers school and camp, cultural and early childhood programs. See website for fees.

Community Counseling and Mediation

810 Classon Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11238
(718) 230-5100
www.ccmnyc.org

Academic, social, and emotional enhancement programs for elementary and middle school

students. Participants receive educational assistance, learn leadership skills, and form meaningful connections with adults.

Crown Heights Service Center Union United Methodist Church

121 New York Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 774-9800

Offers a free after-school prevention program for young people that includes counseling, drug awareness and prevention, homework assistance, tutoring, leadership skills, recreation, cultural enrichment programs, and arts and crafts. Call to register. Older youth (ages 16-24) can participate in the YouthBuild leadership development and job training program. Call for more information.

Crown Heights Youth Collective

113 Rogers Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 756-7600
www.chycbrooklyn.org

Offers after-school programs, summer academy, job training and employment assistance, and holds workshops, visitations, youth forums and conventions etc. on the issues of teen health including HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, teen pregnancies & STDs, teen violence, civic responsibility, job readiness programs and referrals.

Diaspora Community Services

182 Fourth Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11217
(718) 399-0200
www.diasporacs.org

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Offers pregnancy and sexual education services for youth 13-18.

Family Renaissance

123 Linden Blvd. Suite 103
Brooklyn, NY 11226

(718) 940-8598
www.famren.org

After-school program assistance in all subject areas, plus martial arts, computer literacy, counseling services, and arts and other activities. Sliding fee scale. \$50/week per child.

Hetrick Martin Institute

2 Astor Pl.
New York, NY 10003
(212) 674-2400
www.hmi.org

Hours: Mon-Fri 3:05 p.m.-6:30 p.m. After-school activities help lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Provides youth members with a wide range of group-based arts, educational, cultural and recreational activities. Serves youth ages 12-21.

Jackie Robinson Center for Physical Culture

1360 Fulton St.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 773-3456
www.mec.cuny.edu/spcd/cfy/jrc.asp

After school programs for children 8-18. Sports, culture, education, and social services. Affiliated with Medgar Evers College. Call for specific locations.

St. John's Recreation Center

1251 Prospect Pl.
Brooklyn, NY 11213
(718) 771-2787
www.nycgovparks.org

Arts, academics, and athletics programs including basketball, swimming, and weight training with instructor. Computer classes and homework help. Free for 18 and under.



Youth Programs and Family Resources (continued)

Prospect Park Alliance – Woodlands Youth Crew

http://www.prospectpark.org/education/teens/youth_employment
Part-time and seasonal work for teenagers restoring parts of the park by countering erosion, removing invasive vegetation, and planting native plants. Participants should be prepared for outdoor conditions and physically demanding work. Spring, Summer, and Fall sessions. For more information, check out their website.

YMCA After-School Programs

www.ymcanyc.org

Bedford YMCA Youth Center

1121 Bedford Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 789-1497

Flatbush YMCA

1401 Flatbush Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11210
(718) 469-8100

Prospect Park YMCA Program

357 th St.
Brooklyn, NY 11215
(718) 768-7100

Various locations. For children ages 6 to 11 in the hours immediately following the school day. Children receive homework help from staff, participate in quiet and active games, and learn about health and finance.

FAMILY RESOURCES:

Beacon Program through Research Foundation of Medgar Evers

www.mec.cuny.edu
For students within Community Board #8 district. Offers after-school and homework help, basketball leagues, SAT, GED, and college preparation classes; and a Youth Leadership Group.

P.S. 138

801 Park Pl.
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 953-0857
Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Flatbush Beacon at M.S. 2

655 Parkside Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(718) 826-2889
Call for hours.

CAMBA / Beacon Center

1957 Nostrand Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 462-2597 x223
www.camba.org
Mon-Fri 2-10 p.m. and Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Free tutoring. Free educational/employment counseling. Develop leadership and community skills for free. Also provides homework help and SAT & Regents Prep.

Carib-Tips

184 E. 35th St.
Brooklyn, NY 11203
(718) 287-5345
Offers the Health, Hip-Hop, and Hoops program with a youth-focused health initiative which uses young people's interest in rap music and basketball to involve them in programs with a health message. Main focus is to provide peer support for HIV-positive men and women from the Caribbean.

Children and Youth Development Services

503 5th Ave., 3rd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11215
(718) 788-4800
www.goodshepherd.org
Helps youth ages 18-21 gain their diplomas.

The Door

555 Broome St.
Brooklyn, NY 11013
(212) 941-9090
www.door.org

Services for youth between 12-21 including primary health care, prenatal care and health education, mental health counseling, legal services, GED, ESL, computer classes, tutoring and homework help, college preparation and computer classes, career development services and training, job placement, daily meals, arts, sports and recreational activities.

Flatbush Haitian Center, Inc.

