

# Senior Resource Guide

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Courtesy of New York State Senator Liz Krueger

# Important Phone Numbers

**Always dial 911 in Case of Emergency.**

New York City Department for the Aging.....	311
New York State Department for the Aging Helpline.....	800-342-9871
Social Security Administration.....	800-772-1213
Medicare.....	800-633-4227
Medicaid.....	800-541-2831
Veterans Administration.....	888-838-7697
NYC Well 24 Hour Mental Health Hotline.....	800-543-3638

**We have done our best to make this guide as comprehensive and accurate as possible. However, in a city with as many dynamic organizations and programs as ours we know we must have missed important resources. Over time it is common for organizations to move, phone numbers to change, and programs to close or change. Please feel free to contact Senator Krueger's office at (212) 490-9535 or [krueger@nysenate.gov](mailto:krueger@nysenate.gov) if there are additional resources you think should be included in the next edition, or if the information you find in this guide has changed.**

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Dear Community Member,

It is hard to believe that this is the Seventh Edition of our Senior Resource Guide—the most comprehensive guide to resources for older adults in our community. You will find expanded information about aging in place, LGBTQ resources, healthcare, and many other topics. You will also find additional resources on consumer protection, continuing education, cultural activities, employment, housing, and much more.

As in the past, I find my office constantly receiving requests for the guide. This Seventh Edition can also be accessed online by going to [krueger.nysenate.gov](http://krueger.nysenate.gov), where you can obtain an electronic copy and sign up for *LizList* to receive e-mail updates from me.

It is so important for older adults to be informed about the benefits and entitlements they have earned throughout their lifetimes, as well as ways to increase their quality of life. That is the goal of everyone who contributed to this new and expanded Seventh Edition.

One of *my* most important resources continues to be the input I receive from each of you. It is a great privilege to represent your interests and concerns in Albany and I am always eager to hear from you. I encourage you to contact my office at (212) 490-9535 or [lkrueger@nysenate.gov](mailto:lkrueger@nysenate.gov) with any questions or comments.

We have done our best to make this guide as comprehensive and accurate as possible. Over time, organizations move, phone numbers change, and programs close or change, while new programs become available. If there are resources that you are looking for and cannot find in this guide, please call my office and my staff will be happy to help find you the information you need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Krueger".

Liz Krueger  
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***The information in this publication is provided as a resource for seniors and their caregivers in New York City, but is not intended as an endorsement of any organization or service.***



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# ADVOCACY & ACTION GROUPS

## **American Association for Retired Persons (AARP)**

780 Third Avenue, 33rd Floor New York, NY 10017

866-227-7442

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

National organization providing benefits, advocacy and resources for people 50 years and over.

## **JASA's Institute for Senior Action (IFSA)**

247 West 37th Street, 9th Floor

New York, NY 10018

212-273-5272

[http://www.jasa.org/advocacy/ifsa\\_onthego#.Wbb8h8iGOUk](http://www.jasa.org/advocacy/ifsa_onthego#.Wbb8h8iGOUk)

The advocacy center in the Institute for Senior Action offers a multi-week training program on getting results in our complicated political system. Students learn about the legislative process, techniques of social action, and how to work with elected officials and the media. Application and a course fee are required.

## **LiveOn NY (formerly Council of Senior Centers & Services of NYC)**

49 West 45th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10036

212-398-6565

<http://www.liveon-ny.org/>

LiveOn NY has a membership base of over 100 organizations that provide more than 600 community based programs, which range from individual community-based centers to large multi-service organizations for older adults throughout New York City. Its mission is to ensure that New York's elderly receive quality care by helping older adult service organizations provide superior programs through advocacy, training, innovative programming and the exchange of ideas.

## **Medicare Rights Center**

520 Eighth Avenue, North Wing, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10018

Hotline: 800-333-4114

212-869-3850

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

The Medicare Rights Center is the largest independent source of health care information for people with Medicare, and brings a consumer voice to the national debate on Medicare reform. It provides direct assistance to older adults and people with disabilities, as well as friends, family, caregivers and professionals who have Medicare questions or problems. Trained hotline counselors respond to questions about available health plan options, rights and benefits, and can help people get the care and medicine they need. When appropriate, staff represent clients who cannot secure the care or coverage they need on their own.

**New York Gray Panthers**

244 Madison Avenue, Suite 396, New York, NY 10016  
917-535-0457

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

New York chapter of a national organization committed to social justice including the expansion of healthcare programs, the creation of suitable housing, fighting discrimination and promoting peace.

**New York StateWide Senior Action Council**

275 State Street  
Albany, NY 12210  
518-436-1006

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

Advocates for legislation of importance to older adults and for full representation among service programs to ensure and promote the wellbeing of the aging. Also helps older adults understand Medicare Part D and hospital patients' rights. Provides advice on medical plans and offers resources, intervention services and fact sheets on the Affordable Care Act.

**The Radical Age Movement**

8 East 53 Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
646-630-4443

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

A grassroots organization founded with the understanding that people are living longer, and as a society we need to make the most of the extra years. The organization seeks to inspire a new social vision that supports people to grow and participate actively throughout their lives by challenging ageism and creating a new cross-generational social paradigm. The organization hosts events and roundtable discussions on an ongoing basis.



## AGING IN PLACE RESOURCES

*(ALSO SEE SENIOR CENTERS & SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES)*

### **Citymeals on Wheels**

212-687-1234

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

Citymeals delivers meals to seniors who are homebound, over 60 and unable to prepare their own nutritious meals. Even if you receive homecare or Medicaid, you are still eligible for meal service if the homecare worker cannot prepare a meal to fit your dietary or religious restrictions, or if he or she is designated to assist only with other tasks. Applications are done through local case management agencies (based on zip code). Call or visit their website to locate the agency serving your area.

### **Bill Payer Program (through the Department of the Aging)**

2 Lafayette Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10007

212-602-6982

The Bill Payer Program is a free service that enables low-income older adults with disabilities to remain in the community with the assurance that their monthly financial obligations have been met. Visits take place once or twice a month, usually in the client's home.

### **The Caring Collaborative (a project of The Transition Network)**

1732 First Avenue

New York, NY 10128

347-735-6035

<https://www.thetransitionnetwork.org/connect-caring-collaborative>

The Caring Collaborative (CC) is a volunteer program within The Transition Network, a membership program for women ages 50 and up who support one another through life's transitions. Volunteers in the CC program assist other members when medical issues arise. They may help shop, pick up prescriptions, help with transportation to medical appointments or provide other support while a member is convalescing in periods of temporary disability.

### **CenterLight Health Care**

250 Waters Pl., Tower 1, Suite 602

Bronx, NY 10461

877-226-8500

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

CenterLight Healthcare is a not-for-profit New York State Managed Long-Term Care organization that provides home healthcare services to the elderly, people with disabilities and chronically ill.

### **Concerned Home Managers for the Elderly, Inc. (COHME)**

11 Broadway, Suite 400

New York, NY 10004

212-514-7147

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

Provides home health aide, nursing and social work case management services to seniors and their family members. Particular expertise in caring for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Serving all five boroughs.

**DOROT**

171 West 85th Street  
New York, NY 10024  
212-769-2850

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

Addresses basic needs such as food and housing, health and wellness resources, and life management skills. Provides social, cultural and educational activities to alleviate isolation and to foster interaction between the young and the elderly. Operates a number of programs including friendly visiting, shop and escort, holiday package delivery, kosher meals for the homebound, support for caregivers, and homelessness prevention.

**Jewish Guild Health Care GuildNet Managed Long Term Care**

15 West 65th Street  
New York, NY 10023  
1-800-284-4422 or 212-769-6200

[www.jgb.org/health-plans/guildnet-MLTC](http://www.jgb.org/health-plans/guildnet-MLTC)

GuildNet is a managed long-term care plan established to coordinate services for Medicaid-eligible, nursing home-eligible adults wishing to remain in their homes as long as possible. Provides health and personal care.

**Jewish Home Lifecare**

120 West 106th Street  
New York, NY 10025  
800-544-0304  
212-870-4715 Manhattan Center

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

A non-sectarian organization that provides skilled nursing, home care, day care, senior housing, rehabilitation services, and care coordination to the elderly and people with disabilities.

**Mount Sinai Visiting Doctors Program**

5 East 98th Street  
New York, NY 10029  
212-241-4141

[www.mountsinaifpa.org/patient-care/practices/visiting-doctors-program](http://www.mountsinaifpa.org/patient-care/practices/visiting-doctors-program)

Provides primary medical care for homebound older adults, including prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and support services. A team of physicians, nurses, social workers and assistants from Mount Sinai are on call to visit patients in their homes, with visits prioritized according to medical condition and level of need. All insurance plans are accepted, including Medicare and Medicaid.

**Lenox Hill Hospital/Northwell Health House Call Program**

100 East 77th Street, 5 Achelis  
New York, NY 10075  
212-434-3015

Through North Shore-LIJ Home Care Network, this program provides primary medical care for adults over age 65. The program serves Manhattan residents between Wall Street and 100<sup>th</sup> Street through registered nurses, therapists and aides. Services include general medical care, psychological counseling, podiatry, dentistry, vaccinations, orthopedic interventions, laboratory and radiography tests. Medicare Part B accepted.

