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## **St. Francis Prep High School Hosts "Friends with Special Needs" Holiday Party.**

**By James Magalee, QPRC, Co-Chairperson, QCDD Public Information Committee**

**O**n Saturday, December 11, 2010, St. Francis Preparatory High School in Fresh Meadows hosted their annual Holiday Party for Friends with Special Needs. In response to their invitation, 31 New York City residences sent over 265 consumers and staff from Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx and Manhattan to enjoy a day full of holiday songs, dancing and camaraderie. The consumers were treated to entertainment provided by the school's student body, including the chamber orchestra, step squad and dance team. Continental breakfast and a lunch buffet were provided through the generosity of the school's food services department.

Throughout the day, there was a rich sense of holiday spirit that went beyond the music and decorations. The Father's Guild decorated the school's cafeteria the night before the party and coordinated arriving vehicles throughout the day. Upon entering the building, consumers were greeted by students singing Christmas carols while others escorted consumers to their tables.

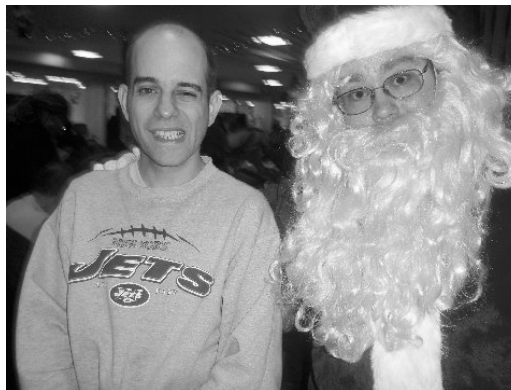
Volunteer students, with help from the Mother's Guild, served the meals to the consumers, and then spent time getting to know each of them. They made sure that everyone had a good time, either dancing with them or interacting

with them throughout the day. Many of the students adapted easily to assisting their special guests and learning from the staff who accompanied them. New friendships were forged.

When Santa finally arrived, his student-helpers assisted in the distribution of gifts that had been donated for this event. Consumers wrote letters of thanks to the school and the students stating how they are looking forward to next year's party.

Kristal Thomas of Queens Centers for Progress wrote, "The consumers of my residence had a stupendous time at the Christmas party. Requests to return next year have already been made. They are currently working on their thank you letters that will be addressed today. They were so appreciative of their gifts and two of them would not let me sit down before they presented their gifts. They enjoy this event every year and I hope that we may return next year. Once again my thanks for the invitation and Happy Holidays!!!!"

Special thanks and appreciation go out to St. Francis Prep faculty coordinators, Ms. Suzanne Camus and Ms. Ann Marie Rich, High School Principal Brother Leonard Conway, Brother Robert Kent and the Alumni Board, the Board of Trustees, the Father's Guild, the Mother's Guild and school Chaplain, Father Bill Sweeney.



Barry Brenner and Debra Kossmann from AHRC Fresh Meadows Lane IRA enjoy a personal greeting from Santa.

# Celebrating Success

Every year, the Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities holds an evening of recognition to celebrate consumer successes in the previous year. This year's celebration will take place at the Council's monthly meeting. This application can be used to submit consumer's names and their stories for consideration.

**Event date:** April 4, 2011  
**Venue:** Queens Borough Hall, Room 213  
 120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, NY

**Applications DUE:** March 11, 2011

Please return to Marianne Ardito, C/O YAI, 460 West 34<sup>TH</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> FL, New York, NY 10001 Or Fax (212) 273-6590 or Email to [marianne.ardito@yai.org](mailto:marianne.ardito@yai.org).

**Please type in information: no more than four applications per agency should be submitted.**

Nominee's Name:		Age:	
Developmental Disability:			
Agency or School:			
Nominator (your) Name:			
Nominator (your) Agency & Address:		Nominator (your) E-Mail:	
Nominator (your) Telephone:		Ext.:	Fax No.

Award Categories – Check One and Describe Below:

- School Age Success (e.g. transition to inclusion program, travel training, from Applied Behavior Analysis, etc.)
- Day Time Success (e.g. success in supported work, day program, etc.)
- Residence (e.g. transition from home to residential setting, to own or supported apartment, etc.)
- Other (what haven't we thought of?) \_\_\_\_\_



# Transition! Transition! Transition!

Lisa Veglia, LCSW, MPA, Deputy Executive Director, QSAC, Co-chairperson, QCDD Children's Committee

The Children's Committee is offering two very informative meetings on the Transition Process.