123 Linden Blvd.
Brooklyn, NY 11226
(718) 693-5700
www.flatbushhc.org
Offers a free 15-week program every Thursday from 6:30-7:30 pm. Teaches people how to deal with children through all the stages of childhood, including discipline, health and development.

Inside Schools

(212) 229-5471
www.insideschools.org
This website provides independent and thorough research about New York City Public Schools. A project of Advocates for Children, this website presents an independent review of schools, provides information for parents about how the school system works, and publishes news and resources about schools.

LYFE (Living for the Young Family Through Education)

22 E. 128th St. Room 203
New York, NY 10035
(212) 348-0608
www.ed.gov/pubs/compendium/ch1e.html
A program under the direction of the NYC Department of Education which assists teen mothers enrolled in some public schools. Provides free childcare for children 2 months to 3 years. Also provides support services for parents' career training and social support, communications, human sexuality/relationships, and summer camp.



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OHEL Children's Home and Family Services

4510 16th Ave.

Brooklyn, NY 11204

(718) 851-6300

www.ohelfamily.org

Adolescent Program provides counseling to teenagers and their families when facing issues of family conflict or substance abuse. The Adolescent Residential Program provides a safe and home-like atmosphere to adolescents suffering from neglect and abuse. Special focus on Jewish population, but all welcome.

Partnership with Children Life Steps

50 Court St. 10th Floor, Suite 1011

Brooklyn, NY 11201

(718) 875-9030

www.partnershipwithchildren.org

For children 0 to 21, and their caregivers. Offers programs in creative arts, working world, parent-teen communications, human sexuality and relationships. Free counseling available to families with children between 0 and 17. Provides individual and family counseling, group counseling for teens and parents, client advocacy, resources and referrals, emergency services, summer camp programs, and psychiatric and psychological testing and consultation.

PINS Court Diversion Program – Children's Aid Society

175 Remsen St., 7th Floor

Brooklyn, NY 11201

(718) 625-8300

www.childrensaidsociety.org

Provides free family assessment and referrals to community

agencies. All referrals come from, and are facilitated through, Family Court.

Project Reach Youth

199 14th St., 3rd Floor

Brooklyn, NY 11215

(718) 768-0778

www.pry.org

Provides youth with services ranging from immigrant services, ESL, pre and after-school programs, HIV/AIDS education program, Team Leadership/Youth Development, health services, tutoring, college counseling, computer labs, and literacy, math, and arts programs.

Resources for Children with Special Needs

116 E. 16th St., 5th Floor

New York, NY 10003

(212) 677-4650

www.resourcesnyc.org

Provides information and referral, support, individual and systemic advocacy, parent and professional training, library and information services to New York City parents and caregivers of children with disabilities and special needs.

Youth Action Programs and Homes, Inc.

1325 5th Ave.

New York, NY 10029

(212) 860-8170

Provides young people ages 17-24 with education, training, and leadership opportunities while engaging them in the rehabilitation of housing for homeless families in East Harlem.

Youthline

(800) 246-4646

www.nyc.gov/dycd

Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat-Sun 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Confidential hotline for youth in crisis. Support for family conflicts, help locating after-school programs and recreation programs.

Scholarship Information:

A Better Chance

240 W. 35th St., 9th Floor

New York, NY 10001

(646) 346-1310

www.abetterchance.org

Refers academically talented children entering grades 6 through 11 to some of the nation's finest independent and public schools to be considered for placement and financial aid. Students who are successfully placed in one of their 200+ member schools become a part of their College Preparatory Schools Program, and receive access to expanded educational and leadership opportunities.

Children's Scholarship Fund

8 W. 38th St., 9th Floor

New York, NY 10018

(212) 515-7100

www.scholarshipfund.org

Provides partial tuition assistance for low-income families to send their children to private schools. The fund focuses on elementary education. Scholarships are awarded to all eligible children in a family to attend the school(s) of their choice. Eligible families are required to demonstrate their financial need as measured by standards similar to the federal School Lunch program, which takes family size into account.



Youth Programs and Family Resources (continued)

The Oliver Program

80 Maiden Lane Suite 706
New York, NY 10038
(212) 430-5980
www.theoliverprogram.org

This program works with educators, guidance counselors, and CBOs to identify New York City's brightest seventh grade students of African and Latin-American descent. After preparing these talented youth and their families for the transition to independent schools, the Oliver Program supports students' academic and social development through a network of comprehensive services to ensure their success in high school and later transition to college. The program also nurtures students' leadership skills and commitment to community service.

Prep for Prep

328 West 71st St.
New York, NY 10023
(212) 579-1390
www.prepforprep.org

Prep for Prep's strategy is to identify talented students from minority group backgrounds, prepare them for placement in independent schools, and provide a sense of community, peer support, critical post-placement services, and a range of leadership development opportunities.