**New York Foundation for Senior Citizens**

11 Park Place, 14th Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
212-962-7559

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

Dedicated to helping the elderly continue to live and function in their own communities. Services include home attendants, respite care, enriched housing, transportation and affordable housing.

**Senior Health Partners for Independent Living**

345 East 102nd Street  
New York, NY 10029  
866-585-9280

100 Church Street  
New York, NY 10007

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

Senior Health Partners is a Managed Long-Term Plan and a Pre-PACE program (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly). It provides a variety of services for people 55 years or older who have health problems and limitations that would qualify for nursing home-level care or long-term health services for at least 120 days.

**SeniorBridge**

845 Third Avenue, 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
212-994-6100

<http://www.seniorbridge.com/>

SeniorBridge provides care at home for clients who have complex, chronic health conditions. Services address the well-being of clients and their families through a comprehensive program that includes assessment, planning, service coordination, advocacy, and direct care. A multidisciplinary team led by a professional geriatric care manager provides care. Services are personalized according to the level of need and preference of the client. The program is especially beneficial for clients with chronic medical illnesses, or memory disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease, and those who require close oversight and management of care.

**Search and Care**

1844 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10128  
212-289-5300

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

A not-for-profit organization whose mission is to help frail and isolated older people live safely and independently in their own homes. Trained social workers, assisted by screened and trained volunteers, visit those who need help in managing and accessing medical and social services. Services include housing and health care advocacy, assistance obtaining benefits and services, and a bill paying program. Meals on Wheels, benefits and entitlements, housekeeping and personal assistance with activities of daily living are also available. All services are limited to qualified seniors who live between 86th and 143rd Streets from 5th Avenue to the East River.

**SelfHelp Community Services**

520 8th Avenue, Fifth Floor

New York, NY 10018

866-735-1234

Emergency and General Inquiry Line: 212-971-7600

[www.selfhelp.net](http://www.selfhelp.net)

Provides home care, case management services, home health aides, senior housing, an Alzheimer's resource program, senior activity centers and community guardians.

**Visiting Neighbors**

3 Washington Square Village, Suite 1F

New York, NY 10012

212-260-6200

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

Serves residents 60 years and older, living in Manhattan south of 30th Street. Visiting Neighbors provides supportive services that help seniors stay independent, including friendly visiting to relieve isolation and loneliness, health advocacy, help with errands and shopping, escorts to medical and other appointments and referrals to needed services.

**Visiting Nurse Service of New York**

800-675-0391

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

Provides home health care and community-based health services, ranging from skilled nursing care and help with day-to-day activities to information on legal and financial matters.

**The Wright Center on Aging**

1484 First Avenue, First Floor

New York, NY 10075

212-746-7000

[www.weillcornell.org/wrightctr](http://www.weillcornell.org/wrightctr)

Provides individuals who are mentally or physically challenged, frail and elderly, or have Alzheimer's or related dementia disorders with services including: nursing services, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, care management, respite care, housekeeping, and specialized Alzheimer's and HIV/AIDS services.

## ≈ Case Management ≈

The case management agencies listed below provide services funded by the NYC Department of Aging to help frail and homebound adults 60 and older age in place. Case management staff work with clients in their homes to help them access benefits and provide services, including medical escort services, psychiatric referrals, shopping escorts, housekeeping and assistance with activities of daily living, such as bathing or dressing. Each agency has a prescribed catchment area and may have a waiting list. The agencies listed below serve the East Side and Midtown areas of Manhattan. To locate a case management agency in another area, visit <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/services/case-management.shtml>.

**Carter Burden Network** – 646-504-4999  
Catchment area is East 59th Street – East 143rd Street

**Lenox Hill Neighborhood House** – 212-218-0506  
Catchment area is East 59th Street – East 143rd Street

**New York Foundation for Senior Citizens** – 212-962-7817  
Catchment area is Manhattan Community Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 (all of Manhattan South of 59<sup>th</sup> Street with the exception of Chelsea, Hells Kitchen, Hudson Yards, and West Midtown)

**Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Elders (SAGE)** –  
212-741-2247  
Citywide LGBTQ affirming services

**Search and Care** – 212-289-5300  
Catchment area is East 86 Street – East 143rd Street

## ≈ Adult Day Programs≈

Adult day programs are community-based group programs designed to meet the needs of functionally and/or cognitively impaired adults through an individual plan of care. These structured, comprehensive programs provide a variety of health, social, and related support services in a protective setting. The programs generally operate during business hours five days a week but some are also open evenings and/or weekends. There are two types of programs:

**Social model** day programs provide supervision and socialization through therapeutic group activities such as discussions, arts and crafts, games and dancing, or services, such as memory simulation exercises. Most of these programs do not have a medical component, and payment is usually private pay. Each program is slightly different and has varying requirements. Almost all offer lunch and many provide transportation.

**Medical model** day programs are designed for persons with medical problems who may require one or more of the following services: monitoring, nursing care, social work, occupational therapy, or physical therapy, in addition to socialization. As a result, they are more expensive than social model programs. Medicaid covers many medical model adult day programs.

The best way to be sure a program is a good fit for a person's functional ability and needs is to visit and ask many questions. Application procedures vary. A list of programs is available online at <https://www.caring.com/local/adult-day-care-in-new-york-new-york>.



# CAREGIVER RESOURCES

*[ALSO SEE AGING IN PLACE]*

## **AARP Caregiving Resource Center**

877-333-5885 – Caregiver Hotline

<http://www.aarp.org/home-family/caregiving/>

Offers a wide variety of resources and information on issues facing current and future caregivers.

## **NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA) Caregiver Support**

2 Lafayette Street, Suite 18

New York, NY 10007

Call 311

[www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/caregiver/support.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/caregiver/support.shtml)

Caregiver programs in each borough provide assistance in accessing entitlements and benefits, individual counseling and support groups, respite and temporary relief, supplementary services, and referrals to additional resources.

## **NYC Department for the Aging Alzheimer's and Caregiver Resource Center**

Call 311

[www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/caregiver/alzheimer.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/caregiver/alzheimer.shtml)

Provides free counseling and assistance to New Yorkers caring for persons with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

## **Caregiver Action Network**

<http://caregiveraction.org/>

Offers a virtual library of educational materials including tips and guides for family caregivers, information on agencies and organizations that provide caregiver support, and workshops on communicating effectively and how to connect with other caregivers.

## **DOROT Caregivers' Connections**

171 West 85th Street

New York, NY 10024

212-769-2850

[http://www.dorotusa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=cc\\_connections\\_D](http://www.dorotusa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=cc_connections_D)

Caregivers' Connections provides weekly support groups, workshops and health-related classes over the phone for caregivers through conference call technology.

## **Friends In Deed**

594 Broadway, Suite 706

New York, NY 10012

212-925-2009

<http://www.friendsindeed.org>

Friends In Deed is a crisis center providing emotional and spiritual support for anyone with a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS, cancer or other life-threatening physical illnesses. Any caregivers, family and friends of those who are ill, and those dealing with grief and bereavement are welcome to call. All services are free of charge.

## **Health Outreach Caregivers Service, NewYork-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center**

420 East 76th Street  
New York, NY 10021  
212-746-4351

<http://www.nyp.org/clinical-services/geriatrics/healthoutreach>

The Caregivers Service is dedicated to meeting the needs, challenges and concerns of family members and friends who care for older adults. It offers educational seminars, lectures, information and referral, and two support groups: one specifically for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and other cognitive impairments, and the other for caregivers of anyone 60 years of age or older. It also provides strategies for stress reduction and self-care, crisis intervention, and information about healthcare proxies, living wills and powers of attorney.

## **Home Care Association of New York State**

518-426-8764

<http://www.hca-nys.org/>

The Home Care Association website answers all types of questions regarding home care of the elderly and their caregivers. This site can help you determine what level of care is needed as well as other information regarding how to make the best decisions.

## **Next Step in Care**

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

A service of the United Hospital Fund that offers easy-to-read guides to help family caregivers and health care providers work closely together to plan and implement safe and smooth transitions for chronically or seriously ill patients. Educational materials include tips for family caregivers, information on agencies and organizations that provide caregiver support workshops on communicating effectively with other caregivers.

## **New York Foundation for Senior Citizens Respite Care Program**

11 Park Place, 14th Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
212-962-7559

[www.nyfsc.org/services/support\\_respite.html](http://www.nyfsc.org/services/support_respite.html)

Provides temporary relief to primary caregivers of the frail elderly in the form of trained homecare attendants.

## **NYC Caregiver**

[www.nyc.gov/html/caregiver/](http://www.nyc.gov/html/caregiver/)

Maintained by the NYC Department for the Aging. NYC Caregiver offers a wealth of information, resources, and links for caregivers and grandparent caregivers.