On March 17, 2011, there will be a "Turning 5" meeting on the transition process from Preschool to School age services. The presentation will be given by Resources for Children with Special Needs.

Time: 9:30 AM  
 Location: QSAC Preschool & Early Childhood Center, 245-37 60th Avenue, Douglaston, NY 11362  
 (718) 728-8476, ext. 1500

On May 18, 2011, the Children's Committee will have a joint meeting with the Adult Services Committee to discuss transition from school age services to adult services (after 21 years old).

Time: 9:30 AM  
 Location: PSCH, 19-04 49th Street, Astoria, NY 11104  
 (718) 248-8080

**These are two meetings that parents and staff should not miss!**

For more information contact: Lisa Veglia via email [Lveglia@qsac.com](mailto:Lveglia@qsac.com) or telephone (212) 244-5560, ext. 2017.

## THE QUEENS COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 2011 FAMILY ADVOCACY DAY

By: Beverly Berger, Parent

On February 11th, over one hundred individuals with developmental disabilities, parents, siblings, direct care staff and other provider agency representatives came together at the Elks Club to receive a briefing to prepare for this Family Advocacy Day.

The briefing reiterated the major issues to be brought to the attention of the State Senators and Assemblypersons.

The Advocates dispersed to visit their representatives in their offices. There, they expressed their personal and agency concerns and serious trepidations about how the impending budget cuts would directly severely negatively affect the services, programs, safety and well being essential to the quality of life for these most vulnerable people with special needs.

They urged their legislative representatives to carefully consider as they vote on the budget and to keep in mind how they are depending on them to make wise decisions about the lives of their loved ones and those served by the agencies' staffs.

The Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities thanks the Legislative Committee Co-Chairmen John DeBiase, Associate Executive Director, ANIBIC, and Douglas Triebel, Director, IRI and the many committee members, parents, individuals with DD, agency representatives and direct care staff who gave their time and efforts to participate in this successful Family Advocacy Day. A special thanks to all Senators and Assemblypersons for having met with the advocates.

Senators:

Shirley Huntley, Tony Avella, Michael Gianaris, Jose Peralta, Malcolm Smith, Joseph Addabbo, Toby Ann Stavisky

Assemblypersons:

Grace Meng, David Weprin, Rory Lancman, Edward Braunstein, Nettie Mayersohn, Andrew Hevesi, William Scarborough, Margaret Markey, Michele Titus, Vivian Cook, Barbara Clark, Michael DenDekker, Jeff Aubrey, Aravella Simotas, Cathy Nolan, Mike Miller, Francisco Moya

# Special Education

By Beverly Berger, Parent

Over the last twenty years or so, and especially more recently, there have been many substantial changes in Special Education. District 75 was established; inclusion has enabled students to be educated along with their grade peers with some supports; various class configurations were developed with paraprofessional staff who work under the teacher's direction. Other changes have included the redirection of supervision from experienced licensed Supervisors of Special Education Programs to Principals and Assistant Principals, many of whom do not have such credentials or experience.

We would appreciate hearing from teachers and parents about their current and recent experiences with Special Education, including such areas as dealing with Committees on Special Education Support Teams, placement of children into the various kinds of classes, classroom instruction, including following of IEPs methods and materials and use of technology. We would welcome your comments, both on issues and concerns as well as positive situations. We assure your strict confidentiality.

The Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities is committed to caring and understanding about all aspects of the lives of people with special needs, including the quality of their education. We will use your responses to report on current functioning of Special Education to make recommendations to the new DOE Chancellor, Cathleen Black.

Please send your email response to: The Advocate's Voice at [udiinc@aol.com](mailto:udiinc@aol.com) or via regular mail to: Uniting Disabled Individuals, Inc., Attn: Editors: Marieta Austin/Beverly Berger, 147-50 109th Avenue, 1st Floor, Jamaica, NY 11435 or call Beverly Berger, at 718-224-4066.

We look forward to hearing from you.

## MSC Committee Grows, Discussion Flows

Suzy Moeller, LMSW, YAI MSC and Member of QCDD MSC Committee

Medicaid Service Coordinators from several agencies in Queens continue to show their support through monthly gatherings and discussions at the MSC Committee Meetings.

Each month, MSCs from many agencies join our roundtable to share ideas and gain a wealth of knowledge. Recently, MSCs were given valuable information about home health care as presented by Able Health Care Services. We were also joined by Special Needs Advisory Partners (SNAP) and learned about the many resources related to the legal guardianship application process.

