



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Important Community Resources

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| COMMITTEE: **CIVIL SERVICE AND PENSIONS**

### Community Resources

#### **Arts**

##### *Staten Island organizations:*

##### Art Lab, Inc.

A school of fine and applied art also does exhibitions and events.

1000 Richmond Terrace Staten Island, NY 10301

Phone: 718-447-8667 Fax: 718-447-8668

##### Bloomfield Conservancy

An organization dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and wildlife habitats

900 South Ave Staten Island, NY 10314

Phone: (718) 477-2100

##### StatenIslandArts.org

Offers a database for artistic outlets for all peoples on Staten Island.

Website: [www.statenislandarts.org](http://www.statenislandarts.org)

## **Children's Issues**

### *Brooklyn Organizations:*

#### Agency for Child Development

Provides subsidized child care in the form of day care or child care, also for children with disabilities; can also request to be put on a voucher waiting list. For low and middle class income must meet an income level based on number of people in family

151 Lawrence Street, 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 (differs per borough)

Brooklyn hours (8am- 3pm)

To apply dial 311 and ask for subsidized child care; must request an application package and send back to address in package; also offers assistance to elderly for filling out forms

#### Coney Island Library After School Program

After school

program for elementary, middle and high school students. The program operates on a drop-in basis year-round and offers academics, arts and music. Also available for adults, classes on Chinese and English

1901 Mermaid Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11224

Phone: (718) 265-

3220

#### Gravesend Community Center NYCHA After School Program

After school program for elementary, middle and high school students. The program operates year-round and offers academics, arts, music and sports. Enrollment is required

3146 Bayview Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11224

Phone: (718) 266-2441

### *NYC Organizations:*

### Catholic Youth Organization

Provides spiritual, athletic, cultural and recreational programs to youth and young adults of the Archdiocese of New York.

1011 First Avenue New York, NY 10022

Phone: (212) 371-1000

### Child Care Inc.

Information and consultation to parents about childcare; also available in Spanish

Professional training and development to the field, advocacy and analysis to influence public policy and practice

Child Care, Inc.

322 Eight Avenue, 4th Floor New York, NY 10001

For General Information – 212.929.7604

For Parents – 212.929.4999

To find a provider Health Plus Provider Care Center (all provider inquiries)- (800) 450-8753

### City Parks Department Playground Program

Offers an after-school program for ages 7 to 13 with programs such a homework helper and various sports.

Registration end Sept/Oct

Pier 6 and Murray Hulbert Avenue 10301

Phone: (718) 816-6172

### *Staten Island Organizations:*

### Seamen's Society

Child welfare agency serves Staten Island and Brooklyn. Programs offered include domestic violence intervention, education support, foster care adoption, and HIV/AIDs services.

25 Hyatt Street 10301-1827

Phone: (888) 837-6687

website: [www.roots-wings.com](http://www.roots-wings.com)

## **Community Development**

### *Brooklyn Organizations:*

ACORN

The Association of

Community Organizations for Reform Now, is the nation's largest community organization of low- and moderate-income families, working together for social justice and stronger communities.

2-4 Nevins Street 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY

11217

Phone: (718) 246 – 7900 Fax: (718) 246 – 7939

UPROSE (Sunset Park)

UPROSE is dedicated to the development of Southwest Brooklyn and the empowerment of its residents primarily through broad and converging environmental, sustainable development, and youth justice campaigns

166A 22nd Street, Brooklyn, New York 11232

Phone: (718) 492-9307

Fax: (718) 492-9030

Email: [Info@UPROSE.org](mailto:Info@UPROSE.org)

### *Staten Island Organizations:*

Brighton Community Local Development Corporation

(in conjunction with SBA Women'sCenter)

Offers support for small businesses, such as counseling and seminars to open or expand small business. Also support for women and minorities

1207 Castleton Avenue

Phone: (718) 816-4775

## **Community Centers**

### *Brooklyn Organizations:*

#### American Italian

Coalition of Organizations (AMICO)  
applications for food, medical and entitlements  
NY 11214

Offers assistance with  
138 Bay 20th Street, Brooklyn,

Phone: 718-256-3445

#### Bensonhurst COJO

Provides services for the community primarily the elderly includes employment services, scholarships, citizenship and ESL classes, crisis intervention and community events