Liberty Partnership Program

1 University Plaza,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 488-3399

Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus. After school program and summer school program for high school juniors and seniors. During school year Mon–Thurs,

3-6 p.m. that has academic support, tutoring, SAT prep, etc.

Stoked

19 West 21st Street, Suite 1104
New York, NY 10010
(646) 710-3600
<http://www.stoked.org/>

An after-school youth development program as well as a mentoring program that is open to students who attend any of these New York City schools: Achievement First Crown Heights High School, Brooklyn Secondary School for Collaborative Studies, Brooklyn Technical High School, Churchill High School, City Polytechnic High School of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology, Information Technology High School. Involves using action sports as a way to grow and learn life skills.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program

P.O. Box 10500,
Fairfax, VA 22031
(877) 690-4577
<http://www.gmsp.org/>

GMS will select 1,000 talented students each year to receive a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of their choice. We provide Gates Millennium Scholars with personal and professional development through our leadership programs along with academic support throughout their college career.

Albert Shanker College Scholarship Fund of the United Federation of Teachers

For students in the NYC public school system. Multiple \$5,000 scholarships available. See www.uft.org/scholarship-fund for more info.

The Ron Brown Scholar Program

1160 Pepsi Place Suite 206

Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 964-1588

www.ronbrown.org

\$10,000 college scholarship for African-American high school seniors who excel academically and demonstrate excellent leadership skills.

BETF Eli Lilly Information Technology Scholarship

4423 Lehigh Road #277
College Park, MD 20740
(513) 284-5968

Designed to recognize outstanding minority students who excel in the information technology field. See <http://betf.org/scholarships/eli-lilly.shtml> for application.

New York Urban League

http://www.nyul.org/nyul_scholarships.html

The NYUL has 2 scholarships for students and 1 for young professionals.

Learning Support Centers

Each Department of Education Region (Crown Heights is Region 6) has access to a Learning Support Center, which provides high-quality customer service to parents and schools. There is a Parent Support Office in each LSC that can assist parents with many issues and information needs.

Region 6 (Districts 17, 18, 22)
718-968-6100
Open Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Useful Government Numbers

Police/Fire:

Fire & Police Emergencies
911

77th Precinct
(718) 735-0611

71st Precinct
(718) 735-0511

Community Boards:

Community Board #8
(718) 467-5574
Includes North Crown Heights,
Weeksville, Prospect Heights

Community Board #9
(718) 778-9279
Includes South Crown Heights,
Prospect Heights, Lefferts
Garden, Wingate

Utilities and Housing:

Phone – Verizon Customer Service
(800) 837-4966

Gas – Keyspan Energy
(718) 643-4050

Electric – Con Edison
(800) 752-6633

Sanitation
(718) 756-7027

Pest Control
(718) 855-2212

Affordable Housing Hotline
(212) 863-5610

NYCHA Night/Weekend Repair
(212) 289-8000

Heat/Hot Water Complaints
311

Transportation:

Amtrak
(800) 872-7245

Metro North
(212) 532-4900

NYC Transit
(718) 330-1234

Long Island Rail Road
(718) 217-5477

MTA Info Line
(718) 330-3322

New Jersey Transit
(973) 762-5100 / (800) 722-2222

Port Authority Bus Terminal
(212) 564-8484

JFK International Airport
(718) 244-4444

La Guardia Airport
(718) 533-3400

Newark International Airport
(973) 961-6000

What is 311?

Call 311 to find out information on city services including parking regulations, services for the aging, volunteer activities, and programs designed for small businesses. You can report a pothole or street light that needs to be fixed, a loud noise or a blocked driveway, or tell the mayor your opinion. All calls to 311 are answered by a live operator, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and services are provided in over 170 languages. Dial 311 from within the city, or (212) NEW-YORK outside of the five boroughs. TTY service is also available by dialing (212) 504-4115.

Government Representatives:

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz
(718) 802-3700

Kings County District Attorney Charles Hynes
(718) 250-2000

New York City Comptroller John C. Liu
(212) 669-3916

New York City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio
(212) 669-7200

NYC Council District 35 Letitia James
(718) 260-9191

NYC Council District 36 Albert Vann
(718) 919-0740

NYC Council District 40 Mathieu Eugene
(718) 287-8762

NYC Council District 41 Darlene Mealy
(718) 953-3097

NY Assembly District 43 Karim Camara
(718) 771-3105

NY Assembly District 55 William F. Boyland Jr.
(718) 498-8681

NY Assembly District 56 Annette Robinson
(718) 399-7630

NY Senate District 20 Eric Adams (718) 284-4700

US House District 11 Yvette D. Clark
(718) 287-1142

US Senator Kristen E. Gillibrand
(212) 688-6262

US Senator Charles E. Schumer
(212) 486-4430



Useful Government Numbers

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Miscellaneous City Services:

Brooklyn Main Post Office

(718) 834-3048

Birth / Death Certificates

(212) 788-4520

City Clerk / Marriage Licenses and Domestic Partner Registration

(212) 669-2400

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

(212) 645-5550

Department of Parks and Recreation

311

Human Resource Administration (HRA)

(877) 472-8411

Medicare and Social Security

(800) 772-1213

Medicaid Helpline

(800) 541-2831

NYC Department for the Aging

(212) 442-1000

Passport Appointments

(212) 206-3500

Public Hospitals

(212) 788-9648

Veterans Benefits

(212) 807-7229

Voter Registration

(866) VOTE-NYC

Emergencies and Places to Get Help:

Abused Children

(800) 342-3720

Alcohol and Drug Information

(800) 729-6686

Animal Bites

(212) 676-2483

Center for Disease Control

(800) 222-1222

Crime Victims Hotline

(212) 577-7777

Discrimination Helpline

(212) 306-7500

Domestic Violence Hotline (Safe Horizons)

(800) 621-HOPE

Emergency Children's Service (24 hours)

(212) 966-8000

Homeless Services (24 hours)

311

Poison Control

(800) 222-1222

Rape and Sexual Assault Hotline

(212) 267-7273

National Runaway Switchboard

(800) 621-4000

Suicide Prevention Hotline

(212) 673-3000

Online Resource Directories Center for the Study of Brooklyn

(917) 648-8200

http://

*websql.brooklyn.cuny.edu/
organizations/*

A directory of organizations in Brooklyn that provide a host of services in every field.

Coalition for the Homeless

http://

www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/resource-guide

They also have an online resource guide for a number of services in the city.

Victims' Rights

Numbers and Hotlines

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
(800) 285-2221 or (312) 988-5522
<http://www.abanet.org>

CHILD ABUSE AND
MALTREATMENT HOTLINE
(800) 342-3720

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS (NEW
YORK STATE OFFICE OF
VICTIM SERVICES)
(800) 247-8035 or NYC specific
(718) 923-4325
<http://www.ovs.ny.gov>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION
BOARDS
(703) 780-3200

NEW YORK STATE DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE HOTLINE
English - (800) 942-6906
Spanish - (800) 942-6908

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR
THE AGING SENIOR CITIZEN
HOTLINE
(800) 342-9871

NATIONAL CENTER FOR
MISSING AND EXPLOITED
CHILDREN
(800) 843-5678

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM BAR
ASSOCIATION
(800) 394-2255
www.ncvc.org
Hotline for referral service of
attorneys specializing in victim-
related litigation.

NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
(800) 783-6059

NYS PAROLE VICTIM IMPACT
UNIT
(518) 486-4400 or (800) 639-2650

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY
INFORMATION LINE
(800) 262-3257
www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us

VICTIM INFORMATION AND
NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY
(VINE)
(888) VINE4NY
www.docs.state.ny.us
Crime Victims can obtain crime
and release data on all prison
inmates by calling VINE to access
custody information and register to
receive automatic telephone
notifications of an offender's
release. Victims have to provide
the offender's full name, date of
birth, and the inmate's New York
State identification number
(NYSID) or DIN number. The DA's
office should provide this
information. Victims need to
provide a telephone number
where they can be reached a 4-
digit PIN code to be used for
confirmation.

How Can the Police Help Victims of Domestic Violence?

Get you to a safe place away from
the violence. Everyone is eligible
for emergency domestic violence
residential services.

Get you information on how the
court can help protect you against
the violence.

Get you medical care for injuries
you or your children may have.

Get you necessary personal
belongings for your home for you
and your children.

Get you a copy of any incident
reports at no cost from the law
enforcement agency.

File a complaint in criminal court
and tell you where your local
criminal court is located.

Your Right to Certain Kinds of Compensation and Assistance:

The New York State Office of
Victim Services may be able to
reimburse you for your direct out-
of-pocket expenses caused by
the crime. These expenses may
include the repair or replacement
of essential personal property,
loss of earnings or support,
medical bills, including the cost of
counseling, vocational
rehabilitation, crime scene
cleanup or unreal bills. A claim
form can be obtained from a
police station, sheriff's office, DA's
office, hospital emergency room
or by requesting one from the
Office of Victim Services on our
website: <http://www.ovs.ny.gov>.
Claim must be filed within one
year of the crime.



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Resources for Families of Homicide Victims

Sadly, people from all over New York City have lost family members to gun violence. When a life is lost, families want to ensure that their loved one's name is not forgotten. Many of them stop by our office to find out how they can honor the lives lost by connecting to others in similar situations and even starting their own foundations. In the fall of 2012 the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center decided to create a record of all of the resources that support families' grieving and rebuilding process.

The list is organized into several sections to categorize organizations, and includes:

- Organizations supporting family members of homicide victims
- Organizations founded by family members of homicide victims
- Support for Starting a Non-Profit
- Resources and support in the grieving process

This listing is a work in progress, so please contact Ariana Siegel at siegelar@crowheights.org or call 718-773-6886 if you know of additional organizations that should be included.

