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Department of Community Mental Health

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To: Parents, Advocates, School Contacts, and Professionals;

I recently asked the program contacts of the Day Habilitation Programs in Westchester about their openings, waitlists, intakes, transportation for those students who are transitioning out of the school system in June and in need of Day Habilitation programming. These are the responses from the agencies. I wanted you to have this important information so that you are aware about these programs and can reach out to them directly. I am also attaching the Directory of Day Habilitation programs in Westchester County which I have updated as well. If you have any questions for me my contact information is located at the bottom of this page.

Respectfully,


Matthew Faulkner

The following agencies are listed in the order the responses were received.

Cerebral Palsy of Westchester

1. CP/W's Day Hab Program offers Site-Based Day Hab Mondays - Fridays. We have openings for students transitioning to day hab in June 2021. We currently have 20 openings.
2. At this time, we do not have a waitlist (since we have openings).
3. CP/W Day Hab Program is open with COVID safety protocols in place (the safety protocols are listed on CP/W's website). At this time, we are also offering zoom classes to our participants who do not wish to come to our program in person.
4. Currently we are having intakes virtually (over zoom). We are not offering tours at this time.
5. I am the contact person for all referrals. My contact information is; Michele Stramiello, Day Hab Social Worker, Cerebral Palsy of Westchester, 1186 King Street, Rye Brook, NY 10573 (914) 937-3800 ext. 234. My email address is Michele.Stramiello@cpwestchester.org.
6. CP/W provides transportation to our program participant who live in Westchester County.

7. CP/W has started the intake process for participants who will be aging out of school this June 2021.

CP/W Day Hab Program also offers day hab services for people who live in Connecticut.

YAI

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have? **We are planning to screen June 2021 Grads, but we are not sure how many vacancies there will be since many of the PWS are waiting for the vaccine in order to return to Day hab programs. Most likely there will be a waiting list.**

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program? **Not at this time. It will depend on how many PWS will return to our Day Hab programs once a vaccine is available to them.**

3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions? **We are offering in-person day hab Monday through Friday - 9am to 3pm for those individuals who are able to maintain social distance and can tolerate a mask during transportation and day hab hours. No remote day hab at this time.**

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program? **Virtual tours only. For June Grads, we will start to schedule virtual tours in April 2021.**

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information? **Yes, they can reach out to me preferably via email at elizabeth.andrade@yai.org. They can also call me at 914-623-8611.**

6) Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program? **As per our safety plan, individuals are grouped together based on transportation and residential groupings. On average, program rooms at Tarrytown can accommodate 4-5 people and multi-purpose rooms can accommodate 12-15 people. Groups remain together for the entire day and movement is limited to bathroom use or going outside. The Peekskill Program can accommodate 3-6 people per room and the Rockland Program can accommodate up to 6-8 people in the multi-purpose room. If the program reaches capacity based on designated occupancy, the program will evaluate the need to utilize staggered program day.**

7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are? **Not yet.**

8) Is there anything else that you want to mention? **No.**

Ability Beyond

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have?

We have openings in our WOW program, however, we have not returned to in person services fully. We are slowly transitioning individuals that we are currently serving back to in person services. We do have a Virtual Program that is doing very well. To the extent possible, we work the goals that are outlined in the individuals Life Plan. For instance, there is a vocational training class every Thursday. We use Zoom for this service. There is no wait list for our virtual program.

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program?

Yes, for Site Based and WOW. We are accepting applicant for Virtual Programing currently.

3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions?

Both – we have opened with restrictions and we have virtual program running Monday to Friday 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm.

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? **Intakes are done virtually. Are there virtual tours of the program? Yes, there are virtual tours.**

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information?

It is fine for parents to contact Debbie Reinehr and she will reach out to me for follow up.

1-888-832-8247 Ext 3070

203-826-3070

Fax 203-775-5734

debbie.reinehr@abilitybeyond.org NY

Community Based Services

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have?

We have openings in the GDH without walls programs in both the Hudson Valley and Taconic region. We do not currently have openings in the certified site out of North Salem.

