

Resource Guide for Families

Crown Heights, Brooklyn



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Social Services

Brooklyn Perinatal Network (76 Nevins St, Brooklyn, NY 11217)

Brooklyn Perinatal Network (BPN) was established from a community task force to address high infant mortality. Their purpose is to prevent and reduce infant/maternal illness by enabling at-risk residents to access vital information, coordinate care, supportive health and social supportive services and assisting families to secure public health benefits and resources needed to maintain health. BPN offers the following services: *Brooklyn Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative, school health workshops, Brooklyn Healthy Start Infant Mortality Reduction, Sister Friend Birthing Project, Delta Alpha Zeta Stork's Nest* (an initiative to educate women on pregnancy), *The Brooklyn Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality and Family Health, BPN's Baby Buggy Program* (for pregnant and parenting women to receive infant & Child supplies).

Phone Number: 718-643-8258

Email: mail@bpnetwork.org

Web Address: www.bpnetwork.org

CAMBA (1720 Church Avenue 2nd Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11226)

CAMBA offers integrated services and programs in economic development, education & youth development (including afterschool programs), family support services, HIV/AIDS services, housing services & development, legal services. CAMBA provides individuals and families with services and supports that are meaningful and culturally relevant. This organization serves families throughout Brooklyn.

Phone number: 718-287-2600

Email: LorelieL@camba.org

Web Address: www.camba.org

Catholic Charities of New York (1011 First Ave, New York, NY 10022)

This organization has a *Protecting and Nurturing Children and Youth Program*. The Program's services range from day care and foster care, to afterschool and summer programs for children. Catholic Charities also operates preventative services programs in collaboration with New York City and New York State. Their preventative services include, but are not limited to, providing support to families 'overwhelmed by poverty or the demands of caring for special needs children' through counseling and caseworker services.

Phone Number: 212-371-1000 ext. 2051

Catholic Charities Help Line: 888-744-7900

Web Address: www.catholiccharitiesny.org

Community Counseling and Mediation (804-06 Classon Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238)

This organization provides services to the community including mental health and substance abuse services, educational programs for youth, health and housing services and preventative services for youth and families. They offer the following free services: Spanish classes, yoga, artistic expression and finger painting classes, arts and crafts classes and fitness and aerobics classes.

Phone Number: 718-802-0666

Email: aarmsterwikoff@ccmnyc.org

Web Address: www.ccmnyc.org

Community Resource Handbook (NYC Department of Homeless Services)

This website offers comprehensive step-by-step guide to New York City resources for childcare, tutoring, domestic violence, parenting, youth service and more.

Website: www.nyc.gov/html/dhs/html/atrisk/handbook.shtml

Crown Heights Community Mediation Center (256 Kingston Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11213)

The Mediation Center is a unique neighborhood institution that works to improve community problem-solving, collaboration, and inter-group relations in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Operating out of a storefront office since 1998, the Mediation Center seeks innovative ways to promote community cohesion in a neighborhood, known for fragmentation. This includes providing residents with links to resources on issues like education, parenting, housing, and immigration; providing support to young people navigating the challenges of a community tainted by violence, drugs, and poverty; and galvanizing neighborhood, borough, and city stakeholders in order to improve the quality of life for all residents.

Phone Number: 718-773-6886

Web Address: www.crownheights.org

Crown Heights Jewish Community Council (392 Kingston Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225)

The Jewish Community Council serves the Crown Heights community by assisting with applications for Medicaid, WIC, food stamps and other government based benefits. They also assist with employment and career counseling. In addition, they have a food pantry and a small program called *Mother's Helper*, which offers services to women who need assistance at home postpartum. Historically, the JCC has been central to social service provision in the community and is an excellent resource for outside referrals.

Phone Number: 718-771-9000

Email: chjcc@chjcc.org

Web Address: www.chjcc.org

Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families (407 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, NY 11238)

Edwin Gould offers families preventative, permanency and residential services. Prevention programs include programs for teenagers and parents of teenagers. Therapy and mentors are available to children and teens. This organization also has resources available regarding domestic violence and mental health.