New York organizations supporting family members of homicide victims

1) Parents of Murdered Children

www.pomc.com/

Bronx Chapter Leader: Patricia Solomon-Lawrence 718.860.6795

Email: NBX-Wschtr-POMC@hotmail.com

Meetings: 3rd Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Calvary Hospital, 1740 Eastchester Road, Bronx

Services: support groups, memorial wall

Long Island Chapter Leader: Marilyn McNeil, 917.2094491, mdcros@aol.com

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of every month, 2:00 to 4:00, Mather Hospital, Main Floor Conference Room 4&5, North Country Road, Port Jefferson

POMC provides support and assistance to all survivors of homicide victims while working to create a world free of murder. Membership is open to those who have been cruelly bereaved by the murder of a loved one. Professionals who are in frequent contact with grieving families are also welcome to join.

"The Murder Wall" carries the names of murder victims on engraved, solid walnut plaques. Each plaque contains 120 names, dates of birth and of death. Approximately 250 names are added each year. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque for a loved one, please go online to print out the Murder Wall Order Form. The cost to have a loved one's name inscribed on a plaque on the Murder Wall is \$75.00.

2) Safe Horizons

www.safehorizon.org/

Brooklyn Families of Homicide Victims Program
189 Montague Street 6th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201
718.624.2111 (phone)
help@safehorizon.org

Services: support groups, counseling

Safe Horizon Brooklyn Counseling Center
180 Livingston Street, Suite 303, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Since 1979, Safe Horizon has operated Community Programs in New York City to support, educate, and advocate for victims of crime and abuse.

Support Groups: Although everybody grieves and experiences emotional pain in very individual ways, when we come together to share our experiences, we see that there are many similarities too. Support groups can help you find strength and support in those similarities. Safe Horizon offers support groups for women coping with the trauma of domestic violence, *for people who lost a family member to homicide*, for incest survivors, for victims of child abuse and their non-offending parents, for rape and sexual assault victims, as well as others.

3) New York State Office of Victim Services

www.ovs.ny.gov/home.aspx

Address: 55 Hanson Place, 10th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11217, 718-923-4325

Services: monetary compensation

The New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) is here to help you in a number of ways as you, a family member, or friend cope with victimization from a crime. A core mission of OVS is to provide compensation to innocent victims of crime for their out-of-pocket losses associated with the crime. This compensation, which in New York is broad and comprehensive, particularly in the area of long-term medical benefits, provides some financial relief to victims. OVS also has a very active grants program that supports nearly 200 Victim Assistance Programs across the State.

4) Brooklyn DA's Crime-Victim Services Unit

www.brooklynnda.org/vsu/vsu.htm

(718) 250-3820

Services: counseling, advocacy, information

The Kings County District Attorney's Office recognizes that being a victim of, or witness to, a crime can be a traumatic and confusing experience, and we will do everything we can to help you. We are committed to getting you the information and assistance you need. Trained counselors and advocates are available to meet with you and your family in a warm, safe environment located conveniently inside the District Attorney's Office at 350 Jay Street in downtown Brooklyn. The Victim Services Unit provides safety, support, advocacy and information to all individuals who have been criminally victimized in Brooklyn.

Services Include:

- crisis counseling
- safety planning
- court escort
- advocacy with other agencies
- physical and mental health referrals

- assistance to eligible applicants in filing for financial and
- medical bill reimbursement

5) Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E.

harlemmotherssave.com/

2471 Frederick Douglass Blvd, New York, NY 10027

212.928.0150 or 212.234.0112

Services: community organizing, public education, counseling/victim services

Mission: To Prolong Life among Harlem's Youth by Preventing Gun Violence! Harlem Mothers SAVE (Stop Another Violent End) seeks to prolong the lives of Harlem's youth by preventing gun violence and its social causes and costs. Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E. focuses on three main areas: activism, victim services and education.

Activism: Work to prevent the inter-state transportation and illegal sale of guns in Harlem, as well as seek the enactment of stricter local, state and national legislation that will limit the easy availability of guns on the city streets.

Education: Encourage peaceful methods of conflict resolution and thereby prevent the use of guns to settle disputes among Harlem youth.

Victim Services: Offer support and counsel to bereaved parents and loved ones who have lost a family member to gun violence. Peer-to-Peer Support, Funeral Expenses and Bereavement Services referral, Counseling and Healing Group Referral

6) Fathers Alive In The Hood

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FathersAliveInTheHood

Blog: <http://fathersaliveinthe.blogspot.com/>

Services: community mobilization, with focus on outreach to black men

Fathers Alive in the Hood (F.A.I.T.H.) is a community-based organization of fathers of color whose aim is to address the problem of gang and gun violence across New York's five boroughs. Kenny Carter, F.A.I.T.H.'s president and the father of a 10-year-old son, started the organization after a series of violent incidents in which he noticed a lackluster community response. F.A.I.T.H. has members in Queens, Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx; the men make regular visits to high-crime areas and pass out flyers in order to build membership of people who are tired of the violence, want to get active, and make a difference. The men meet regularly to help build a support network, counsel each other, reinforce the value of fatherhood, share information and learn how to be a conscious role model for other young men.