Continuing topics at our meetings are the recent changes in MSC functioning due to budgetary reductions and the importance of ongoing advocacy with legislators.

We look forward to the QCDD Spring Conference on May 4th at the Immaculate Conception Center. The MSC Committee, through the Public Information Conference Planning Committee, will present pertinent and interesting MSC workshops.

Please note the change of meeting date and place from March 10th at IRI to March 16th at AABR. This will be a combined meeting with the Adult Day Services Committee to discuss transition. Otherwise, MSC Committee meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. All MSCs and MSC Supervisors are welcome to attend at I.R.I., 93-22 Jamaica Avenue, 2nd Floor, Woodhaven, Queens, at 10:00a.m. We look forward to seeing you.

For information/directions, call Co-Chairs Karline Dambreville, 718-321-3800, ext 229 or Toni Martinez, 212-273-6609 or email to [toni.martinez@yai.org](mailto:toni.martinez@yai.org).

# New Programs in Queens

Federico Pena, CIDNY-Queens

**I**n 2011, Center for Independence of the Disabled-Queens will introduce two programs for young adults with disabilities and for seniors. Our focus will be on those consumers who speak primarily Spanish or Chinese. Working in collaboration with schools, senior centers and community-based organizations, CIDNY will expand our outreach to underserved populations throughout the borough. The primary goal is to educate youth, seniors and their families about transition services, benefits information and assistance, and an array of other services CIDNY provides.

The new programming will include: informational workshops and benefits clinics for the families of young adults with intellectual disabilities, ages 18-26; screening for benefits; and assistance with applications and recertifications. CIDNY will also create a job club for young adults with disabilities who are looking for employment or post-secondary education.

For seniors in Queens, CIDNY-Queens will help people determine their eligibility for public benefits and hold workshop on senior-related benefits such as Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), Medicare Part D plans, Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC), Reduced Fare Transportation and Medicare Savings Plans. If you are a consumer, family member or services provider and would like to learn more about these new programs, please contact Don Rickenbaugh at 646-442-1519.

## NUEVOS PROGRAMAS EN QUEENS

En el 2011, la organización CIDNY va a introducir dos programas nuevos para jóvenes adultos con discapacidades y también para personas de la tercera edad en el condado de Queens. Nosotros vamos a enfocar en la comunidad Hispana y China. Trabajando en colaboración con escuelas, centros para personas mayores y organizaciones en la comunidad, CIDNY extenderá sus servicios a la población del condado de Queens que no ha recibido la atención necesaria. Nuestra meta primordial es educar a la comunidad acerca de los diferentes servicios de transición, información e asistencia con beneficios públicos y otros servicios útiles de importancia.

El programa nuevo incluirá, talleres informativos sobre beneficios públicos para familias de jóvenes adultos en transición de edades 18-26 años con discapacidades intelectuales. También se ofrecerá asesoramiento para determinar elegibilidad para beneficios y asistencia con aplicaciones. CIDNY establecerá un club para jóvenes adultos con discapacidades que están en búsqueda de un empleo o interesados en servicios educativos para después de la escuela secundaria.

Para las personas de la tercera edad en Queens, CIDNY hará talleres de interés para personas mayores sobre beneficios tales como Recursos de Exención del Aumento del Alquiler para Personas de la Tercera Edad (SCRIE), Medicare Parte D, La Cobertura de Seguro Farmacéutico para Personas Mayores (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)), tarjeta de tarifa reducida para transportación, y el programa de ahorro de Medicare, MSP. Si usted es un consumidor, miembro de familia, proveedor de servicios y quiere aprender mas acerca de estas programas, comuníquese con Don Rickenbaugh por teléfono al 646-442-1519.

## Holiday Events

**Wendy Schoenfeld, Lifespire, Queens North CSC**

**A**t Lifespire, Queens North CSC in Woodside, we have many exciting events throughout the year, but the ones the individuals look most forward to are our December Holiday celebrations. Consumers and staff spend many long hours slaving over the stove cooking a memorable meal for everyone. This year was no different. Everyone was served baby back ribs, chicken, rice and peas, potato salad and baked ziti. We all probably gained several pounds enjoying the day. To help dance off those pounds, we all got moving to the music of our favorite DJ, Melissa. Everyone had a fantastic time.