8635 21st Avenue Suite 1b, Brooklyn, NY 11214

Phone: 718 333 1834

F: 718 333 1837

[info@bencojo.org](mailto:info@bencojo.org)

#### Boro Park YM-YWHA

Children's Services (pool, day care center), Senior Center, Specialized programs for holocaust survivors, Social Services, Youth Services

4912 14th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219

Phone: 718-438-5921

#### Brighton Neighborhood Association

Social work, translations, Benefits Counseling, Children's Services, Community Relations Services, Cultural Programs, Housing Services, Immigration Legal Services, Immigration Legal Services, Senior Citizen Services, Youth Services, Art Gallery

1121 Brighton Beach Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235

Phone: 718-891-0800

Brooklyn Chinese-American Association

Benefits Counseling, Children's Services, Citizenship Services, Cultural programs, Day Care Services, Education Services, Health Services, Interpretation and Translation Services, Crime and Victims Services, Senior Citizen Services, Social Services, Youth Services

5002 8th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220

Phone: 718-438-9312

Edith and Carl Marks Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst

Senior Center Adult/Literacy, Benefits Counseling, Business Counseling, Citizenship Services, Cultural Programs, Day Care Services, Domestic Violence Services, Education Services, Employment and Training Services, Health Services, Immigration and Resettlement Assistance, Interpretation and Translation Services, Mental Health Services, Senior Citizen Services, Social Services, Youth Services (Pool)

7802 Bay Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11214

Phone: 718-331-6800 ext. 110

On line: [www.jchb.org](http://www.jchb.org) (also Available in Russian)

Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst

Includes programs for children and teens, a summer camp, immigrant services and social services

7802 Bay Parkway Brooklyn, NY 11214

Phone: (718) 331-6800

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island

services of all segments of the population including the aged, the vocationally disadvantaged poor, refugees, and educationally at-risk . In addition, the council provides non-profit community based organizations with technical assistance in upgrading their management capacity.

3001 West 37th Street Brooklyn, New York 11224

Phone: 718-449-5000

*NYC Organizations:*

Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York

Case management, information and referral, emergency food services, employment training and placement, homelessness prevention, immigration and refugee services, parish support, thrift store, blind services, deaf apostolate, residential services for the mentally challenged, youth recreational and spiritual services.

1011 First Avenue New York, NY 10022

Phone: (212) 371-1000

Volunteers of America

Children, Youth & Families Corrections, Developmental Disability Elderly Employment and Training Health Care Homeless Housing Mental Health Substance Abuse Veterans

Understanding Homelessness Correctional Services At-Risk Youth Mental Health Services

Volunteers of America-Greater New York

340 West 85th Street New York, NY 10024-3800

Phone: 212-873-2600

*Staten Island Organizations:*

Council of Jewish Organizations of Staten Island, Inc

Adult and Youth, Benefits Counseling, Food/Nutrition Services, Health Services, Social Services 984 Post Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10302

Phone: 718-720-4047

Jewish Community Center of Staten Island

Adult and Youth, Adult/ Youth Literacy (ESL and GED), Benefits Counseling, Communication Therapy, Education Services, Health Services, HIV/AIDS Services, Legal Services, Social Services, Substance Abuse Services

475 Victory Blvd. and 1297 Arthur Kill Road, Staten Island, NY 10301

Phone: 718-356-8113

Fax: 718-946-8240

New York Urban League

Adult and Youth, Adult/ Youth Literacy (ESL and GED), Benefits Counseling, Communication Therapy, Education Services, Health Services, Housing Services

6 Van Duzer Street, Staten Island, NY 10301

Phone: 718-442-5579

Sky Light Center

Adult and Youth counseling and Rehabilitation, Adult/Youth Literacy (ESL and GED), Benefits Counseling, Education Services, GED, ESL, Computer, Health Services, Housing Services, Mental Health Services, Social Services

307 St. Marks Place, Staten Island, NY 10301

Phone: (718) 720-2585



## **Counseling and Rehabilitation**

### *Brooklyn Organizations:*

Bensonhurst Guidance Center

Children's Services, Family Counseling Services (therapists), Health Services, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse

6201 16th Brooklyn, NY 11204

Phone: 718-256-8600

South Brooklyn Youth Consortium

Treatment for overcoming addiction to alcohol and drugs

2828 Neptune Ave

Brooklyn, NY 11224

Phone: 718-265-3225

### *Staten Island Organizations:*

Camelot Counseling Center

Counseling, day service for adolescents (14 -18) , Outpatient program, Provides Services for battered men and women

263 Port Richmond Avenue 10302

Phone: (718) 981 - 8117 Fax: (718) 981 – 9344

Covenant House New York

Staten Island Center Providing non-residential support services to youths under 21.