## **NYU Langone's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Family Support Program**

646-754-2277

<http://nyulangone.org/locations/alzheimers-disease-related-dementias-family-support-program>

NYU Langone's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Family Support Program was created to assist family members and friends through education, individual and family care consultation, and community support. This program is offered free of charge to caregivers.

**SAGE Caring and Preparing (SAGECAP)**

305 Seventh Ave., 15<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10001

212-741-2247

[www.sageusa.org/sagecap](http://www.sageusa.org/sagecap)

Sage is the country's largest and oldest service organization dedicated to advocating for and providing services to LGBTQ elders and helps caregivers navigate their current and future needs as they provide care for LGBTQ loved ones and friends.

**Share the Care**

121 Avenue of the Americas, 6th Floor

New York, NY 10013

212-991-9688

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

Share the Care seeks to improve the quality of life of persons who are seriously ill, have disabilities, or are experiencing the challenges of aging, and to reduce the stress, depression, isolation and economic hardship often suffered by their family caregivers.

# COMMUNITY BOARDS

Community Boards are New York City's most local level of government. There are 59 in the City, including 12 in Manhattan. Each Board consists of up to 50 unsalaried members appointed by the Borough President, with half nominated by the City Council Members who represent the community district. Each board has a paid District Manager who coordinates the work of each board, and helps to resolve problems with City services. Board members are selected from active, involved people in each community, with an effort made to assure that every neighborhood is represented. Board members must reside, work, or have some other significant interest in the community.

Boards meet once each month and have committees that meet more frequently. At these meetings, members address items of concern to the community. Board meetings are open to the public, and a portion of each meeting is reserved for the Board to hear from the public. In addition, Boards regularly conduct public hearings -on the City's budget, on land use matters, and other major issues - to give the people of the community the opportunity to express their opinions. Contact the Borough President or your City Councilmember if you are interested in joining a Community Board.

Below is a list of community boards in Senate District 28. All meetings are open to the public. See websites or call for meeting times, agendas and locations.

## **Manhattan Community Board #5**

450 Seventh Avenue, Suite #2109  
New York, NY 10123  
212-465-0907

[www.cb5.org](http://www.cb5.org)

Meets the second Thursday of most months at 6pm. The community board tries to meet at Xavier High School, 30 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **Manhattan Community Board #6**

230 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10003  
212-319-3750

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

Meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm at varying locations but the community board tries to meet at the NYU Medical Center, 550 First Avenue at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street.

## **Manhattan Community Board #8**

505 Park Avenue, Suite #620  
New York, NY 10022  
212-758-4340

[www.cb8m.com](http://www.cb8m.com)

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm except for slight changes due to holidays. Location varies.

# COMPUTER TRAINING

There are numerous organizations that provide computer training for those at both beginner and advanced levels. Many are offered at no or low cost and, although classes are scheduled several times a year, they often fill up quickly.

## **Carter Burden Network (formerly Carter Burden Center for the Aging)**

1484 First Avenue, New York, NY 10075  
212-879-7400

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

Computer lab offers half hour tutoring sessions, Monday through Friday. For no charge, volunteers and staff provide tutoring. Seniors should call ahead to make appointments as the center only has a few computers available at one time.

## **Center @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House**

331 East 70<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10021  
212-744-5022

<http://www.lenoxhill.org/center-lenox-hill-neighborhood-house>

The Center offers members computer and additional technology classes, including offerings in digital photography, Microsoft Excel and Word and social networking. For more information on classes and membership, email [centerinfo@lenoxhill.org](mailto:centerinfo@lenoxhill.org).

## **Computer Training Resource Centers**

430 West 25th Street  
New York, NY 10001  
212-255-3705 or 212-360-2702

348 East 54th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 754-5411 or (212) 754-0293

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/crc>

Operated by the NYC Parks and Recreation Department, the centers offer a range of computer courses, from the basics to digital photography to video making/editing, with special attention given to those who have never used a computer. Class subjects and times vary at each center and are free with an annual senior recreational membership fee of \$25 (available to those 62 plus).

The **New York Public Library** offers hands-on classes from the basics to Internet search strategies to Microsoft Word and Excel – and much more. Register online at [www.nypl.org/classes](http://www.nypl.org/classes) or contact local branches for details.

## **Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) Senior Planet Exploration Center**

127 West 25th Street  
New York, NY 10001  
646-590-0615

<http://seniorplanet.org/the-center/welcome/>

Provides computer and technology training (classes at both introductory and advanced levels) for adults 60 years and older. All sessions are free but participants must be registered before classes begin. Class lengths vary from one day to week(s) long programs and all materials are provided. Seniors can use computers during their leisure time.

**SeniorTechNYC** (formerly part of SeniorNet)

334 Amsterdam Avenue

New York, NY 10023

646-505-4390

<https://www.seniortechnyc.org/home.html>

A non-profit organization that teaches technology classes for seniors, including courses in how to use tablets, cell phones and computers (both PC and Apple). The teachers make use of modern visual instructional aids. Classes are held in the Multimedia Room on Level L2 at the Jewish Community Center unless otherwise specified. Registration for courses is available through the website or through calling the number above. All registration is on a first-come first-served basis. JCC members receive a discount on class fees.

**Search and Care's Silver Circles of Connectivity**

212-289-5300

This program is free to community members age 65+ who would benefit from one-on-one tutoring on a computer, a tablet, a Kindle, or a cell phone. The aim is to help older adults connect with family, to explore the internet, find articles of interest, and locate resources online. Call if you are interested in being tutored or serving as a volunteer to help others.

**Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center**

415 East 93rd Street

New York, NY 10128

212-360-7620 x 110

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

Beginning and intermediate classes introduce members to email and the Internet. Programs for education, work force development and senior services, such as recreational activities, meals, telephone based group activities and more. Call for further information.



# CONSUMER PROTECTION

[ALSO SEE LEGAL RESOURCES]

## ≈ Consumer Rights & Complaints ≈

### **Do Not Call Registry**

888-382-1222

[www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)

National registry that allows consumers to block most telemarketing calls to home or mobile phones. Register by phone or online. If you have joined the Do Not Call Registry and are still receiving calls from companies with which you have no previous relationship, you can file a complaint at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or call 888-382-1222.

***Reminder:** Even if your number is registered, charities, political organizations, and telephone surveyors may legally continue to call you. Companies with which you do business may also continue to call, unless you have asked them to stop calling you. If you have asked them to stop calling, please keep a record of the date you made the request and include that information in the comment section of any complaint you submit against that company.*

### **Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**

855-411-2372 or 202-435-7000

<http://www.consumerfinance.gov/>

Provides consumers with information to make educated financial decisions. The bureau also has various online resources to help answer questions consumers might have about their rights or situations they face. It also acts as an intermediary between companies and consumers to facilitate consumer complaints.

### **NYC Department of Consumer Affairs**

42 Broadway, 9th Floor

New York, NY 10004

Call 311 or 212-487-4104

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/index.page>

Provides mediation services for residents who believe they have been cheated by deceptive or unfair trade practices related to the sale, lease, rental, or loan of consumer goods or services by a business operating in New York City. If the Department of Consumer Affairs licenses the business, the agency can hold administrative hearings that can result in monetary judgments or other forms of restitution. Complaint forms and educational materials can be obtained on the website or by calling 311.

### **NY State Division of Consumer Protection**

800-697-1220 or 518-474-8583

[www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection](http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection)

Advocates for and works to empower New York consumers through education and direct assistance. The agency responds to individual consumer complaints by working to settle disputes between consumers and businesses through voluntary mediation. Complaint forms and a variety of educational materials are available on the website.

## **NY State Attorney General Consumer Fraud Bureau**

800-771-7755

<https://ag.ny.gov/bureau/consumer-frauds-bureau>

The Bureau of Consumer Frauds and Protection prosecutes businesses and individuals engaged in fraudulent, misleading, deceptive or illegal trade practices. In addition to litigating, the Bureau mediates complaints from individual consumers. As part of its mission, the Bureau provides information to consumers and seeks to ensure a fair and vigorous market place.

## **NY State Department of Financial Services**

One State Street

New York, NY 10004

Consumer Hotline: 800-342-3736 or 212-480-6400

External Appeals: 800-400-8882

<http://www.dfs.ny.gov/>

Regulates financial services and insurance companies in New York. Protects users of financial services from unscrupulous and predatory products and services. It also seeks to educate consumers regarding financial matters. Provides resources for consumers to file complaints against financial institutions and insurance companies.