December is actually one party after the next. We also had a "Ring in the New Year" Bash and had a Pajama Day (see picture below). Pajama Day is a day where everyone wears lounge pants to program and we eat s'mores and drink hot chocolate. All in all it seems like December was one long eating and party fest. Good thing we planned a lot of dance and exercise to our January programming!



## Family Support Services Committee Invitation

Dear Parent, Sibling, Family Member;

You are cordially invited to attend meetings of the Family Support Committee. We represent the interests of people with developmental disabilities and their families as we work to extend and enhance the Family Support Services for your loved ones.

We want and need your input about what services are working well, what services need improvement and what new programs and services you need. We also can help you learn how to obtain Family Support Services you need or are eligible to receive.

Attending our Family Support Committee meetings provides parents with a forum to help set the agenda for Queens services and provides information about existing services and programs.

For further information about meeting dates and directions please call Co-Chairpersons Linda Renyi at 516-741-9000, ext 271 or Annette Spallino at 212-780-2592.

## Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder: From Basic Science to Intervention

An Autism Symposium for the Community

Saturday, April 16, 2011

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York City  
E. 69th Street (between Lexington and Park Avenues)  
Auditorium, 1st Floor of Hunter North Building

To register or for more information: [www.hunter.cuny.edu/autismsymposium](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/autismsymposium)

Parents, families and professionals are invited to take part in a unique educational and networking opportunity designed to answer your pressing questions about Autism Spectrum Disorder. Come meet a panel of experts and have the chance to discuss a wide array of topics, from clinical evaluation to intervention. Join leading physicians and researchers for an interactive panel discussion, breakout groups and a networking mixer.

Keynote Speaker: Catherine Lord, Ph.D. Director, University of Michigan Autism and Communication Disorders Center

Queens Borough President's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

Invites all Queens Department of Education students who participate in Specialized Programs to join us for:

### *The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Student's Award Celebration*

Rules: Students are to choose one of the topics listed below and submit an essay, poem or piece of art work explaining their answer

Themes:

Who am I?

What can each of us contribute to the world?

How can I make the world a better place?

If mailed, Written submissions must be postmarked by April 29<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Three-dimensional art work must be no larger than 12"x 24" and submitted by May 2<sup>nd</sup>

at Queens Borough Hall between 10 AM and 4 PM. Submissions will not be returned. Only one submission per student. Nine winners will be selected, 3 from elementary school, 3 from middle school and 3 from high school. Winners will be recognized in a special ceremony hosted by Queens Borough President Helen Marshall. Students will be photographed at this event.

Please include your name, age and address on your submission.

Mail it to: Queens Borough President's Office, Attn: Health & Human Services, 120-55 Queens Blvd Rm 227

Kew Gardens, NY 11424. Any questions please call 718-286-2680

## **Family Resource Fair**

**Wednesday, March 30, 2011**

**5:00-8:00 PM**

**Francis Lewis High School Cafeteria**

**58-20 Utopia Parkway**

**Fresh Meadows, NY 11365**

### **Come Learn About: Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**

For information please use the following contact information:

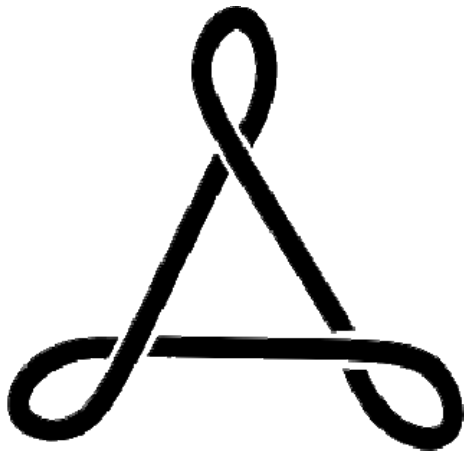
-Beth Altmann, P811Q-Transition Linkage Coordinator: (718) 776-3140 [BAltman2@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BAltman2@schools.nyc.gov)

-Naomi Bookbinder, Francis Lewis H S-Transition Linkage Coordinator (718) 281-3601  
[NBookbinder@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:NBookbinder@schools.nyc.gov)

-Deniece Jordan, P811Q-Parent Coordinator: (718) 224-8060 [Deniecejordan4@yahoo.com](mailto:Deniecejordan4@yahoo.com)

-Pam Gaynor, P233Q-Transition Linkage Coordinator: (718) 286-4713 [PGaynor@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:PGaynor@schools.nyc.gov)