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program?

Yes, we do have a waiting list for the certified site and we maintain an on-going waiting list for people entering the without walls until we can accommodate them in an enclave in their geographical area.

3) Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions?

Our programs are all operating in person (with a safety plan in place) as well as offering a full day virtually through Zoom from 10am to 3pm.

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program?

We are currently completing intakes virtually and we would be happy to do a virtual tour for those whom are unfamiliar with our program.

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information?

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mpiacentino@commbasedservices.org**

Magda Piacentino

**Taconic GDH without walls
yreed@commbasedservices.org**

Yasmine Reed

**Cultivating Dreams
alusk@commbasedservices.org**

Amanda Lusk-Mannfolk

**Director of Day Programs
Rivadeneira brivadeneira@commbasedservices.org**

Betty

6) Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program?

Please see safety plan attached. There is a separate safety plan for each program which goes into detail about minimal ratios, social distancing, disinfecting, mask/face shield wearing etc.

7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are?

Pending

8) Is there anything else that you want to mention?

During these uncertain times, we are using extreme caution as to where we volunteer or spend leisure time, attempting to coordinate solely with sites that adhere very closely to our own safety plan.

Jawonio

- 1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have? **Yes, we have 10 openings**
- 2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program? **No waiting list to accept students into program.**
- 3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions? **Our program is open with safety precautions in place. We are also providing remote services.**
- 4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program? **We are doing intakes in person. Tours are being done in person on Wednesday's and Fridays at 3pm.**
- 5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information? **Yes I am the contact person.**
Email – Shedricka.edwards@jawonio.org
Phone – 914-963-8666 Ext. 8311
- 6). Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program? **We provided Site Based Respite for Individuals that live at home 3 days per week from 3pm – 6pm.**
- 7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are? **Yes!**
- 8). Is there anything else that you want to mention? **Nothing at this time.**

Cardinal McCloskey

At this time we are only providing Virtual Day Hab Programming. Our Valhalla Site has not yet reopened. We will be opening up a new additional Program called McCloskey Works in Ossining in June. This program will focus on the acquisition of work skills. Currently we are accepting referrals for our current program and for the McCloskey Works Programs. We are conducting virtual screening interviews. Several of the Individuals who are currently enrolled in our program will be transitioning to the new program in Ossining. This will leave us with 20 vacancies in our Valhalla Site and 6 vacancies in our new site.

We are planning to provide several virtual sessions in March. I will provide you with these dates next week.

**Noreen O'Connor Noconnor@cmcs.org
914-997-8000x149**

Special Citizens

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have?

**We have a site based Program in Elmsford and both site based and WOW in the Bronx.
Both have openings but I am not sure on the number**

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program?

As of right now there is no waiting list

3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions?

Open with restrictions

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program?

We can do in person or virtual

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information?

Myself or either Program Manager can be contacted.

I'm: Katrina Potter, Director of Day Services

Katrina.potter@specialcitizens.org

718-885-4630 ext 204

917-439-6428

Shantee Johnson-Metro Day Hab Manager

Shantee.johnson@specialcitizens.org

347-701-6859

SPARC

We have a without walls day program that provides social skills and recreation for high functioning ASD participants. Program hours are: 9am to 2pm in White Plains, and starting in April in New Rochelle.

Gwyn Vandross 914-243-0583x1109

www.sparcinc.org

TACONIC INNOVATIONS

- 1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? **YES** How many openings do you have? **10**
- 2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program? **NO**
- 3) Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions? **We are open**
- 4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program? **Virtual intakes and we do virtual tours**
- 5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information? **Zoila @taconicinnovations.com.**
Celina@taconicinnovations.com
- 6). Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program? **We provide transportation.**
- 7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are? **No**
- 8) Is there anything else that you want to mention? **No**

Opengate

- 1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have? **We have site based and wow and currently have vacancies**
- 2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program? **NO**
- 3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions? **Its open and we are authorized for remote learning.**

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program?

It's being done virtually.

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information?