Phone Number: 347-227-4160

Web Address: www.egscf.org

Ralph-Lincoln Service Center (261 Buffalo Avenue Suite #2, Brooklyn, NY 11213)

This community service center works to maintain the community by improving quality of life, fostering cultural diversity and community stabilization by offering a range of social service programs to Crown Heights and its surrounding communities. The Center's *Fathering Initiative* provides workshops, parenting skills classes, and counseling to fathers over the age of 21 who have been estranged from their children from some period of time. The services are free and they provide linkages to day care providers in the area.

Phone Number: 718-604-1358

Email: rmatt35436@aol.com

Seaman's Society for Children and Families (1731 Pitkin Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11212)

Seaman's offers day care for children between the ages of 2 months and 12 years in their home between 8 AM and 6 PM, Monday to Friday. Homes are visited regularly by staff to ensure compliance with health and safety regulations. Additionally they offer domestic violence intervention, educational support for parents and school aged children, HIV/AIDS services, prevention and youth services.

Phone Number: 888-274-8546

Email: info@roots-wings.org

Web Address: www.roots-wings.org

Health Care

Brooklyn Birthing Center (2183 Ocean Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11229)

The Brooklyn Birthing Center is a freestanding facility where low risk women give birth in a warm home-like environment. The center also provides referrals for lactation consultants, doulas and pediatricians.

Phone Number: 718-376-6655

Email: info@brooklynbirthingcenter.com

Web Address: www.brooklynbirthingcenter.com

Caribbean House Health Center (1167 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225)

Originally focused on women's health services; the Caribbean House Health Center has expanded its services and is now an inclusive primary care facility for adults and their children. Their services also include prenatal and postpartum care, pediatric services and adolescent medicine, reproductive health care, case management, mental health services, immunizations, school check ups and social services. Many of the staff at the Caribbean House speak French/Creole and Spanish, and materials distributed at the Health Center are translated into English, French and Spanish.

Phone Number: 718-778-0198

Email: info@chnnyc.org

Web Address: www.chnnyc.org

Caribbean Women's Health Association (21 Snyder Ave 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11226)

A non-profit free clinic for men and women in need of counseling, support services and referrals. The Clinic offers a plethora of referral services including perinatal services, youth and adolescent services, immigration, health insurance, and domestic violence referral services. They assist with applications for *Medicaid*, *WIC*, food stamps and other government based benefits with Services are provided in English, Spanish, and Creole.

Phone Number: 718-826-2942

Email: chall@cwaha.org

Web Address: www.cwaha.org

Growing up Healthy (New York State Department of Health)

The Department operates the Growing Up Healthy Hotline, which provides information about health care, nutrition and other health and human services available to New York State residents. The hotline provides information and referral 24 hours a day, seven days a week in English and Spanish and other languages. All calls are confidential.

Phone Number: 1-800-522-5006

Web Address: www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/perinatal/en/guh.htm

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (585 Schenectady Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11203)

General hospital and outpatient clinic services including pediatric care, free health screenings, and a *Caribbean Mental Health Program*.

Phone Number: 718-604-5388

Email: info@kjmc.org

Web Address: www.kingsbrook.org

Kings County Hospital Center (451 Clarkson Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11203)

General hospital and outpatient services including a Family Care Center that provides counseling, testing and treatment for infants, children, adolescents, and adults using a family-centered model of care. They also offer assistance in applying to *Medicaid* (see below, Medicaid Office).

Phone Number: 718-245-3131

Web Address: www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/kchc/html/home/home.shtml

Medicaid Helpline

Phone Number: 800-541-2831

Medicaid Office (Kings County Hosp. 441 Clarkson Ave. "T" Bldg. Nurses' Residence 1st Fl., Brooklyn, NY)

Assistance with Medicaid eligibility and application. Offices are open from: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Phone Number: 718-221-2300/2301

SUNY Downstate Medical Center/ Infant and Child Learning Center (450 Clarkson Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11203)

General hospital and outpatient clinic services including free health screenings, as well as an *Infant and Child Learning Center* for handicapped and developmentally delayed children who have physical or neurological problems due to premature birth, birth defects, HIV infection, or other disorders. In addition, the hospital houses an adolescent education program that provides counseling to at risk youth.