Valerie Degennaro, P177Q-Transition Linkage Coordinator: (718) 357-4650 [VDegennaro@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:VDegennaro@schools.nyc.gov)



**Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities**

**2nd Annual Spring Conference**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011**

**8:30 AM—3:00 PM**

**Workshops focusing on**

**Aging Issues**

**Health Care**

**Medicaid Service Coordination Topics**

**\$22.00 registration fee for professionals.**

**Free for consumers and families**

**Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway**

**Douglaston, NY**

**To register, or for more information go to [www.qcdd.org](http://www.qcdd.org)**

# Queens Council On Developmental Disabilities

## Who Are We?

The Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities is an organization comprised of parents and family members, representatives of agencies which serve individuals with developmental disabilities, professional persons and advocates.

The mission of the Queens Council is to advise, inform, pioneer, and identify needs and problems in the provision of supports to people with developmental disabilities and their families, and to work toward their resolution.

The meetings of the Council and its committees provide forums for discussion about issues which impact people with developmental disabilities, their families and on the service systems.

### Who Are The Individuals We Serve?

The purpose of the Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities is to assist and advocate for children and adults who live in Queens and who have a diagnosis of developmental disabilities which occurred before age 22. The disabilities include, but are not limited to, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, neurological impairments and learning disabilities.

The Council is equally concerned with the families of those individuals. The work of the Council often leads to positive changes in the service systems.

### Queens Council Meetings

The Council meets monthly at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, NY, Room 213. While most meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., there are also special meetings held on evenings and on Saturday.

The meetings highlight announcements of service or program opportunities available from agencies at that time and special activities of interest from the Council, its sub-committees or outside organizations.

Guest speakers bring current matters to the attention of the attendees. Questions are always welcome. The meetings provide opportunities to network. People who attend a Council meeting for the first time may initially feel overwhelmed or confused, but after attending a few meetings, everything falls into place. Parents are never charged a fee. Agencies are required to pay membership dues.

### Committee Meetings

Committees meet at different locations, either monthly or bimonthly. Each committee is co-chaired by a service provider agency staff person and a parent. Everyone is free to attend any committee meeting of interest and may join a committee as a regular member.

Committee participants discuss pertinent information, issues and concerns and learn about current matters and new ideas.

### Committees

**Aging:** Issues confronting individuals with developmental disabilities who are aging are examined. Attention is also given to families and provider agencies.

**Anne Marie Russo** (718) 767-4150

**Ana Magalee**, Parent Co-Chairperson (718) 736-8696, Ext. 106

**Yolanda Gross**, FECS, 212-366-8148

**MSC/Case Management Committee** is a resource for case managers (service coordinators). Representatives from families' provider agencies, state and city officials address specific issues. The committee acts as a liaison among families, case managers and the Queens Council.

**Karline Dambreville**, Director of Family Support Services, AABR, (718) 321-3800, Ext. 229

**Philip Wagner**, Parent, Co-Chairperson

**Toni Martinez**, YAI/NIPD, 212-273-6609

**Children's Services:** A forum is provided for parents and providers who identify needs and find solutions through presentations and discussions regarding the education and care of children, ages birth to twenty-one.

**Lisa Veglia**, Deputy Executive Director, QSAC, (212) 244-5560, Ext. 2017

**Dianne Catrano**, Educational Director, Heartshare, (718) 441-5333, Ext. 1401

**Nina Roberto**, Parent Co-Chairperson, (718) 846-6606

**Day Services:** The committee's goal is to ensure that quality day programs and services are provided. An important function is to arrange for Department of Education graduates to transition to appropriate adult day services. The meetings also act as a forum to share innovative ideas and discuss emerging issues.

**Josephine Davide**, Assistant Director Day Services, QCP, (718) 380-3000, ext 363

**Mary Knox**, YAI, (347) 547-7211, Ext 307

**Family Support:** Information is shared about programs and services and available vacancies. Guest speakers are invited.

**Elva Grimes**, Parent Co-Chairperson

**Linda Renyi**, Admissions, Coordinator, Life's WORC, 516-741-9000, Ext 271

**Annette Spallino**, Social Worker, AHRC-NYC, 212-780-2592

**Health Care:** This group considers the health care needs of individuals and issues of agencies which provide health care and clinical services.