Counseling, referrals, educational and vocational services, Food services ect. Schedule an appt for further information

70 Bay Street 10301

Phone: (718) 876-9810

Fax: (718) 876 - 5338

## **Disabilities**

### *NYC Organizations:*

#### Coalition of Institutionalized Aged & Disabled

A non-profit, consumer-led advocacy organization to provide residents with the information and skills to advocate for themselves, to promote the rights of residents and to improve quality of life and care mostly adult care facilities

425 East 25th Street

Phone: (212) 481- 7572

Fax: (212) 481 – 5149

### *Staten Island Organizations:*

#### A Very Special Place

Services for the developmentally and mentally disabled in order for them to achieve independence

1429 Hylan Blvd Staten Island, NY 10305

Phone: (718) 987-1234 fax: 718 987 - 6065

email: [info@veryspecialplace.org](mailto:info@veryspecialplace.org)

#### Staten Island Mental Health Society, Inc.

Adult/Literacy, Children and Youth, Cultural Services, Education Services, Health Services, Mental Health Services, Social Services, Substance Abuse Services

669 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301

Phone: 718 442-2225

## **Emergency Services**

### *NYC Organizations:*

#### Child Protective Services

To report an incident of child abuse and maltreatment

52 Washington Street • Rensselaer, New York 12144-2796

Phone: 1-800-342-3720

#### Safe Horizon

Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800.621.HOPE (4673)

Crime Victims Hotline: 866.689.HELP Rape, Sexual Assault & Incest Hotline: 212.227.3000 TDD

phone number for all hotlines: 866.604.5350 Also offers legal services for Domestic Violence,

Violence and Immigration Also caseworkers will help with claims such as food stamps,

vouchers and Medicaid

2 Lafayette Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10007

Phone:

212.577.7700

Fax: 212-577-3897 Email: [help@safehorizon.org](mailto:help@safehorizon.org)

### *Staten Island Organizations:*

#### Domestic Violence Intervention Program

Provides outreach, crisis assistance and referrals to victims of family violence.

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Lamport Boulevard 10305

Phone: (718) 390-0251

Fax: (718) 815 - 8310

## **Health Care**

### *NYC Organizations:*

### AIDS Health Insurance Program (AHIP)

people with AIDS or HIV-related disease who are not Medicaid eligible, but cannot afford their own insurance New York City

330 West 34th Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10001

information & application (212) 367 - 1125 (only on Wednesday's)

### AIDS Hotline NYS

HIV Referrals & Support for both residents and non residents; provides information

455 1st Ave, New York NY 10016

hotline number: 800-541-2437; also available through 311

### American Cancer Society

community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service

173 Old Town Road, Staten Island, NY 10305

Phone: (718) 987-8872 Fax: (718) 351-0361

### American Red Cross in Greater New York

Emergency response, Local disaster response, Fire relief as well as financial assistance to victims

Phone: 1-877-REDCROSS

[www.ny.redcross.org](http://www.ny.redcross.org)

### Health Care Immunization Hotline

Offers free information on free immunizations in the community

Phone: (212) 349-2664

## **Homeless**

### *NYC Organizations:*

Coalition for the Homeless

Shelter, housing, job training, emergency food, crisis intervention, and youth programs

129 Fulton Street New York, NY 10038

Phone: 212-776-2000

email: [info@cfthomeless.org](mailto:info@cfthomeless.org)

The Partnership for the Homeless

Access to employment, job training, and educational opportunities; links to quality healthcare in their new community, ongoing support and making community connections in order to build social capital

305 Seventh Avenue, 13th Floor New York, NY 10001

Family Resource

Center: 100 Pennsylvania Avenue, Floor 2 Brooklyn, NY 11207

Furnish a Future 476 Jefferson Street Brooklyn, NY 11237

Phone: (212) 645-

3444; (718) 875-0027, ext. 201; (718) 875 - 5353, ext. 21

## **Housing**

### *Brooklyn Organizations:*

CAMBA Inc.