Phone Number: 718-270-1000

Web Address: www.hscbklyn.edu/giving/childcenter.html

Postpartum Doula Resources

With Woman Doula Cooperative (Brooklyn, NY)

Postpartum doulas are available to help women after they have given birth with tasks ranging from doing laundry and cooking to taking a turn holding and feeding the baby. These women are often certified and therefore charge between \$40-50/hour. If this rate is too expensive, there is an alternative. While doulas are training, they offer their services free of charge or at discounted prices. Contact the With Woman Doula Cooperative to get in touch with either a certified doula or a doula-in-training.

Email: info@nycdoulacoop.com

Website: www.nycdoulacoop.com

Postpartum Depression Resources

1-800-LIFENET

This organization provides a multi-lingual, confidential, toll-free help line for New York City residents. An experienced mental health professional will listen to the problem and assess the situation. They will then provide information about local community resources that can best help the client with their concerns. In emergency situations, LIFENET will contact 911 or a mobile crisis team to provide appropriate intervention and will then follow up with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the receiving hospital to check on the status of the person who was assessed to be a potential danger to self/others.

Phone Number: 1-800-LIFELINE, 1-877-AYUDESE (Spanish), 1-877-990-8585 (Mandarin)

Puerto Rican Family Institute Mental Health Centers (217 Havemeyer St, Brooklyn, NY 11211)

Services are available in English and Spanish, these services include psychiatric evaluations, medication management and individual, family and group therapy with the goal of improving the functioning of the individual within the context of family, work, school, and the community. Play therapy is offered to children, if appropriate. Through education and case management, this organization assists families in improving communications in the home and maximizing family functioning and parenting skills. Their *Fatherhood Initiative Program* offers free workshops for fathers aimed at improving relationships between fathers and their children.

Fees and Payment Policies: Accepts *Medicaid, Medicare, Child Health Plus, and Family Health Plus*. Sliding fee scale and assistance based on need.

Phone Number: 718-963-4430

Web Address: www.prfi.org/Services/MentalHealth/tabid/82/Default.aspx#485

The Postpartum Resource Center of New York, Inc. (109 Udall Road, West Islip, NY 11795)

This organization provides a 24 hour phone service to New York State women and their families at risk for or experiencing postpartum depression by providing screening, treatment, education, and support programs and services.

Phone Number: 631-422-2255

Web Address: www.postpartumny.org/index.htm

NY Diagnostic Center (1657 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225)

This is a full service mental health care center located in Crown Heights. The practice offers a wide range of mental health services for adults in the community.

Phone Number: 718-363-3261

Breast Pump Supplies

Crown Heights Maternity (321 Kingston Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11213)

This store sells maternity clothes and also has Medela breast pumps are available for purchase. They range in price from \$35.00-305.00.

Phone Number: 718-363-2806

Email: chmaternity@aol.com

Website: www.crownheightsmaternity.com

Kings Pharmacy and Surgical (492 Clarkson Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11203)

Medela breast pumps are available for rent at this store--there is a \$100 deposit that is refunded when the pump is returned and the bottle kit must be purchased for \$49.99. The pump itself costs \$50/month to rent.

Phone Number: 718-363-2806

Lactation Resources

La Leche League of East New York

La Leche League is an international, nonprofit, nonsectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support, and encouragement to women who want to breastfeed. All breastfeeding mothers and pregnant women interested in breastfeeding are welcome to attend free weekly meetings or call the leaders for breastfeeding information and support free of charge. La Leche League leaders can also make house calls or refer women to local lactation consultants and other appropriate support services.

Phone: 212-794-4687

Web Address: <http://www.llusa.org/NYE/Kings/brooklyn.HTM>

Paula Felice, Lactation Consultant (Brooklyn, NY)

Paula teaches breast feeding classes at The Brooklyn Birthing Center and also hosts a support group at La Leche League. She is available to make home visits in order to consult about breast feeding.

Phone Number: 718-241-1818

Email: paulafelice@aol.com

Dr. Mona Gabay (Brooklyn, NY)

Dr. Gabay is devoted to caring from women who are having medical issues related to breastfeeding. Her website contains an extensive list of common breastfeeding issues and is an extremely useful resource.