7) Brooklyn Chinese-American Crime Victim Assistance Program

<http://www.bca.net/eng/crimevictim.html>

Program Location: 5000 8th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220, Telephone: (718) 438-0008

Monday to Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Services: crime victim services, focus on Chinese language

At the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association (BCA), we provide a variety of Crime Victims Assistance services that are established by New York State Crime Victims Board. We team up with local police precincts and other agencies to help address the needs of our crime victim clients. Our Crime Victims specialist offers bilingual (Chinese and English) Crime Victims

Assistance services include the following:

- Crime victims compensation (medical expenses, lost earnings and related fees)
- Crime reporting assistance
- Crime victims assistance hotline
- Accompaniment to police precincts, District Attorney's office, and courts
- Referral and case management, Counseling
- Advocacy and follow up

We also conduct crime prevention and public safety workshops with local police precincts.

8) New York County District Attorney's Office

List of further resources for families of murder victims:

<http://manhattanda.org/resources-families-murder-victims>

9) Put Down The Guns Organization

Davina Perez, (718) 971-3507
 1859 Flatbush Avenue
 Brooklyn, NY 11210-4840

Services: youth organizing and mentorship

Put Down The Guns Organization was created by Davina Perez, an Advocate against youth gun and gang violence. The organization specializes in improving the socialization skills of "youth" by giving them "alternatives" to gun and gang violence via mentorship, internships, workshops, concerts, talent shows, television and athletic and musical events, in which, athletes, musicians, actors and entrepreneurs are mentors to the "youth".

Organizations founded by family members of homicide victims

1) Christopher Rose Community Empowerment Campaign

forchrisrose.tripod.com/id18.html

Brooklyn Chapter, 637 Hegeman Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Phone: 718.272. 2363

Email: forchrisrose@yahoo.com

Services: public education and community organizing

The Christopher Rose Community Empowerment Campaign will aim to mobilize community stakeholders and others for support and involvement in activities to increase community awareness of the following:

- The factors that contribute to youth violence
- Occurrences of violence
- The impact of violence
- Strategies for preventing delinquency of adolescents that leads to youth gang involvement and community violence

One of our primary goals will be to raise community awareness not only of the growing threat of gang violence, but also of ways to combat it. Christopher was killed in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn and we would like to concentrate our initial efforts on strengthening this community so that it is better prepared to ward off the gang violence which is beginning to encroach upon this vibrant and beautiful neighborhood before it is too late. We hope that with time and the success of our efforts in East Flatbush, we will be able to expand to other neighborhoods in Brooklyn!

2) Not Another Child, Inc

481 Van Brunt Street 8A
 Brooklyn, NY, 11231

Phone: 646-537-1735

Oresa Napper-Williams
email: oresa@notanotherchild.org

phone: 347.371.9011

Services: Peer support, extra help around the holidays, mental health assistance, comedy night and other community events. Part of the Cure Violence Initiative.

Not Another Child is a Not for Profit organization established in August, 2006 in loving memory of Andrell D. Napper. Andrell was a popular New York teen that was ironically a double victim of gun violence. The second incident resulted in his tragic & untimely death. One of the young men that plead guilty in Andrell's murderer was 15 years old at the time and was recruited by a 32 year old to retaliate the murder of his loved one; an incident that had nothing to do with Andrell. NAC is founded under the premise that they will not let another child to be manipulated and prostituted to do the work of another individual and that another child's life will be taken before their time. Oresa Napper, Andrell's mother is survived to make a positive change... a change in choices, a change in lifestyle and a change in outcomes.

The organization was founded with one purpose; to save our children from senseless killings. NAC is committed to changing the mindset of our youth. Our mission is to enlighten our youth of positive alternatives, stop the gun traffic and prevent the sale of illegal handguns, all the while securing our youth for a successful future.

3) Shannon Braithwaite Foundation

www.ShannonTBraithwaiteFoundation.org

Marva Braithwaite: 347-307-8902

Michael Miller: 347-331-6708

Services: youth organizing and activities

The Shannon T. Braithwaite Foundation has been created to help our youth become more productive in their lives by allowing them to enjoy an environment that permits them to hone their skills and talents while developing them into industrious young adults. This community center will be a safe setting that will help parents and teens ages 13 to 19 enjoy a positive atmosphere away from the disparaging pressures that Teenagers are exposed to in their everyday lives.