**Lisa Orbegoso**, Clinic Liaison, YAI/NIPD, (718) 793-2182 Ext. 201

**Eric Fenton**, LifesWORC, (516) 741-9000, Ext 270

**Public Information:** The Public Information Committee coordinates educating the general public regarding the achievements and challenges of people with developmental disabilities and their families through print, broadcast and electronic media. The committee is responsible for publishing the Council newsletter. "The Advocate's Voice", the www.qcdd.org website and planning Council events and conference.

**James Magalee**, Executive Director, QPRC. 718-736-8690, Ext 104

**Patricia Finnegan-Knapp**, Supervisor Geriatric Services, QCP, 718-380-3000, Ext 355

**Brien Cummings**, Director of Residential Services, YAI/NIPD, 212-273-6100, Ext 2528

**Marieta Austin**, Executive Director, UDI, Inc.

**Beverly Berger**, Parent Co-Chairperson

**Residential Services:** The meetings are designed to be helpful to families who are considering placement of their family member, as well as for people whose members are already in a residential setting and have questions or concerns. Family members share experiences and the committee engages in problem solving. Regulations that govern the operation of residences are explained. Discussions are held about how parents can best advocate for consumers.

**Robert S. Nugent**, Associate Director Residential Services, AHRC, (212) 780- 2506

**David Casquarelli**, Parent Co-Chairperson

**John McGuigan**, YAI/NIPD,

**Legislative Committee:** The legislative Committee coordinates educating elected officials regarding the achievements and challenges of people with developmental disabilities. It guides the advocacy efforts of the Council to elected officials and others in government who influence legislation and funding of programs for people with developmental disabilities.

**Doug Triebel**, Independence Residences, Inc. (718) 805-6796, Ext. 131

### More About The Council:

The Queens Council maintains close relationships with New York City and New York State governmental bodies in order to advocate for the individuals supported by them as well as working as partners with them to expand and improve services. These agencies include:

- NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- Queens Developmental Disabilities Services Office of OPWDD.
- The New York State Office of Persons With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
- NYCRO, the Regional Office of OPWDD.
- Department of Education, New York City.
- The Borough President's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities, which includes representatives and advocates supporting people with physical, mental health and developmental disabilities.

### Important Agencies, Organizations and Terms

**Queens Family Support Services Advisory Council:** The Queens Consumer Council on Family Support has been renamed the Queens Family Support Service Advisory Council. This Council, not to be confused with the Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities, is comprised only of individuals with developmental disabilities, parents and family members.

It functions under the aegis of Bernard Fineson DDSO and meets at the new administration building. Parents and individuals with disabilities meet to discuss current matters, issues and personal concerns, programs and services in an open setting with other parents and participants. The meetings provide an opportunity for sharing experiences and considering suggestions and options for resolving problems to learn how other parents and consumers have dealt with them successfully.

Members volunteer to serve on teams to review and assess proposals for funding of programs and also visit funded programs. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 11:00a.m. at the Bernard Fineson Developmental Center Administration Building, Basement Level.

For information/directions, call Chairperson Judy Gleason at 718-217-5912 and leave a message with your phone number or email.

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# SAVE THE DATE

The Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities

Cordially invites you to the

## ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

DATE: MARCH 18, 2011 9:30 AM—11:30 AM

LOCATION: Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11354

A Panel of Legislators, Government Representatives and Families will address Funding Issues for Early Intervention, Special Education, Adult and Children's Services, State Departments of Health and Education and Office of People With Developmental Disabilities

For further information contact Doug Triebel at 718-805-6796, ext 131 or [dtriebel@in-res.org](mailto:dtriebel@in-res.org)

## FREE EVALUATIONS AND PARENT TRAINING FOR QUEENS RESIDENTS WITHOUT MEDICAID COVERAGE

Several agencies offer free psychological and psychosocial evaluations for Queens residents with developmental disabilities who do not have Medicaid.

Free in-home intensive parent training is also available for parents living in Queens who have a developmental disability.

In addition, participating families are given training and behavior management instruction as well as case management and advocacy services.

### Program Requirements

- Children and adults who are residents of Queens County require proof of identity (i.e., birth certificate, valid passport, driver's license or non-drivers ID).
- Applicants must be accompanied by a responsible adult for all scheduled appointments.

Completed evaluations will be sent to the family. Agency contacts are as follows:

AHRC	Cathy Shannon	212-229-3250
	Clara Cordon	212-780-2387
PSCH	Michelle Cash	718-777-5243, ext. 210
NYSID	Elizabeth Sunshine	718-494-6457
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YAI		212-273-6182 and 1-866-2YAILINK - toll free
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