Phone: 914-632-7999

Website: www.thebreastfeedingdoctor.com

Svetlana Tenenbaum (Brooklyn, NY)

Offers home visit lactation consultation.

Phone Number: 718-648-0042

Childhood Nutrition

New York City Department of Education: Feeding the Children (311)

The City of New York has made summer meals available to all children under 19, regardless of their family income or whether they live in the city, to ensure that they have access to nutritious meals. The meals are served at more than 1,000 sites across the five boroughs, extending well beyond summer-school lunchrooms, with food delivered to neighborhood locales like parks, pools and libraries. Breakfast is served from 8 to 9:15 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. every weekday through Aug. 28. A late lunch is also being offered from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at nine public pools. For locations, call 311 or check online.

Phone Number: 311

Web Address: www.opt-osfns.org/osfns.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (495 Empire Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11225)

WIC is a special supplemental food program that provides nutritious foods, milk, juice, formula and other items to low income pregnant or breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age five. WIC has been shown to improve the health of pregnant women, new mothers and their infants and children. The foods provided through WIC are a good source of essential nutrients that are often missing from the diets of women and young children. WIC participants have longer healthier pregnancies and fewer premature births.

To qualify for WIC:

1. You must be:
 - A pregnant woman of any age;
 - An infant or child up to five years of age;
 - A mother of a baby that is up to six months of age; OR
 - A breastfeeding mother of a baby that is up to 12 months of age.
2. You must be a resident of New York State, but you do not need to be a U.S. citizen.
3. You must meet the [income eligibility guidelines](#) OR be receiving benefits from Food Stamps, Medicaid or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
4. Your medical or nutritional needs must be assessed by a WIC health care professional to determine which benefits are available to you.

Phone Number: 718-467-0010

Day Cares & Neighborhood Preschools

Universal Pre-Kindergarten; New York City Department of Education

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) programs provide a free educational environment where children's natural curiosity is used as a springboard to learn skills that are necessary for success in school. In Pre-Kindergarten, children learn how to share, take turns and work in groups. They also develop skills that form the foundation for reading, writing and mathematics. Programs can be half day (two and a half hours, AM - morning or PM - afternoon) or full day (six hours and twenty minutes). Eligibility is limited to children 4 years of age or older who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten. Parents/guardians of applicants must be New York City residents and must apply through a centralized admissions process.

Crown Heights Schools Participating in the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program:

P.S. 012 (430 Howard Ave, Brooklyn NY 11233)
M.S. K394 (188 Rochester Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11213)
P.S. 022 (443 Saint Mark's Ave, Brooklyn NY, 11238)
P.S. 091 The Albany Avenue School (532 Albany Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11203)
P.S. 092 Adrian Hegeman (601 Parkside Ave, Brooklyn NY, 11226)
P.S. 138 Brooklyn (760 Prospect Place, Brooklyn NY, 11216)
P.S. 167 The Parkway (1025 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn NY, 11213)
P.S. 181 Brooklyn (1023 New York Ave, Brooklyn, 11203)
P.S. 191 Paul Robeson (1600 Park Place, Brooklyn, NY 11233)
P.S. 221 Tossaint L'Ouverture (791 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11213)
P.S. 241 Emma L. Johnston (976 President St, Brooklyn, NY 11225)
P.S. 249 The Caton (18 Marlborough Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11226)
P.S. 289 George V. Brower (900 Saint Mark's Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11213)
P.S. 316 Elijah Stroud (750 Classon Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238)
P.S. 375 Jackie-Robinson School (46 McKeever Place, Brooklyn, NY 11225)
P.S. 398 Walter Weaver (60 East 94th St, Brooklyn, NY 11212)

Phone Number: 718-390-1487

Email: agomez3@SCHOOLS.NYC.GOV

Web Address: www.schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/PreK/default.htm

Babysitter Exchange (Brooklyn, NY)

This organization acts as a way to create and connect families to babysitting co-operatives. The idea is that you trade babysitting and other tasks with other parents living in your community. There are over 100 babysitting co-operatives located in Brooklyn.