*Due to jurisdictional reasons, the NY City and State Departments of Consumer Affairs, as well as the State Attorney General's office, can only take complaints regarding certain types of businesses and institutions. Complaints regarding other companies must be directed to the following:*

### **Attorneys**

State Supreme Court Appellate Division 212-401-0800 (in New York and Bronx)

718-923-6300 (in Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island)

<https://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/grievance/complaints.shtml>

### **Banks**

*State-chartered institutions:*

NY State Department of Financial Services (800-342-3736)

<http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/fileacomplaint.htm>

### **Federal financial institutions**

Federal Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (800-613-6743)

<https://www.occ.treas.gov/topics/dispute-resolution/consumer-complaints/index-consumer-complaints.html>

### **Cable and Telephone**

NY State Public Service Commission (800-342-3377)

<http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/B40C096675BE10C085257687006F39E7?OpenDocument>

### **Car Repairs**

NY State Department of Motor Vehicles Safety (518-474-8943)

### **Cell Phone Service**

Federal Communications Commission (888-225-5322)

<https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us>

### **Credit Card Companies**

NY State Attorney General's Office Consumer Hotline (800-771-7755)

<https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/Filing-a-Consumer-Complaint>

### **Doctors**

NY State Health Department Office of Professional Misconduct (800-663-6114)

<https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/doctors/conduct/>

### **Insurance Companies**

NY State Department of Financial Services (800-342-3736)

<http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/fileacomplaint.htm>

### **Moving Companies**

NY State Department of Transportation (800-786-5368)

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/truck/moving>

### **Plumbing and Electrical Work**

NYC Department of Buildings (call 311)

### **Product Safety Recalls**

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (800-638-2772)

<https://www.cpsc.gov/>

## **≈ Financial Protection for Consumers ≈**

### **Center for NYC Neighborhoods**

17 Battery Park, Suite 728

New York, NY 10004

212-566-3050

*Foreclosure Helpline: 646-786-0888 or 311*

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

The Center for New York City Neighborhoods (CNYCN) was created to address the local repercussions of the national foreclosure crisis. Through comprehensive citywide programming that includes legal services, housing counseling, and consumer education, CNYCN pursues multiple strategies to assist those at risk of losing their homes to foreclosure. The center also operates a free confidential foreclosure prevention hotline.

### **Credit Freeze**

<https://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/pdf/Security%20Freeze031116.pdf>

New Yorkers who believe they are the victims of identity theft can place a security freeze on their credit files. This prohibits credit reporting agencies from releasing the contents of their credit reports or scores so new credit accounts can be issued until the freeze is lifted. To activate the freeze, consumers must contact each of the three individual credit-reporting agencies listed below mail, phone, or internet. Each agency must be contacted again to lift the freeze.

*Experian Security Freeze*  
P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013  
888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com/freeze](http://www.experian.com/freeze)

*TransUnion Security Freeze*  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19016  
888-909-8872  
<https://freeze.transunion.com/>

*Equifax Security Freeze*  
P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348  
800-349-9960  
<https://www.freeze.equifax.com/>

### **Free Credit Reports**

P.O. Box 105283  
Atlanta, GA 30348  
877-322-8228

[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

While there are many companies that charge people to obtain copies of their credit reports, all New Yorkers are entitled to receive one free credit report each year from each of the major credit reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax and TransUnion). If you are the victim of identity theft, you are entitled to a second report from each agency.

### **New Economy Project (formerly known as NEDAP)**

121 West 27th Street, Suite 804  
New York, NY 10001  
212-680-5100

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

A nonprofit advocacy and education organization that works to eliminate predatory economic practices and improve consumer protections. Provides a comprehensive list of resources and fact sheets on issues such as community banking and finance, credit reports, debt collection, identity theft, foreclosure prevention, and predatory lending available on their website.

The New Economy Project operates the **New York City Financial Justice Hotline**, which provides information and referrals for low-income residents regarding issues with unfair debt collection practices, tax refund loans, payday loans, credit reporting, and repair. The hotline can be reached at 212-925-4929 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12pm-2pm.

### **NYC Financial Empowerment Centers**

Midtown Community Court  
314 West 54th Street  
New York, NY 10019  
311

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/consumers/get-free-financial-counseling.page>

In cooperation with a number of non-profit organizations, NYC operates Financial Empowerment Centers. The centers provide free one-on-one financial counseling by professional counselors. Counselors can help with budget and debt management, debt collection, difficulties with credit repair agencies, eligibility for government benefits, and opening bank accounts. The center listed above is the one most convenient to Senator Krueger's district. It is open Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm. It is best to make an appointment ahead of time. Other locations are available online or by calling 311.



# CONTINUING EDUCATION

## College Programs at the City University of New York (CUNY)

*CUNY Senior Colleges (4 year):* When space is available, people over 60 can audit tuition-free courses at any of the four-year CUNY colleges. Students do not take tests or receive academic credit.

*CUNY Community Colleges (2 year):* When space is available, tuition-free courses are offered at community colleges. Students may participate fully in classes: doing homework, taking tests, and receiving grades and academic credit.

There is an administrative fee for both the senior and community college programs. For more information, call the admissions office at a college that is convenient for you.

### **Bernard M. Baruch College**

646-312-1000

[www.baruch.cuny.edu](http://www.baruch.cuny.edu)

55 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10010

### **Hunter College**

212-772-4000

[www.hunter.cuny.edu](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu)

695 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10065

### **Borough of Manhattan Comm. College**

212-220-8000

[www.bmcc.cuny.edu](http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu)

199 Chambers Street  
New York, NY 10007

### **John Jay College of Criminal Justice**

212-237-8000

[www.jjay.cuny.edu](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu)

524 West 59th Street  
New York, NY 10019

### **The City College of NY**

212-650-7000

[www.cuny.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.cuny.edu)

160 Convent Avenue  
New York, NY 10031

### **CUNY Graduate Center**

212-817-7000

[www.gc.cuny.edu](http://www.gc.cuny.edu)

365 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

### **CUNY School of Professional Studies**

212-652-2869

[www.sps.cuny.edu](http://www.sps.cuny.edu)

119 West 31st Street  
New York, NY 10001

### **CUNY Graduate School of Journalism**

646-758-7700

[www.journalism.cuny.edu](http://www.journalism.cuny.edu)

219 West 40th Street  
New York, NY 10018

### **Age-Friendly NYC-College Link**

212-822-7251

<http://agefriendlycollege.org/>

The website-based database provides easy access to NYC-area college and university profiles with information of interest to older adults including degree programs, continuing education, campus events and resources, distance learning, and older adult-specific programs.

### **Center for Learning and Living**

212-644-3320

Courses meet at St. Catherine of Siena, 411 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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

A lifelong learning organization offering programs for adults age 55+. The wide-ranging courses are available year-round with outstanding instructors. Course duration and fees may vary.

### **ESTA (Elders Share the Arts)**

138 South Oxford St.

Brooklyn, NY 11217

718-398-3870

<http://estanyc.org>

Community-based arts programs run by professional artists. ESTA offers programs in three disciplines: Living History Arts, Intergenerational Arts and Arts in Dementia Care for adults 55 years of age and older. The sites are based throughout the five boroughs and Long Island.

### **New York University**

School of Continuing & Professional Studies

7 East 12th Street

New York, NY 10003

Office of Student Enrollment Services: 212-998-7150 / General Information: 212-998-7200

<http://www.nyu.edu/academics/continuing-education.html>

Adults aged 65 and older may enroll in continuing education courses for half the regular fee (except where otherwise indicated). At the time of registration, the applicant must request the senior citizen discount. Proof of age is required at in-person registration or must be sent to the Office of Student Enrollment Services if you are registering by telephone, fax, or mail.

### **Pace University's Active Retirement Center (PARC)**

163 William Street, 3rd floor

New York, NY 10038

212-346-1244

<http://cps.pace.edu/lifelong-learning/senior-programs-parc/>

PARC is a lifelong learning program for adults age 55 and over. PARC provides a range of opportunities, such as a lecture series, access to the Pace University library and computer labs, intergenerational computing assistance, campus tours, a film series with post movie discussions led by a Pace University Professor, and more. Membership is \$100 for a 12-month period.

### **Quest Learning Community**

25 Broadway, 7th Floor

New York, NY 10004

212-925-6625 ext. 229

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

Part of the City College of New York, the Quest program offers more than 30 college-level courses each semester, including a summer session, specifically designed for retired and semi-retired men and women. Quest members design their own curriculum and do all the teaching. Approximately 170 students currently participate. Quest courses meet Monday through Thursday from 10:30am to 2:30pm during the academic year. Membership for the year is \$500 and includes participation in three semesters. Reduced rates are available for people who choose to study for one or two semesters. For new members enrolling after December, a pro-rated membership fee of \$300 will apply. Call or see website for details.

### **The New School Institute for Retired Professionals (IRP)**

6 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 905

New York, NY 10011

212-229-5682

[www.newschool.edu/irp/](http://www.newschool.edu/irp/)

IRP members are people who have come together to create a community in which each person's learning experience is enriched through exchange with other members of diverse backgrounds and interests. The program is open to retired and semi-retired people, usually 50+ years. Courses are offered in history, literature, philosophy, the humanities, science, art, music, drama, and other subjects. An application is required. Tuition is \$1015/year and \$660/semester. Scholarships are available.

### **Senior Planet**

127 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street

New York, NY 10001

646-590-0615

<https://seniorplanet.org/>

Visitors explore resources, events, and commentary through the Senior Planet website. Senior Planet shares information and resources by helping people stay engaged and active in the digital age. The site brings a digital-technology focus to a range of topics, including news, health, dating, art and travel, entertainment and more. Their weekly events calendar is emailed to older adults and caregivers across the city. Special events and videoconferences promote community among older adults from a wide range of neighborhoods and backgrounds.