4) Damon S. Allen Foundation Against Violence

347.661.0736

debbieg.griffindaza@gmail.com

Services: community organizing

Debbie Griffin Daza's cousin Damon Allen was a 33 year old Brooklyn sanitation worker who received a Citation of Valor from the City of New York for rescuing a 4 year old girl from a burning building. He was shot and killed while leaving a party in Crown Heights on September 4th, 2006. Several reports from that evening indicate that Allen was struck in the head as he pushed two young women to the ground to shield them from the crossfire. He left behind two young daughters. Unfortunately, right near St. Marks Avenue which is named in his honor, Damon S. Allen Way, shootings continue to occur. The Damon S. Allen Foundation has partnered with other organizations to conduct various events such as the creation of the "Piece Out/Peace In" mural near Brower park and the Damon S. Allen "Day of Unity," among other things.

5) Brooklyn Jewish Children's Museum

www.jcm.museum/

792 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11213

General Inquiries & Tickets: 718.907.8833, info@jcm.museum

Services: Children's museum

On March 1, 1994, 17-year-old Ari Halberstam was mercilessly gunned down by a Lebanese terrorist on the Brooklyn Bridge, while returning from the hospital where he had been praying for recovery the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Ari passed away five days later. The Jewish Children's Museum is dedicated in Ari's memory, to provide future generations of children with a clear message of inspiration, joy and hope, to promote harmony and understanding through knowledge and education, the things for which Ari lived and died.

The Jewish Children's Museum provides exhibitions and programs for all children in an educational and entertaining format. Primarily, the Museum serves elementary school-age children and their families. The Museum is a setting for children of all faiths and backgrounds to gain a positive perspective and awareness of the Jewish heritage, fostering tolerance and understanding.

6) Lay the Guns Down Campaign

[Ltgundc.org](http://ltgundc.org)

Services: public education

Mike Tucker was determined to channel his family's tragedy into something beneficial to his community. So he created the Lay the Guns Down Campaign, which aims to raise awareness about gun violence in Brooklyn through public service announcements by well-known figures.

Support for Starting a Non-Profit

1) The Foundation Center NY

<http://foundationcenter.org/newyork>

79 Fifth Avenue/16th Street
New York, NY 10003-3076
Phone: 212.620.4230

Services: libraries/ databases/ website with information on non-profit creation and management

The Foundation Center is the leading source of information about philanthropy worldwide. Through data, analysis, and training, it connects people who want to change the world to the resources they need to succeed. The Center maintains the most comprehensive database on U.S. and, increasingly, global grantmakers and their grants — a robust, accessible knowledge bank for the sector. It also operates research, education, and training programs designed to advance knowledge of philanthropy at every level. Thousands of people visit the Center's web site each day and are served in its five regional library/learning centers and its network of 450 funding information centers located in public libraries, community foundations, and educational institutions nationwide and beyond.

The Center accomplishes its mission by:

- Operating library/learning centers in five locations—New York City; Washington, DC; Atlanta; Cleveland; and San Francisco—that offer free access to information resources and educational programs.
- Maintaining unique databases of information on the nearly 100,000 foundations, corporate donors, and grantmaking public charities in the U.S. and 2.1 million of their recent grants. Its Foundation Directory Online subscription service is the most popular means for searching these databases.
- Providing a content-rich web site with a variety of free search tools, tutorials, downloadable reports, and other information updated daily, including PubHub, its

searchable online collection of thousands of reports published by foundations and nonprofit organizations.

- Educating thousands of people each year through a full curriculum of training courses — in the classroom and online in the form of self-paced courses and tutorials, as well as webinars. Free and affordable classes nationwide cover the funding research process, proposal writing, grantmakers and their giving, and related topics.

2) **Lawyers Alliance for New York**

<http://www.lawyersalliance.org/index.php>

171 Madison Avenue (corner of 33rd Street), 6th Floor, New York, New York 10016

Phone: 212.219.1800

Email: info@lawyersalliance.org

Services: legal aid for non-profits

Lawyers Alliance for New York is the leading provider of business and transactional legal services for nonprofit organizations that are improving the quality of life in New York City neighborhoods. By connecting lawyers, nonprofits, and communities, we help nonprofits to develop affordable housing, stimulate economic development, promote community arts, and operate and advocate for vital programs for children and young people, the elderly, and other low-income New Yorkers.

3) **Fund for the City of New York (FCNY)**

<http://www.fcny.org/fcny/core/>

121 Avenue of the Americas, 6th Floor

New York, NY 10013

Phone: 212.925.6675

Services: monetary and tech support for non-profits

The Fund for the City of New York was established by the Ford Foundation in 1968 with the mandate to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers. For over three decades, in partnership with government agencies, nonprofit institutions and foundations, the Fund has developed and helped to implement innovations in policy, programs, practices and technology in order to advance the functioning of government and nonprofit organizations in New York City and beyond.