Website: www.babysitterexchange.com

Ada's Smart Stars (Lefferts Ave and Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, 11225)

Group family daycare, services for all ages 6 weeks and up. Call number listed below in order to fill out an application and arrange a visit. Ada enjoys accommodating mother's who are going to work. Price is approximately \$175/week for infant care from 7 am - 6pm. The day care is licensed to care for up to 12 children under the age of 2 and they accept ACS, ACD and private vouchers. Additional discounts may be available.

Phone Number: 718-693-0685

Beth Rivkah Head Start (310 Crown St, Brooklyn, NY 11225)

Beth Rivkah is a *Head Start Center* for children ages 3 to 5. This childcare program is free for families who qualify by income level. Approximately 200 students attend this program.

Phone Number: 718-735-0729/ 718-735-0400 ex 1156

Website: www.bethrivkah.edu

St. John's Place Family Shelter (1639 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, NY 11233)

This center provides day care services to 2.5 to 5 year olds from the community as well as from their on-site shelter. The day care operates from 8am to 6pm and costs are generally covered through ACD and ACS funds.

Phone Number: 718-771-7720

Web Address: www.stjohnsplace.org

Little Red Riding Hood Preschool (237 Lefferts Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225)

Offers daycare, preschool and afterschool programs for children from 6 mo to 6 years. To apply visit location on Lefferts Ave. Price ranges from \$120-130/week and ACD vouchers are accepted. Academic year hours (September-June) are 7 am- 7 pm, summer hours are 7 am - 6:30 pm.

Phone Number: 718-953-0900 or 718-953-3744

The Miracle Makers, Inc. (Brooklyn, NY)

The Miracle Makers are a day care center with six locations throughout Brooklyn. They offer a place for infants beginning at 6 months old. The infants interact with dedicated caregivers who through play, teach them to socialize. During this critical growing period, infants are encouraged to explore their physical surroundings and they are encouraged to develop language skills, social/emotional competencies and intellectual development. Children may be eligible for free or low cost child care based on family income and reasons for requiring child care.

Phone Number: 718-483-3000

Email: Executive Director, Leonard Stewart, lstewart@themmi.com

Web Address: www.themmi.org

Recreation, Afterschool, and Summer Programs for Children

Albany Community Center (164 Troy Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11213)

They offer an afterschool program that runs from 2pm to 6pm during the school year for children 6 years of age and older. There is a one-time \$10 application fee for the afterschool program and they offer assistance with homework as well as snacks and dinner. They offer a summer youth program from 9am-5pm that provides a variety of activities including field trips. Free lunch is provided during the summer program and the registration fee is \$350.

Phone Number: 718-771-6462

Big Brother, Big Sister of NYC

Provide mentors to children who need caring adult role models. Big Brother, Big Sister will provide your child with a special friend who can help expand their horizons, realize their potential and enrich their futures--changing their lives.

Phone Number: 212-686-2042

Web Address: www.bigsny.org

Beacon Program through Research Foundation of Medgar Evers (P.S. 138, 760 Prospect Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11216)

For students in Community Board #8 district. Offers free after-school and homework help, basketball leagues, SAT, GED and college preparation classes. They also host a youth leadership group.

Phone Number: 718-953-0857

Crown Heights Services Center, Union United Methodist Church (121 New York Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11216)

Offers a free afterschool 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.

Phone Number: 718-774-9800

Crown Heights Youth Collective (113 Rogers Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11216)

Offers free after-school programs, music lessons, job skills training and employment assistance, educational services and health information services to the diverse African and Hasidic communities of Crown Heights.

Phone Number: 718-756-7600

Web Address: www.cfapa.com

Greater Restoration Baptist Church (1156 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, NY 11213)

In addition to providing worship services on Sundays, the Greater Restoration Baptist Church offers a free afterschool program to grade school children and hosts a summer day camp that costs approximately \$300. They accept ACD and ACS vouchers and applications are available on site. Interns come from around the country to assist in these efforts.

Phone Number: 718-735-4102

Email: kenbogan@aol.com

Jackie Robinson Center for Physical Culture (1424 Fulton St, Brooklyn, NY 11216)

Afterschool programs for children 8-18 including sports, culture, education and social services. Affiliated with Medgar Evers College and Brooklyn USA Athletics.