### **Sundays at JASA**

212-273-5304

<http://www.jasa.org/community/nextact/sundays-at-jasa#.WZYMHFGGOUK>

Sundays at JASA is a one of a kind, college level continuing education program for adults 55+, offering a wide range of courses and lectures held at John Jay College in Manhattan on Sundays. Instructors include luminaries from the worlds of politics, the arts, media and more. Fees may vary based on registration date.

# CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

## **Crime Victims Treatment Center (CVTC)**

126 West 60th Street  
New York, NY 10023  
212-523-4728

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

CVTC provides medical treatment, forensic documentation, counseling, support groups and advocacy for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. The center also provides counseling for friends and family of victims of violent crimes.

## **Manhattan District Attorney's Witness Aid Services Unit**

212-335-9040

<http://www.manhattanda.org/witness-aid-services-unit>

Provides social services and counseling services to crime victims, witnesses, and their families.

## **NYC Domestic Violence Hotline**

1-800-621-4673

This hotline provides up-to-date service information and assistance in over 150 languages.

## **New York State Office of Victim Services**

55 Hanson Street, 10th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11217  
718-923-4325 or 1-800-247-8035

<https://ovs.ny.gov/>

Provides reimbursement for crime-related expenses to crime victims, administers the federal Victims of Crime Act across the state, and advocates for victims' rights legislation.

## **Safe Horizon**

2 Lafayette Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
212-577-7700

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

Safe Horizon's mission is to provide support, prevent violence, and promote justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families and communities. Their programs are located throughout the five boroughs in courthouses, police precincts, schools, shelters, and community offices.

HOTLINES:	Domestic Violence	800-621-4673
	Crime Victims	866-689-4357
	Rape, Sexual Assault & Incest	212-227-3000
	TDD phone number for all hotlines	800-621-4673

## **Stein Senior Center Crime Victims Services Program**

204 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10010  
646-395-8083

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

Helps victims to navigate the justice system, apply for benefits, and connect to support services.

# CULTURAL & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

## **NYC-ARTS Cultural Guide for Seniors**

[https://www.nyc-arts.org/resources/NYC-ARTS\\_Manhattan\\_Seniors\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.nyc-arts.org/resources/NYC-ARTS_Manhattan_Seniors_Guide.pdf)

A resource guide of numerous cultural events and organizations throughout Manhattan.

## **IDNYC**

Call 311

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/index.page>

All New York City residents are eligible to sign up for the IDNYC card - simply fill out an application, schedule an appointment at an enrollment center, and bring proof of residency. The IDNYC card offers residents a wide variety of benefits including free annual memberships to a number of museums and cultural institutions and various entertainment discounts. A full list of benefits is available online.

## **~ Museums ~**

*New York City is home to a rich variety of museums catering to every interest and displaying a vast range of art. Most offer discounted senior admissions and many have special free or pay-what-you-wish hours. Below, you will find a far from comprehensive list of major Manhattan museums offering free or reduced cost entrance.*

### **American Museum of Natural History**

Central Park West and 79th Street, New York, NY 10024

212-769-5100

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

Suggested donation for admission, but pay what you can afford. Some exhibits require tickets at an additional cost. Open daily 10am-5:45pm except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

### **Asia Society and Museum**

725 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10021

212-288-6400

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

Free admission on Fridays from 6pm-9pm. Admission for seniors at other times is \$10. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 11am-6pm and Friday, 11am-9pm. Closed Mondays and some holidays.

### **El Museo del Barrio**

1230 Fifth Avenue at 104th St.

New York, NY 10029

212-831-7272

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

Suggested gallery admission is \$5 for seniors. Free for seniors on Wednesdays and for members every day. Open from Wednesday-Saturday, 11am-6pm and Sunday, 12pm-5pm. Closed on some holidays.

**Frick Collection**

1 East 70th Street  
New York, NY 10021  
212-288-0700

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

Pay-what-you-wish on Wednesdays, 2pm-6pm and the first Friday of every month from 6pm-9pm. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-6pm, Sunday 11am-5pm, and the first Friday of each month until 9pm. Closed Mondays and some holidays.

**Metropolitan Museum of Art**

1000 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10028  
212-535-7710

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

Suggested donation for admission, but pay what you can afford. Open Sunday-Thursday, 10am-5:30pm and Friday & Saturday, 10am-9pm.

**Morgan Library and Museum**

225 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10016  
(212) 685-0008

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

Admission is free on Fridays from 7pm-9pm. Admission to the McKim rooms only (Mr. Morgan's Library, Study, Rotunda, and Librarian's Office) is free on Tuesday, 3pm-5pm, Friday, 7pm-9pm and Sunday, 4pm-6pm. Admission for seniors at other times is \$13. Open Tuesday-Thursday 10:30am-5pm, Friday 10:30am-9pm, Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 11am-6pm.

**Museum of Art & Design**

2 Columbus Circle  
New York, NY 10019  
212-299-7777

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

Admission on Thursdays from 6pm to 9pm is on a pay-what-you-wish basis. Admission for seniors at other times is \$14. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10am-6pm and Thursday, 10am-9pm. Closed Monday and major holidays.

**Jewish Museum**

1109 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10128  
212-423-3200

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

Free admission on Saturdays. Admission fee for seniors at other times is \$12. Open Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 11am-5:45pm and Thursday, 11am-8pm. Closed Wednesdays and major secular and Jewish holidays.

**Museum of Modern Art**

11 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10019  
212-708-9400

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

Free admission on Friday, 4pm to 8pm. Admission for seniors is \$18 at other times. Open everyday from 10am-5:30pm and until 8pm on Fridays.

**Neue Galerie**

1048 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10028  
212-628-6200

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

Free admission on the first Friday of every month from 6pm-8pm. \$15 admission for seniors at other times. Open from Thursday- Monday, 11am-6pm. Closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and some holidays.

**Rubin Museum of Art**

150 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011  
212-620-5000

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

Free for everyone Fridays, 6-10pm, and free for older adults the first Monday of every month. Admission fee for seniors at other times is \$10. Open Monday, 11am-5pm, Wednesday, 11am-9pm, Thursday, 11am-5pm, Friday, 11am-10pm and Saturday & Sunday 11am-6pm. Closed on all Tuesdays and on some holidays.

**Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum**

1071 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10128  
212-423-3500

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

Pay-what-you-wish on Saturdays from 5:45pm-7:45pm. Admission fee for seniors at other times is \$18. Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 10am-5:45pm and Saturday 10am-7:45pm. Closed on all Thursdays and on some holidays.

**Whitney Museum**

99 Gavensevoort Street  
New York, NY 10014  
212-570-3600

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

Pay-what-you-wish on Fridays from 7pm- 9:30pm. Senior admission fee at other times is \$18. Open Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:30am-6pm and Friday & Saturday 10:30am-10pm. Closed Tuesdays and major holidays.

## ≈ Music, Dance & Theatre ≈

*Music, dance, and theatre of all types are presented at a wide variety of cultural, educational and religious institutions throughout the city. A small selection of the many venues provides special discounts for older adults or free tickets; these places are listed below. Call, write, or check their websites for schedules. Check with other institutions of interest to you to see if they offer reduced or free entrance programs.*

### **David Rubenstein Atrium at Lincoln Center**

61 West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street (front entrance is on Broadway)  
New York, NY 10023  
212-875-5000

<http://atrium.lincolncenter.org>

The Atrium offers free performances once a week that feature national and international touring artists, local performers, performers from The Juilliard School, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and the Chamber Music Society, and others. Select performances also feature live music for social dancing including swing dance, salsa, and tango. Admission is free. Seating is limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Film Society of Lincoln Center**

70 Lincoln Center Plaza (entrance on 65<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway & Amsterdam)  
New York, NY 10021  
212-875-5610

<https://www.filmlinc.org>

The Film Society was founded to celebrate American and international cinema, to recognize and support new filmmakers, and to enhance awareness, accessibility and understanding of art among a broad and diverse film going audience.

### **Juilliard School Performances**

60 Lincoln Center Plaza  
New York, NY 10023  
212-799-5000

[www.juilliard.edu](http://www.juilliard.edu)

The Juilliard School offers a season of almost 700 dance, drama, and music (classical and jazz) performances featuring Juilliard students, faculty, and special guest artists. Almost all of these events are free and open to the public; some carry a nominal charge. In addition, the *Wednesdays at One* series is presented each week at Alice Tully Hall, Broadway and 65th Street, throughout the school year, featuring free hour-long concerts performed by Juilliard artists. Throughout the season, free chamber music concerts are presented at 180 Maiden Lane, located south of South Street Seaport, Tuesdays at 12:30pm. No tickets are required.

### **Metropolitan Opera Company**

30 Lincoln Center Plaza  
New York, NY 10023  
212-362-6000

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

Offers a Rush Ticket program that provides fifty \$25 opera tickets for all regular Monday through Saturday performances. Rush tickets go on sale beginning at 12pm on the day of the performance.

