

Navigating Adult Services



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	Contact Information	Target Population
ACCES-VR (888) 652-7062	Adult Career and Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/buffalo-district-office	Adults (post-secondary) with a documented permanent disability that impacts their ability to seek, secure, and maintain employment, and High School students two years prior to expected exit
NYSCB (716) 847-3516	New York State Commission for the Blind www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cb	Children and adults who are legally blind are eligible for vocational rehabilitation services
OPWDD (800) 487-6310	Office for People with Developmental Disabilities www.opwdd.ny.gov	Children and adults with a documented developmental disability
OMH (716) 816-2001	Office of Mental Health www.omh.ny.gov	Children and adults with a documented mental health diagnosis
HHUNY/ CHHUNY	Health Homes of Upstate New York (855) 613-7659 www.carecoordination.org Children's Health Home of Upstate New York (855) 209-1142 info@childrenshealthhome.org	HHUNY Adults who have Medicaid and/or Medicaid with chronic medical conditions CHHUNY Children and youth who have active Medicaid and chronic medical conditions
College Disability Services	Individual college websites Collegiate Consortium of Disability Advocates www.wnyccda.org/ WNY College Connection www.wnycollegeconnection.com	Adult college students who have a documented disability that requires they need accommodations in order to have equal access to education
ILC (716) 836-0822	Independent Living Center www.acces.nysed.gov/content/western-new-york-independent-living-inc-wnyil	Individuals with disabilities and elderly individuals
Other Services	Department of Labor (716) 851-2600 www.labor.state.ny.us Department of Health (716) 858-7690 www.health.state.ny.us/	DOL Youth and adults looking for employment DOH Anyone with a health-related concern



	Eligibility	
ACCES-VR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical or mental impairment Impairment impedes employment Ability to benefit from services Services are necessary to overcome employment barriers 	
NYSCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legally blind visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye Or Vision field of 140 degrees or less in the better eye Have one or more physical or mental impairments that keep them from working Need rehabilitation services to get or keep employment Benefit from services 	
OPWDD	Documented developmental disability (prior to age 22) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intellectual Disability Autism Cerebral Palsy Epilepsy Neurological Impairment Familial Dysautonomia Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prader Willi Syndrome 	<i>Any other condition that causes impairment in general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior</i>
OMH	Children (before 18): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Severity of Problem Presentation Immediate need based on following dimensions: Psychosis, ADHD/ Impulse Control, Depression/Anxiety, Oppositional Behavior, Anti-Social Behavior, Trauma Persistent home and school problems (2 yrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Behaviors Caregiver strengths/needs Adults (over 18): Diagnosed SPMI (Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill) by a licensed mental health professional	
HHUNY/ CHHUNY	HHUNY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid recipients Meet one of the criteria: Two or more chronic health conditions (examples: asthma, diabetes, heart disease, substance disorder) A significant mental illness Living with HIV/AIDS 	CHHUNY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Medicaid Meet one of the criteria: Two chronic conditions HIV/AIDS Serious emotional disturbance Complex trauma <p><i>*If you receive OPWDD services or are eligible for OPWDD services you will not qualify for Health Home services*</i></p>
College Disability Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-declare disability Documentation of disability, that includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a diagnosis of your current disability the date of the diagnosis how the diagnosis was reached credentials of the professional how your disability affects a major life activity and how the disability affects your academic performance 	
ILC	Independent Living Center All disabilities. Check with local provider regarding documentation requirements.	
Other services	NYS DOL Universal access.	NYS DOH Services are available based on an individual's disability or medical concern.



	Services Offered	
ACCES-VR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational counseling • Assessment • Vocational education (e.g., college or technical/ business school) • Job placement services • Job skills training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver evaluation training • Supported Employment • Work related books, tools, licenses, and rehab technology • Referral to outside agencies for additional supports
NYSCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation services • Training for Employment • Business Enterprise Program • Programs for older adults • Programs for children • *Services provided in home, community, and private rehabilitation services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling and guidance to family • Advocacy services • Educational consultation • Vocational coordination
OPWDD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent advocacy training • Service coordination • Family supports services and financial counseling • Residential Support • Supported Employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community support services (in-home support, respite) • Self-determination • Environmental Modifications (adaptive equipment) • Healthcare (Medicaid)
OMH	<p>Children and Adult Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinic Treatment • Day Treatment • Family Support Services • Functional Family Therapy • Home and Community-Based • Services Waiver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive Case Management (Medicaid) • School-Based Mental Health Services • Single Point of Access • Supportive Case Management
HHUNY/CHHUNY	<p>Six core services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Care Management • Care Coordination and Health Promotion • Comprehensive Transitional Care • Individual and Family Support • Referral to Community and Social Support Services • Health Information Technology 	<p>Work with a Care Coordinator to help</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get involved in activities • Obtain essential needs • Learn about community activities • Help keep everyone involved in your care connected and working toward your goal • Develop a care plan to address all your needs
College Disability Services	<p>Accommodations Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note taker • Enlarged print material • Extra time on tests • Tape record classes • Textbooks on tape • Computer voice input/output 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate test locations • Test/assignments in electronic format • Interpreter
ILC	<p>Independent Living Centers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client Assistant Program • Peer counseling • Housing assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy • Information and referral • Living skills training
Other Services	<p>NYS DOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment Benefits • Career Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Finding a job ◦ Planning your career ◦ One Stop services • Worker Protection 	<p>NYS DOH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STD Clinic • Obesity prevention • Eating disorders • Substance abuse prevention • Pregnancy planning • Traumatic Brain Injury



	How to Access Services	
ACCES-VR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete signed application • Documentation of disability • Availability to participate in assessment and training process • Comply with requests of VR counselor 	
NYSCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete signed application • Documentation of disability • Participate in initial interview • Provide necessary reports • If eligible, work with a counselor to develop a plan for services and/or employment 	
OPWDD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call to DDRO • Documentation of a developmental disability • Complete Admission packet submit to local DDRO eligibility determination 	
OMH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to County Department of Mental Health 	
HHUNY/ CHHUNY	HHUNY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 1-855-613-7659 • You will be directed to your local Care Management Organization to complete an application and consent form 	CHHUNY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 1-855-209-1142 • You will be directed to a local Care Management Organization
College Disability Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-declare disability at the Office of Disabilities Services at the college • Documentation of disability 	
ILC	Contact your local ILC	
Other Services	NYS DOL Contact local office	NYS DOH Contact local office