Krista Fucci kristaf@opengateinc.org

6).Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program? **We have a great deal of volunteer activities.**

7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are? **Yes**

8).Is there anything else that you want to mention? **Not at this time.**

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have? **Not accepting new admissions at this time.**

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program? **No**

3).Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions? **Remotely at this time.**

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program? **N/A-Not accepting admissions at this time.**

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information? **Yes, I am the contact.**

Krista Scibelli-Wingard KSCIBELL@devereux.org (w) 845-443-8943

6) Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program? **No**

7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are? **N/A**

8).Is there anything else that you want to mention? **No**

Hawthorne Foundation

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have?

Yes we do have 10 openings for WOW.

We have 15 openings for site-based day hab.

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program?

NO

3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions?

Individuals can choose to participate in full day remote program or full day in-person programming, or a combination of both.

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program?

We have in- person intake after 1:30pm. We can do virtual tours as well.

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information?

Ann Marie Babcock, Admissions Coordinator

ambabcock@hawthornecountryday.org

914 592-8526 x3165

6).Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program?

We are also doing virtual volunteer sessions with AFYA Foundation and continue to add more virtual and in person volunteer sites with proper COVID protocols.

Transportation is provided within Westchester County and from Bronx.

7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are?

Yes

8). Is there anything else that you want to mention? **HFI follows all NYSDOH and OPWDD COVID protocols and has been providing in-person and site based day hab since July 22, 2020 in a safe environment. We welcome all inquiries about our program and are happy to provide further detail to interested families and Care Coordinators.**

Arc Westchester

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have?

The Arc Westchester is accepting referrals. With COVID-19, our attendance and enrollment fluctuates therefore we cannot provide an exact number of openings.

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program?

We do not have a waiting list at this time.

3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions?

Both

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program?

Virtual intake meetings... some in-person tours are offered and limited to after program hours

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information?

Eligible candidates can contact Jacie Feuer, Transition Services Director, at jfeuer@arcwestchester.org

6) Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program?

Those interested in applying for day services at the Arc Westchester must have an approved OPWDD service authorization in order to be accepted into a program or onto a waiting list. We are pleased that we offer opportunities in site and community programs specifically for younger individuals, however those opportunities are limited. Those authorized for community day services (WOW) must not take medication during the program day or must be independent in medication administration, be able to travel safely and work in a group with 1 staff and several other individuals and use the restroom independently.

Due to Department of Health and OPWDD regulations, transportation and space usage is limited at this time. However, we have the ability to provide interesting and educational remote activities

using a smart phone, tablet or computer. Individuals have the opportunity to interact with their peers and volunteer remotely as well during these activities.

7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are?

No, we are currently in the process of accepting referrals and applications. Once the process is complete including service authorization, we will notify interested individuals of acceptance or offer waiting list.

8). Is there anything else that you want to mention?

We follow stringent COVID protocols including health checks, masks, social distancing, disinfecting and sanitizing. We request individuals and families share any necessary health information including COVID-19 symptoms, COVID positive family members in the home and travel. Further, we request that they cooperate by not sending the person into program if there is a risk of spreading COVID.

Abbott House/Keon

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? **We have openings, no waiting list**

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program? **No waiting list**

3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions? **Currently both, we have zoom and program is open up to 15 people max per day**

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program? **We are currently providing Virtual Tours of our programs when we do intake meetings.**

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information? **Please contact Cindy Belcastro, 914-402-3001 or at CBelcastro-Keon@abbotthouse.net**

6). Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program?

7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are? **No, we have done intakes but no one has chosen the program yet.**

8) Is there anything else that you want to mention?

Another Step

1 Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have? **We are currently meeting virtually with families that are interested in our program. Typically we require multiple in person visits before accepting someone into the program and those in person visits are on hold during the pandemic.**

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program? **We have a list of individuals that we are waiting to meet in person with once it is safe to do so.**

3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions? **We have all virtual programming 5 days a week with very limited in person activities for those who can follow all required safety protocols. The in person programming is for either 2 or 4 hours depending on the person's ability to follow safety protocols in the community and weather permitting since a good deal of our activities are outside at this time.**

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program? **Virtual intakes only at this time.**

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information?