Property value decline/ can't refinance , situations beyond your control, increased mortgage payment, adjustable rate mortgage, loss of income/job, bankruptcy, foreclosure prevention workshop

884 Flatbush Ave. bk NY 11226

(718) 282 2500 fax (718) 282 8329

Main Office: 1720 Church Ave. Bk NY 11226

Phone: (718) 287 2600 fax: (718) 287 0857

*Staten Island Organizations:*

Centro de la Hospitalidad

Referral program for housing, employment, and health services, including tuberculosis and asthma screenings for recently arrived Mexicans

100 Park Avenue Staten Island, 10302

phone: 718-448-1544; 718-273-6737

fax: 718 - 720 - 5476

tetroia@projecthospitality.org

*All of NYC:*

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

For low income New Yorkers a plan for home energy assistance also available for food stamps, child support

180 Water Street New York, NY 10038

Phone: (800) 692-0557 or HRA Info (877) 472 – 8411

Neighborhood Housing Services Of New York City

creating and preserving affordable housing and providing opportunities for homeownership education, financial assistance and community leadership.

Staten Island: 770 Castleton Avenue Staten Island, NY 10310

Phone: (718) 442 – 8080 Fax: (718) 442 – 8245

1012 Gates Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221

Phone: 718 – 919 - 2100 Fax: 718 – 919 - 2725

NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority)

Section 8 housing

250 Broadway New York, NY 10007 212-306-3000

Section 8 Offices: Brooklyn 718-250-9777, 9700, 5977

### **Job Centers**

#### *Brooklyn Organizations:*

Astella Development Corporation

1618 Mermaid Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11224

Phone: (718) 266 - 4653

must bring resume, job referrals, job banks

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

Coney Island Job Center

3050 West 21st Street Brooklyn, NY 11224

Phone: (718) 333 - 3100

Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island

3001 West 37th St Brooklyn, NY 11224

Phone: 718-449-5000 ext 2273 fax: (718) 946 - 8240

offers job counseling, resume creating, vocational training, employment workshops, referrals to other resources and job placement assistance

<http://www.jccgci.org/main.asp?id=163>

Urban Neighborhood Services, Inc.

1718 Mermaid Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11224

Office: 347-374-2455 fax: (347) 374 – 2456

email: [admin@uns-inc.org](mailto:admin@uns-inc.org)

provides a job listing of available positions & referrals

<http://uns-inc.org/programsandservices.html>

*Staten Island Organizations:*

Richmond Job Center

201 Bay Street S. I., N.Y. 10301

Phone: (718) 556-7334, (718) 390 - 5103

also works in Medicare, bring appropriate documents

Work Force One

multiple locations:

60 Bay Street Staten Island, NY 10301

9 Bond Street, 5 th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201

Staten Island: (718) 285 - 8388 fax: (718) 981 - 8749

Brooklyn: (718) 246 - 5219 Fax: (718) 246 - 3975

depends on location Must first attend workshops, offers job placement, career advisement,  
job search counseling and skills training

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/wf1/html/jobseekers/jobseekers.shtml>

**Legal Services**

*All of NYC:*

Legal Service of New York

Free legal advice and representation to eligible individuals and groups in the following areas:



Family Law , Domestic Violence , Government Benefits , Foreclosure Prevention,  
Immigration 36 Richmond Terrace, Ste. 205 (across the street from Staten Island ferry)  
Staten Island, New York 10301

Tel: (718) 233-6480

Fax: (718) 448-2264

In Brooklyn Office areas of free legal advice include: Housing ,Family , Government Benefits,  
HIV/AIDS, Consumer, Employment ,Health , Education , Rights of People with Disabilities ,  
Community Education & Empowerment, Foreclosure Prevention ,Child Care

South Brooklyn Legal Services

105 Court Street, 3rd Floor

Brooklyn, New York 11201

Tel: (718) 237-5500

Fax: (718) 855-0733

## Legal Aid

Provides free legal services for clients who cannot afford to pay for counsel, the three major practices are Civil, Criminal and Juvenile Rights