### **New York Philharmonic**

10 Lincoln Center Plaza  
New York, NY 10023  
212-875-5656

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

The Philharmonic has several special programs for older adults. *Senior Rush* tickets are \$18 plus a \$3.50 facility fee for selected concerts and are available the day of the performance. Call the day of the performance to see if Senior Rush tickets are available.

### **Shakespeare in the Park presented by the Public Theater**

212-539-8500

[www.publictheater.org](http://www.publictheater.org) or [www.shakespeareinthepark.org](http://www.shakespeareinthepark.org)

Shakespeare in the Park stages plays by Shakespeare and other playwrights during the summer months at the Delacorte Theater in Central Park. Free tickets are available the day of the performance beginning at 12pm at the theater. There is a limit of two tickets per person and a limit of two visits per production. There are separate ticket lines to accommodate people with disabilities and adults aged 65 or older (proof of age or disability is required). To find the theater, enter Central Park at 5th Avenue and 79th Street or Central Park West and 81st Street and follow the footpaths to the theater.

### **St. Bartholomew's Church**

325 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10022  
212-378-0222

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

Offers choral music, chamber music, organ recitals, jazz, and theatre by acclaimed performers from fall through early summer. Discounted tickets for older adults. Until June, free concert every Thursday 1:15pm-2:00pm.

### **St. Peter's Church**

619 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10022  
212-935-2200

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

Midtown Jazz at Midday every Wednesday, except for Ash Wednesday, from 1pm-2pm in the Living Room of St. Peter's Church. A nominal donation of about \$5 is requested at the door. Beginning in the summer of 2018, Jazz on the Plaza (53<sup>rd</sup> and Lexington) will be presented on Thursdays.

## **York Theatre Company**

The Theatre at Saint Peter's  
619 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10022  
212-935-5824

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

The company presents new musicals in downstairs space. Senior Rush tickets, when available, are \$20 cash. Purchasing tickets for Senior Rush takes place at the box office beginning one hour before scheduled performances. Limits two tickets per person and tickets are subject to availability. There are also free readings of new musicals throughout the year. Reservations for these readings are recommended.

## **≈ Theater Discount Programs ≈**

### **Theater Development Fund (TDF)**

520 Eighth Avenue, Suite 801  
New York, NY 10018-6507  
212-912-9770

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

TDF's discount ticket services are available to make theatre, music and dance affordable and accessible. TDF obtains special seating for theatergoers who are hard of hearing or deaf, low vision or blind, who cannot climb stairs, or who require aisle seating or wheelchair locations. People who are low vision or blind can order ticket locations closer to the stage, as well as appropriate seating, if needed, to accommodate a guide dog.

### **Senator Liz Krueger's Free Events List for Older Adults**

**Each month New York State Senator Liz Krueger sends out a mailing of free local events that are taking place in or close to her district. All of the events are free and include everything from fiction readings to social justice lectures to live jazz to senior yoga! For a day-by-day listing of free events each month, please call the district office at 212-490-9535 with your name and address. To receive the list via email, please email your request to [lkrueger@nysenate.gov](mailto:lkrueger@nysenate.gov).**

## ≈ Athletic & Recreational Facilities ≈

### **Asphalt Green**

555 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10128  
212-369-8890

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

Offers community programs, exercise and swim classes, personal training, massage therapy and more. Asphalt Green also provides swim classes for adults with special needs. The 50-meter pool is equipped with a hydraulic lift chair and the warm-water Teaching & Exercise Pool has a moveable bottom to help lower participants into the water. See website or call for fees, schedules and registration information.

### **NYC Parks and Resources for Seniors**

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/seniors>

NYC Parks offers a variety of programs for older adults to keep active, healthy, social and engaged in the community. Discounted rates for adults 62 and older for recreation centers and indoor pools. Other free or low-cost programs include fitness programs designed for people with limited mobility, adapted aquatics (lottery system for the summer) and fitness, tennis and yoga classes. To find other programs and events for older adults, check the website.

### **NYC Tennis Courts**

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/tennis>

The NYC Parks Department operates tennis courts throughout the city from early April through mid-November. Annual permits for adults 62 years of age and older are \$20 and must be purchased in person or by mail. There is an application form online. The Randall's Island Park is open all year and takes permits through Columbus Day.

Central Park  
93<sup>rd</sup> Street near West Drive  
212-280-0205

Randall's Island Park  
212-417-6150

### **Recreation Center 54**

348 East 54th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
212-754-5411

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/recreationcenters>

Operated by the NYC Parks Department, the center provides a wide range of recreational facilities including a gym, pool, basketball court, track, dance room, and computer resource center. The facilities are open Monday through Friday from 6:30am- 9:30pm, and Saturday from 8am-4pm. Yearly membership fee is \$25 for residents age 62 and older. New York residents ages 25-61 receive a 10% discount for all adult recreation center memberships if they have a NYCID card. See website for centers in other parts of New York City.

**Shape Up NYC**

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/programs/recreation/shape-up-nyc>

Shape Up NYC is a free, drop-in fitness program with locations across the five boroughs. There is no class registration. Show up to take fitness classes such as aerobics, yoga, Pilates, Zumba, and more. Look online for more information.

**Silver Sneakers**

<https://www.silversneakers.com>

Silver Sneakers is a free fitness program for seniors enrolled in certain medicare plans. It offers free access to participating gyms and fitness centers in its network. Check the website to see if your health insurance plan participates.

**Vanderbilt YMCA**

224 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10017  
212-912-2500

[www.ymcanyc.org/vanderbilt](http://www.ymcanyc.org/vanderbilt)

Programs for older adults include health and fitness, swimming classes, trips and programs, social clubs, and more. Reduced membership fees for older adults is \$79/month.

**92nd Street Y**

1395 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10128  
212-415-5500

[www.92y.org](http://www.92y.org)

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y has a large fitness center and pool, and offers a wide range of classes, lectures and programs. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.



# ELDER ABUSE

**In an emergency, always call 911.**

Elder abuse can take many forms. Please seek help if you are a victim of abuse or suspect that someone you know may be a victim.

## **Elder Abuse Facts**

Mistreatment of the elderly is a problem affecting all segments of society regardless of socioeconomic status, living environment, race, ethnicity, or physical or cognitive status. Elder abuse can include any or all of the following forms of abuse:

- **Physical:** The infliction of physical pain, injury, physical coercion or confinement against someone's will. Examples include hitting, sexual abuse and physical restraint.
- **Psychological:** The infliction of mental or emotional anguish. Examples include name calling, insulting, ignoring, threatening and isolating.
- **Financial:** The illegal or unethical exploitation or use of an elderly person's funds without their consent.
- **Neglect:** The refusal or failure to fulfill a caretaking obligation. Examples include abandonment, and non-provision of food or health-related services.
- **Sexual:** Any unwanted sexual contact or forced exposure to sexually explicit materials or situations.

## **Elder Abuse Laws**

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws addressing domestic or institutional abuse of the elderly. In New York State, Adult Protective Services workers must report any instances in which they believe a client has been the victim of a crime. Also, workers in public health care facilities must report abuse of patients receiving care or services in their facilities.

## **Adult Protective Services (APS)**

Manhattan North Borough Office: 212-971-2727

Manhattan South Borough Office: 212-279-5794

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/adult-protective-services.page>

APS is a state-mandated case management program run by New York City that arranges for services and support for physically and/or mentally impaired adults who are at risk of harm.

### *Eligibility*

APS is available to persons 18 years of age and older without regard to income, who:

- Are mentally and/or physically impaired; and
- Due to these impairments, are unable to manage their own resources, carry out the activities of daily living, or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, exploitation or other hazardous situations without assistance from others, and
- Have no one available who is willing and able to assist them responsibly.

### **Carter Burden Network - Community Elder Mistreatment & Abuse Prevention Program**

1482 First Avenue  
New York, NY 10075  
212-879-7400, ext. 116

<http://www.carterburdennetwork.org/2-cemapp/>

Services include safety planning, crisis intervention, court advocacy, legal guidance, community education programs, coordination with police, and a safe place to talk.

### **Jewish Association for Services for the Aged (JASA) Pearce Help Center**

247 West 37th Street  
New York, NY 10018  
212-273-5272

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

JASA attorneys and social workers help people 60+ who are victims of elder abuse including psychological, emotional, verbal, financial and physical abuse. Services include individual and family counseling, entitlements and benefits advice, orders of protection, legal and medical services, home safety items, support groups, emergency shelters and safety planning.

### **MFJ Legal Services Nursing Home Residents Project (NHRP)**

Intake: 855-444-6477

<http://mobilizationforjustice.org/projects/nursing-home-residents-project/>

The NHRP project provides information, advice, and advocacy for nursing home residents and their families. The NHRP also provides legal representation in areas such as abuse and neglect, civil rights violations, improper discharge planning, and unfair consumer practices.

### **Manhattan District Attorney's Elder Abuse Unit**

One Hogan Place  
New York, NY 10013  
212-335-9007

<http://manhattanda.org/resources-victims-elder-abuse>

The Elder Abuse Unit of the New York County District Attorney's Office investigates and prosecutes crimes involving victims aged 60 and older. Services include: investigation and prosecution of crimes against the elderly; assistance in obtaining an order of protection and emergency housing; consultation in order to determine whether a criminal investigation and prosecution is warranted; social service referrals to agencies that provide a variety of services to older adults; and, review by the Narcotics Eviction Program for possible evictions of drug dealers from an older adult's residential or commercial premises.