Phone: 718-773-3456

Web Address: www.mec.cuny.edu/academic_affairs/robinson.asp

St. John's Recreation Center (1251 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY 11213)

This recreation center was established with the hopes of providing a safe space for disadvantaged youth. Use of their facilities is free of charge. The center has a game room, basketball courts, swim facilities, and a weight and cardio workout room. St. John's also offers a free afterschool program for children aged 6-13 years. The afterschool program includes homework assistance and provides snacks to each child. The St. John's summer camp runs for 7 weeks and has a registration fee of \$350.

Phone Number: 718-771-2787

Web Address: www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/recreationcenters/B245#facilities

Youthline

Confidential hotline for youth in crisis. They provide support for family conflicts and help locate appropriate afterschool programs and recreation programs.

Phone Number: 1-800-246-4646

Web Address: www.nyc.gov/dycd

Supplies and Services: Delivered to Your Home

Baby Product Delivery

Diaperkind (231 12th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215)

Diapers are delivered for the week, directly to your door for one flat weekly price. At the end of the week, put the hamper bag out and the driver will swap it with a new bag of clean diapers.

Phone Number: 718-425-0950

Email: info@diaperkind.com

Web Address: www.diaperkind.com

Diapers.com

This website sells any baby supplies you might need from diapers to bottles and they are delivered to your door.

Groceries to Your Door

OrganicDirect (Brooklyn, NY)

Will deliver groceries and produce to your home. It is a convenient way to purchase organic groceries, frozen natural food, organic fresh fruits and vegetables. Delivery is free and there is a \$50 minimum purchase.

Web Address: www.organicdirect.com

Urban Organics (240 Sixth St, Brooklyn, NY 11215)

Offers a variety of organic fruits and vegetables, and will deliver your order all year round and as close to your kitchen table as you like. Their motto is: "save time, save money, save the planet." Orders are placed by box and range in prices from a "little box" for \$24.99 to an "extra value" box for \$44.99. They are open Monday through Friday, 9 am-5 pm.

Phone Number: 718-499-4321

Email: info@urbanorganic.com

Web Address: www.urbanorganic.com

Prescription Delivery

Apple Drugs (3376 Kingston Ave, Brooklyn, NY11213-4398)

Phone Number: 718-467-5600

DM Pharmacy (525 Empire Blvd, Brooklyn, NY 11225-3121)

Phone Number: 718-221-6814

Estees Pharmacy & Surgical (300 Troy Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11213-4632)

Phone Number: 718-484-4305

Prime Care Pharmacy (126 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225-5410)

Phone Number: 718-953-7300

S & D Nature's Pharmacy (391 Eastern Pkwy # 2, Brooklyn, NY 11216-4153)

Phone Number: 718-756-6026

Thriftway Pharmacy (720 Classon Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238-4231)

Phone Number: 718-399-1800 (No same day deliveries)

Brooklyn Parenting Websites

A Child Grows in Brooklyn

This is an in-depth and comprehensive resource for Brooklyn parents. The website hosts a blog on parenting issues and contains links to recommended clinicians, resources for children with special needs, postpartum support, parent-child activities, shopping, babysitters, birthing, and a host of related information.

Web Address: www.achildgrowsinbrooklyn.com

Families First Brooklyn

Families First is a parent-run, independent non-profit organization that publishes a monthly newsletter with detailed information about community services and program schedules for workshops and classes. On their website you can find information about:

- workshops for parents and caregivers
- support groups for women, men, couples, and new mothers
- resources for special needs children
- drop-in play areas for children
- special events for children and parents
- classes and activities for babies, toddlers, and school aged children.

Web Address: www.familiesfirstbrooklyn.org

GoCityKids

GocityKids contains information on parks, stories, professional services, babysitters, restaurants, entertainment, day camps, and a host of afterschool activities. There is also a long-term calendar of kid-friendly events around town, a weekly e-mail newsletter about upcoming events, and information organized by Brooklyn neighborhood.

Web Address: www.gocitykids.parentsconnect.com/region/new-york-ny-usa

Park Slope Parents

This site offers a wealth of information for parents and caregivers that is useful for anyone living in Brooklyn-not just the Park Slope area. It has childcare and education resources, parent and child health care tips, classes and activities, lists of local services, and parenting tips.

Web Address: www.parkslopeparents.com