In order to strengthen the infrastructure of nonprofits, the Fund has created a cluster of management and technology programs directed to improving their administrative and service capacity by lending money against delayed payments, providing back office support to new initiatives, and equipping nonprofits with the systems they need to be able to compete with the private sector.

4) **Brecht Forum**

<http://brechtforum.org/>

451 West Street

New York, NY 10014

Phone: 212.242.4201

Services: collaboration on public benefit projects

The BRECHT FORUM is a cultural and educational center for people who are working for social justice, equality and a new culture that puts human needs first. Through its programs and events, the Brecht Forum brings people together across social and cultural boundaries and artistic and academic disciplines to promote critical analysis, creative thinking, collaborative projects and networking in an independent community-level environment.

Resources and support in the grieving process

1) **Open To Hope: Finding Hope After Loss**

www.opentohope.com/

2) **Jewish Board for Family Counseling and Services**

jbfcs.org/programs-services/jewish-community-services-2/shira-ruskay-center/bereavement-support/

212.632.4608 or info@shiraruskay.org

We offer bereavement support groups that are individualized for specific types of loss. Our groups include participants with similar losses such as individuals who have lost spouses, parents, children, and other loved ones. We attempt to group participants of similar age. Our eight-week groups are co-lead by a Social Worker and a Rabbi, and offered through the year.

Parents Who Lost an Adult Child: Wednesdays: October 29, November 26, December 17*

Parents Who Lost a Young Adult Child: Wednesdays: October 18, November 15, December 20.

3) **Calvary Hospital Bereavement Groups**

www.calvaryhospital.org/site/pp.asp?c=ktJUU9MPIsE&b=3304883

To make an appointment, please e-mail lpappalardi@calvaryhospital.org or call (718) 518-2173

Calvary Hospital provides bereavement support for adults who have lost loved ones at Calvary Hospital or Calvary@Home, and those from the community at large who have lost someone because of illness, accidents, violence, or any other cause. Groups are offered in the Bronx and Brooklyn. If you would like to attend any of the groups, you must first meet with one of the group facilitators **before** attending your first session.

4) **Compassionate Friends**

www.compassionatefriendsnyc.org

212.217.9647

Assists families coping with grief following the death of a child of any age

Names of local parents who have lost loved ones and are interested in reaching out to other parents who have lost loved ones:

(Check with them about whether they would like to be included)

A black silhouette of a basketball player in mid-air, shooting a ball. The player's right arm is extended upwards, holding the ball, while the left arm is out to the side. The background is a solid grey color.

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TOGETHER WE CAN**

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or email at gibsonb@crowheights.org

Get ready for the 3rd annual Arts to End Violence Festival



Arts to End Violence is an annual festival in Crown Heights designed to inspire artists of all ages to participate in the growing anti-violence movement.

Artists can create art in the medium of their choice that depicts the costs of gun violence or celebrates triumphs of the people in the community.

Youth Organizing to Save Our Streets (YO S.O.S.) will be collecting art from people like you from January-March 2013. Selected artwork will be on public display in the spring of 2013.

Check artstoendviolence.tumblr.com for updates.

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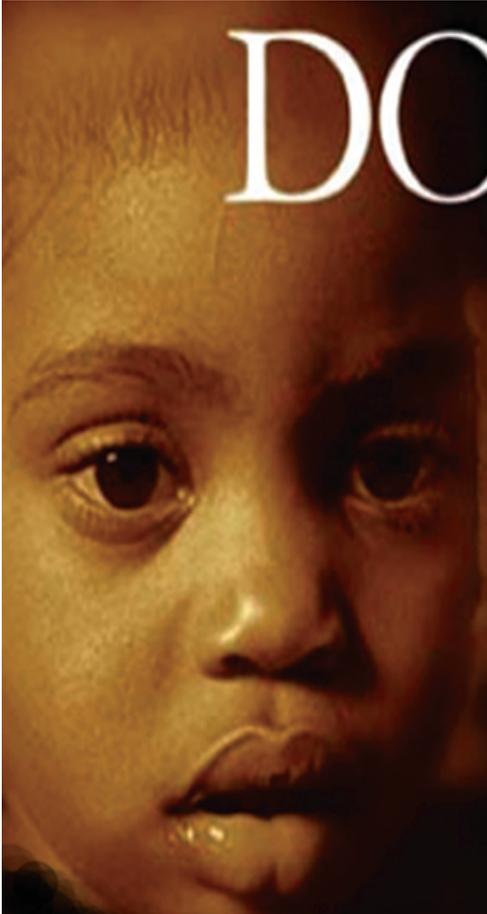


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A close-up, low-angle shot of a young child's face, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The lighting is dramatic, with one side of the face in shadow.

DON'T SHOOT.
I want to grow up.

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