### **New York City Department for the Aging Elderly Crime Victims Resource Center**

2 Lafayette St  
New York, NY 10007

Call 311 from 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday - Friday

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/services/crime-victims.shtml>

The Elderly Crime Victims Resource Center provides direct resource and referral, elder abuse prevention activities and counseling and supportive services to victims of elder abuse. After hours calls will be rerouted to Safe Horizon's hotline for 24/7 assistance.

## **New York State Department of Health's Nursing Home and Adult Care Abuse Hotlines**

*To file a complaint regarding Certified Adult Care Facilities, including abuse, contact:*

Adult Home Complaint Hotline: 1-866-893-6772

Home Care/Hospice Hotline: 1-800-628-5972

Nursing Home Abuse Hotline: 1-888-201-4563

Federal and state regulations require the reporting of alleged violations of abuse, mistreatment and neglect immediately to the facility administrator and to the Department of Health.

## **One Stop Support Program (OSSP)**

475 Riverside Drive

New York, NY 10025

212-864-7900

<http://www.onestopseniorservices.org/programssupport0.aspx>

OSSP promotes abuse prevention, provides education and counseling, and aims to help seniors ultimately end abusive relationships. OSSP caseworkers visit clients in their homes to provide counseling.

## **The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention**

<https://www.weinberg-center.org>

The Weinberg Center is the nation's first elder abuse shelter serving eligible individuals 60 years and older. The Center provides emergency short-term housing, health-care services, legal advocacy, and support services to victims of elder abuse.

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)**

<http://www.nyc.gov/cert/>

CERT Teams are composed of community volunteers who educate members of their communities about preparedness and, in the event of a disaster, handle initial recovery efforts until first responders arrive. The NYC Office of Emergency Management offers training for CERT teams on varied topics from fire safety to search and rescue. Older adults are welcome as CERT volunteers. Certain physical requirements apply. To find an existing CERT team, contact your local community board.

## **Disaster Preparedness for Seniors Guide (American Red Cross in Greater New York)**

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/seniors>

The Disaster Preparedness for Seniors Guide helps seniors develop a plan of action in the event of a house fire, power outage, hurricane or attack on the community. This guide is offered online and in a printer-friendly version by the American Red Cross in Greater New York.

## **Ready New York for Seniors and People with Disabilities Guide**

311

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/disabilities-access-functional-needs.page>

This guide was collaboratively developed by DFTA and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). It addresses issues specific to older adults and people with disabilities in the event of an emergency. The guide is available in English, Russian, Spanish and Chinese. You can call 311 for the guide on audiotape.

Emergencies can present additional challenges for seniors and people with disabilities. When a disaster occurs, your personal needs, such as replacing medications and equipment, may not be met right away. By planning ahead, you will feel more confident about protecting yourself in any emergency, whether it is a house fire, power outage, hurricane, or terrorist attack.

Here is just a sample of suggestions from the NYC Office of Emergency Management:

- Keep spare sets of your keys.
- Have copies of important documents, such as information about medication and dosage, equipment and other needs.
- If you receive home-based care, include caregivers in developing an emergency plan and familiarize yourself with your homecare agency's emergency plan.
- If you rely on home-delivered meals, always stock nonperishable food at home in case meal deliveries are suspended during an emergency.
- Have a plan with your doctor to get emergency prescription refills.
- If you receive dialysis or other medical treatments, find out your provider's emergency plan, including where your back-up site is located.
- If you rely on medical equipment that requires electric power:
  - ~Contact your medical supply company for information regarding a back-up power source.
  - ~Check with local fire and building officials governing generator and fuel use.
  - ~Ask your utility company if the medical equipment qualifies you to be listed as a life-sustaining equipment customer.



# EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

## ≈ Employment & Job Search Programs ≈

### **The Actors Fund Work Program**

729 Seventh Ave, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10019

212-221-7300, ext. 259

<http://www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/career-center>

Assists entertainment industry professionals find meaningful work that either complements their industry career, or uses their creative skills for a new career. Services open to union members in good standing or those who meet industry earnings eligibility. Services include career counseling, job training and job development. Special workshops are offered for job seekers over 55.

### **ReServe**

633 3rd Ave, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10019

212-727-4335

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

Matches educated older adults with paying jobs in non-profit organizations. Non-profit partners include the Hebrew Home for the Aged, the Center for Court Innovation, the After School Corporation, the Burden Center on Aging, and a number of museums.

### **Senior Community Service Employment Program**

212-602-6966

877-872-5627 (helpline)

[www.doleta.gov/seniors](http://www.doleta.gov/seniors)

A U.S. Department of Labor program which places unemployed, low-income seniors, age 55 or older, in subsidized, part-time, paid employment with community service organizations.

### **VISIONS Workforce Development and Training Program**

135 West 23rd Street

New York, NY 10011

212-625-1616

<http://www.visionsvcb.org/visions/programs/employmentinternships/>

Work readiness, soft skills, adaptive computer training and job placement for legally blind seniors age 55 and over.

### **NYC Workforce 1 Centers Senior Employment Services**

2 Lafayette Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10007

Contact SES by calling 311

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/volunteering/job\\_training\\_and\\_placement.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/volunteering/job_training_and_placement.shtml)

Located throughout the city, Workforce 1 Career Centers offer workshops and preparation to improve employment prospects and offers access to career advisement, skills, and job training.

## ≈ Unemployment Benefits and Worker Rights ≈

### **New York State Department of Labor**

<https://labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm>

To apply for Unemployment Insurance Benefits, call the New York State Department of Labor at 888-209-8124 or go online to <https://ui.labor.state.ny.us/UBC/index.jsp>. It is important to apply as soon as possible after you lose your job because there is a one-week waiting period before you are entitled to receive benefits.

### **Legal Aid Society: Employment Law Project**

888-218-6974

<http://www.legal-aid.org/en/ineedhelp/ineedhelp/civilproblem/employmentlawproject.aspx>

Provides representation, advice and community education to low-wage and unemployed workers. Most of its cases involve unemployment insurance, wage and hour violations, and workplace discrimination, especially discrimination based on past criminal convictions or other involvement with the criminal justice system. The intake line is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-12:30pm.

### **MFJ Legal Services Workplace Justice Project**

212-417-3700

Intake number: 212-417-3888     *Intake Monday and Tuesday: 2-5pm*

<http://mobilizationforjustice.org/projects/workplace-justice-project/>

Provides representation and advice to low-income unpaid wage claims, employment discrimination, health and safety violations, denial of unemployment insurance, and minimum wage and overtime violations.

### **National Employment Law Project (NELP)**

75 Maiden Lane, Suite 601

New York, NY 10038

212- 285-3025

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

National organization that advocates to improve worker rights and unemployment benefits.

Provides useful fact sheets for those first applying for unemployment, and those having difficulty obtaining or maintaining their benefits.

### **Unemployment Action Center**

212-998-6568

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

The Unemployment Action Center is a non-profit, student-run organization devoted to the representation of unemployment insurance claimants in New York City and Long Island. Law Students provide free legal services to individuals seeking unemployment benefits. Student advocates represent claimants in front of Administrative Law Judges in Department of Labor hearings.

When you call, have your Department of Labor Notice of Hearing and any other documents related to your employment on hand. You must leave a voice message with your notice of hearing,

hearing date, hearing time and hearing location along with your name and phone number. A case manager will call you back

**Workers Defense League**

212-627-1931 Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm

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

The Workers Defense League assists workers with work related problems and conducts educational campaigns around various workers' rights issues. The Workers Defense League provides free representation to hundreds of people who are believed to have been unfairly denied unemployment insurance benefits after losing or leaving their jobs. Please be aware that the individuals providing advice and representation are not lawyers, but are qualified to represent clients at hearings.

Callers should have the Notice of Determination of Ineligibility for Unemployment Insurance benefits and/or the Notice of Unemployment Insurance hearing on hand. Messages can be left 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



# GOVERNMENT BENEFITS & ENTITLEMENTS

## ≈ Benefit Screening Tools ≈

The public benefits detailed in this section are only a selection of the many offered by different levels of government. You can apply for and renew certain benefits online, by phone, by mail, or in person. Most senior centers can also help you determine which benefits may be right for you.

### **Access NYC**

[www.nyc.gov/accessnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/accessnyc)

The New York City government provides this website to help you identify and apply for over 30 city, state, and federal government benefit programs. You can also call 311 to connect with City agencies to apply for certain benefits like Food Stamps/SNAP, HEAP, and Medicaid.

### **Benefits Checkup**

888-268-6706

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

Created by the National Council on Aging, this website helps people learn about all of the benefits for which they qualify. You can learn more about local and national programs that can help with medical costs, prescriptions, food costs, and more.