For Brooklyn locations and contact information by practice: <http://www.legal-aid.org/en/las/findus/locations/brooklyn.aspx>

For Staten Island locations and contact information by practice: <http://www.legal-aid.org/en/las/findus/locations/statenisland.aspx>

## Miscellaneous

### *NYC Organizations:*

Archdiocese of New York

Department of Parish and Community Outreach

Senior Center offers free and reduce cost meals, education, recreation and transportation (over 60). Also offers Case Management for anyone involved with eviction prevention, food pantry, immigration and referrals, also provides free help with forms and applications

120 Anderson Avenue 10302

Phone #1: (718) 447-6330 Phone # 2: (718) 447 - 5757 Fax: (718) 447-6060

Community Food Resource Center

Tax Assistance, Food Stamp Prescreening & Outreach,

39 Broadway, New York, NY 10006

<http://www.foodbanknyc.org/go/our-programs/direct-services/tax-assistance>

Free Tax Counseling

Free tax return preparation assistance, most sites also offer free electronic filing (e-filing) must make less than \$42,000

For locations use: [https://locator.aarp.org/vmis/sites/taxaide\\_locator.jsp](https://locator.aarp.org/vmis/sites/taxaide_locator.jsp) Reading Out

7788 New Utrich 11214 (718) 373 - 4565

Partnership Homless Bldg 11207 (646) 552 - 0584

AARP Public Library 10304 888-227-7669

(VITA) 1-800-829-1040

(TCE) 1-800-829 - 1040

Project Hospitality

HIV/AIDS Services Housing and Shelter Services Mental Health Chemical Dependency

Vocational Services Family Services Food and Nutrition Services Community Outreach

100 Park Avenue

T-(718) 448-1544

[www.projecthospitality.org](http://www.projecthospitality.org)

Religious

*Staten Island Organizations:*

Amazing Grace Interfaith Ministry

Performs religious ceremonies between peoples of mixed religions as well as bible Schools

1055 Richmond Road SI NY 10304

(718) 356 - 6441

**Seniors**

*All Of NYC:*

CASA (HRA)

Provides home attendant and/or housekeeping services to Medicaid-eligible clients who are having difficulty with at least one or more activities of daily life such as walking, cooking, cleaning ect.

main line: 877-472-8411

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program

Helps seniors pay for their prescription drugs

NYS P.O. Box 15018 Albany, NY 12212-5018

Phone: 1-800-332-3742 [EPIC@health.state.ny.us](mailto:EPIC@health.state.ny.us)

*Staten Island Organizations:*

Meals on Wheels of Staten Island

Soup kitchen

304 Port Richmond Avenue Staten Island, NY 10302

## **Transportation**

### *All of NYC:*

#### Access-A-Ride

Provides transportation for people with disabilities both mental and physical in New York City

130 Livingston Street Brooklyn, NY 11201

to apply: [www.mta.nyc.ny.us/nyct/paratran/guide.htm](http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/nyct/paratran/guide.htm)

to arrange a trip: call toll free 877- 337-2017 gen for applications

to log a complaint call 718 - 330 - 3322

or send to MTA New York City Transit Para transit Division Customer Relations

130 Livingston Street Brooklyn, NY 11201

#### AUTOCAP

A free consumer dispute resolution service, resolve problems between NY motorists & franchised new car; includes: sales/leasing, Warranties, Lemon Law Information, Brochure Requests, Repairs, New or Used cars, Consumer Education & Outreach English & Spanish spoken NYS

Automotive Consumer Action Program

18-10 Whitestone Expressway Whitestone, NY 11357

Phone: 1-800-522-3881

## **Unemployment Assistance**

### *NYC Organizations:*

Unemployment Insurance Division

To

Collect Unemployment Benefits NYS

NYS Department of Labor W. Averell Harriman State Office Campus Building 12 Albany, NY  
12240 <http://www.labor.state.ny.us/ui/disclosure.shtm>  
1-800-662-1220

*Staten Island Organizations:*

Unemployment Action Center

provides free legal assistance to individuals who wish to challenge their unemployment  
benefits determination issued by the New York Department of Labor

NYC 9 Von Street, Staten Island