Lynn Policastro for Westchester
(914) 946-2288
lpolicastro@anotherstep.org

Jessica Lonergan for Rockland
(845) 268-8200
jkaarlsen@anotherstep.org

Mary Lattari for both

mlattari@anotherstep.org

6). Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program?

Because we are 100% community based, there are limitations on in person services at this time.

7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are?

We have 2 individuals in process

8). Is there anything else that you want to mention?

Telehealth is a viable option for those who are able to attend. We have a full schedule of activities running on Zoom 5 days a week. For those interested in person, it is just a matter of waiting until the Covid numbers are low enough that we can resume in person visits.

Hopefully, this will occur by the summer. Once the weather gets warmer, we will be holding in person activities outside weather permitting.

Community Living Corporation: Community Connections **Life**

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have?

YES, Community Connections Life is a WOW program. Current Openings: 25-30 as of June 2021.

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program? **No waiting lists.**

3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions?

We currently have 10 Zoom programs varied throughout 5 days a week.

We are looking to open ASAP, perhaps as soon as April.

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program? **Intakes are currently virtual and will be in person shortly. Virtual tours of "The Connect Café" Pelham are available upon request.**

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information?

All submissions for (CLC's DayHab) Community Connections Life should be submitted to:

ADI Cares

135 Radio Circle Drive

Suite 208

Mt. Kisco NY 10549

Attn: Deirdre Tracey

(914-244-9688)

Or email:

Jack3mungovan@yahoo.com

Deirdre@ADICares.org

Amy@adicares.org

6). Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program? **We are looking to open "The Connect Café" in Pelham by June 1st, and the Mt. Kisco location by May 1st. In addition to the Coffee shops, we are a Social Club with Patio Market stands for participants to merchant, a Recording Studio, The Baking Studio, a Beach Program, Soap Candles Jewelry Jellies and Jam Making, The Biz Team, Movie Clubs, Bowling Clubs, and much more, all to become who you truly are. (www.communityconnectionslife.com)**

7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are? **No, however we are in discussion with schools both in the Bronx and Westchester.**

8). Is there anything else that you want to mention? **On Zoom we have "The Happy Chat Show." We are interviewing the esteemed Temple Grandin on March 2nd, ALL ARE WELCOME (10:30am Community Connections Life ZOOM meeting: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)).**

Richmond Community Services

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have? **We currently have 5 openings at our Day Program North site.**

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program? **We do not currently have a waiting list.**

3) Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restriction? **The Day program sites are temporarily closed.**

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? **We are not scheduling intakes as of yet. Are there virtual tours of the programs? If parents are interested in tours of the Northern program site they may reach out to Monique Johnson and/or Twinette Feliciano as noted below.**

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you?

Monique Johnson
Director of Day Habilitation Services
Richmond Community Services
272 North Bedford Road
Mount Kisco, NY 10549
mjohnson@richmondcommserv.org
(o) 914-471-4176; (c) 914-323-8004

Twinette Feliciano
Manager for Day Program North
tmcfadden@richmoncommserv.org

IAHD

1). Does your Day Habilitation program (site-based and/or WOW) have openings for students transitioning at the end of June 2021? How many openings do you have?

10 for site-based in Tarrytown.

2). Are there waiting lists to accept transition students for your program?

No

3). Is your program being done remotely or is it open with restrictions?

Open with restrictions

4). Are there in-person intakes being done or is it virtual? Are there virtual tours of the program?

Virtual intakes and tours

5). Are you the contact person that parents should be contacting? If so can you provide your phone number and email so that they can reach out to you? If there is someone else they should be contacting who is that person and what is their contact information?

Yes, Ana Rodriguez is the Intake Specialist.

Ana Rodriguez - ARodriguez@IAHDNY.ORG

(914) 220-4326 www.iahdny.org

6). Is there anything else that parents should be aware of about your program?

7). Have you already accepted individuals who will be transitioning from the school system at the end of June without naming who they are?

No

8). Is there anything else that you want to mention?

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