### **Community Service Society's Public Benefits and Housing Helpline**

212-614-5552

<http://www.cssny.org>

Specially trained volunteers provide information on over 60 government benefit programs (including SCRIE, DRIE, food stamps, public assistance and Medicaid), screen for eligibility, help fill out applications and recertification forms, and advocate for individuals who are having difficulty accessing benefits.

## ≈ Benefit & Entitlement Programs ≈

### **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**

This grant helps you pay fuel and utility costs. See page 67 for more details.

### **Public Assistance**

1-800-342-3009

[www.otda.ny.gov/programs/temporary-assistance](http://www.otda.ny.gov/programs/temporary-assistance) (for information)

[www.otda.ny.gov/programs/applications/2921.pdf](http://www.otda.ny.gov/programs/applications/2921.pdf) (for application)

A federally and state funded program that provides cash benefits to very low-income people for essential food, clothing and shelter. Benefits vary depending on specific situations, income, and asset limitations. Applications can be submitted at any Human Resources Administration Job Center (the ones most convenient to NYS Senate District 28 are listed below). Call 311 for applications and additional locations.

**Waverly**

12 West 14th Street  
 New York, NY 10011  
 (212) 620-9421

**East End**

2332 Third Avenue (at 126 Street)  
 New York, NY 10035  
 (212) 860-6801

**Social Security**

800-772-1213  
 800-325-0778 TTY

*Representatives available from 7am to 7pm weekdays.*

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

Almost everyone who has worked is eligible for Social Security. When you work and pay Social Security Taxes, you earn credits toward Social Security benefits. The number of credits you need to get retirement benefits depends on when you were born.

**Full Retirement Age**

Full retirement age is the age at which a person must first become entitled to full or unreduced retirement benefits. The chart lists the full retirement age by year of birth. Those born in 1943 or earlier are eligible for full retirement benefits. If you were born between 1943 and 1960, the age at which full retirement benefits are payable increases gradually to 67.

<b>Year of birth</b>	<b>Full retirement age</b>
1943-1956	66
1955	66 + 2 months
1956	66 +4 months
1957	66 + 6 months
1958	66 + 8 months
1959	66 + 10 months
1960 and later	67

\*If you were born on January 1<sup>st</sup> of any year, you should refer to the previous year. (If you were born on the first of the month, you figure your benefit (and your full retirement age) as if your birthday was in the previous month.)

**Early Retirement**

You can receive Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62; however, you will receive a reduced benefit if you retire before your full retirement age.

**Benefits for Family Members**

If you are receiving Social Security retirement benefits, some members of your family may also receive benefits, including:

- Spouses age 62 or older.
- Spouses younger than 62 if they are taking care of a child who is younger than age 16 or disabled.
- Former spouses age 62 or older, if currently unmarried and were married to the retiree for at least 10 years.
- Children up to age 18, or 19 if they are full-time students who have not yet graduated.
- Disabled children, even if they are age 18 or older.

## **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

800-772-1213

800-325-0778 TTY

*Representatives available from 7am to 7pm weekdays.*

<http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/>

Supplemental Security Income provides monthly cash benefits to people with low income and limited resources who are age 65 or older, or blind, or have a disability. You do **not** need to have a specific work history to be eligible for SSI.

### *Allowable Assets*

*To receive SSI, your assets must be worth no more than \$2,000 for an individual or \$3,000 for a married couple. Not all assets are counted toward these limits. Assets such as a home, household goods, one car, some life insurance policies, and burial plots are typically excluded.*

## **Telephone Assistance:**

Lifeline is a federal program that provides monthly free or discounted phone services. You may qualify if you participate in any of the following government programs: Medicaid, Food Stamps/SNAP, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), public housing or Section 8, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), or the free School Meals Program. You may also qualify based on household income.

## **Assurance Wireless Lifeline Program**

1-888-898-4888

[www.assurancewireless.com/Public/MorePrograms.aspx](http://www.assurancewireless.com/Public/MorePrograms.aspx)

Assurance Wireless is a Virgin Mobile carrier for the Lifeline phone program that provides free wireless phones and service to income-eligible consumers.

## **Safelink Wireless Program**

1-800-723-3546

[www.safelinkwireless.com/program\\_info/faq/eligibility#q5](http://www.safelinkwireless.com/program_info/faq/eligibility#q5)

Provides income eligible New Yorkers with access to prepaid no-contract wireless phones to Lifeline eligible consumers.

## **Verizon LifeLine**

800-837-4966

[www.verizon.com/lifeline](http://www.verizon.com/lifeline)

Verizon offers a reduced rate on residential telephone service to low-income New York residents. With the LifeLine service, basic residential service is available for as low as \$2 per month. Residents currently without a home phone can have a new phone line installed for as low as \$5.

## **Weatherization, Referral and Packaging Program (WRAP)**

Call 311 or 800-342-9871

[www.aging.ny.gov/NYSOFA/programs/econsecurity/WRAP.cfm](http://www.aging.ny.gov/NYSOFA/programs/econsecurity/WRAP.cfm)

Provides low-income homeowners age 60 and older with free services that can lower energy bills. Services include insulation, door and window replacement and furniture and roof repairs. Must reside in one- to four-unit dwellings; there are income limitations.

## ≈ Food Benefits & Assistance≈

### **Citymeals on Wheels**

355 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10017  
212-687-1234

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

Citymeals delivers meals to seniors who are homebound, over 60 and unable to prepare their own nutritious meals. Even if you receive homecare or Medicaid, you are still eligible for meal service if the homecare worker cannot prepare a meal to fit your dietary or religious restrictions, or if he or she is designated to assist only with other tasks. Applications are done through local case management agencies (based on zip code). Call or visit their website to locate the agency serving your area.

### **Food Bank for NYC**

39 Broadway, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10016  
212-566-7855  
SNAP / Food Stamp Information Line: 212-894-8060

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

The Food Bank's SNAP Information Line specialists conduct SNAP pre-screenings — a short, free and confidential interview to determine if you or your family is eligible for SNAP. The Food Bank offers in-person application assistance using an electronic process that is an easy way to submit an application. Also maintains a comprehensive listing of food pantries and soup kitchens on its website.

### **FoodHelp.NYC**

<http://foodhelp.nyc/en/>

A government website designed to help apply for SNAP and obtain emergency food assistance.

### **Fresh Food for Seniors**

212-669-2392

<http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/html/issues/seniorfoodprogram.shtml>

The Fresh Food for Seniors Program allows older adults in various Manhattan neighborhoods to purchase fresh, healthy, locally grown produce in pre-packed bags containing the best of what's seasonally available on regional farms. The program runs from June-November. Seniors pay \$8 for a bag containing five-to-six varieties of fresh fruit and vegetables. Orders are pay-as-you-go, one week ahead of each delivery date. Fresh Food for Seniors allows seniors to sign up for just one order at a time so that they can decide how much food they need, when they need it. Delivery dates vary per site.

### **Fresh Foodbox Program**

212-788-7900

<https://www.grownyc.org>

GrowNYC's Fresh Foodbox Program is a food access initiative that allows underserved communities to purchase fresh, healthy, locally grown produce in pre-packed bags containing the best of what's seasonally available on regional farms. Fresh Foodbox customers can take advantage of the cost benefits of buying in a group and buy by the week rather than by the season. The program runs from July-November. The cost is \$12 per bag and customers can pay using cash, credit, debit, and EBT/SNAP benefits. There are many sites throughout the city. Call or look online to find a site near you.

### **God's Love We Deliver**

212-294-8102

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

The Home Delivered Meal Program provides home-delivered meals to clients in all of New York City. If you are living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, or a different serious illness and have difficulty shopping or cooking, call to find out more information about becoming a client.

### **Lenox Hill Neighborhood House's SNAP Program**

331 East 70<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10021 / 212-218-0503, ext. 2

<http://www.lenoxhill.org>

Lenox Hill's SNAP / Food Stamp Advocate can help determine whether you may be eligible for SNAP and can help you apply. You may call their SNAP Advocate or you can go to their SNAP walk-in clinic, which is held every Wednesday from 10am - 1pm (must check-in by 12pm). No appointment is needed.

In addition, Lenox Hill's Legal Advocacy Department provides assistance screening for and applying for various public benefits, including housing and health benefits including Medicaid, Medicare, SSI and SSD.

### **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly Food Stamps)**

Call 311

For the Emergency Food Line, call 311 or 1-866-888-8777

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/foodpolicy/help/snap-benefits.page>

SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps, help low-income working people, seniors, people with disabilities, and others, feed their families. The program issues monthly benefits that can be used to purchase food at authorized retail food stores. Eligibility and benefit levels are based on household size, income, expenses and other factors. The income eligibility levels are more generous for seniors than others, and deductions are available for some expenses.

Applications can be submitted through the mail or at any Human Resources Administration or SNAP office (the ones most convenient to NY Senate District 28 are listed below). Applications can also be filed through the city's Access NYC website at [www.nyc.gov/accessnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/accessnyc). If you submit an application by mail, you will be called for an interview once your application has been processed.

#### ***St. Nicholas***

132 West 125th Street, #3

New York, NY 10027

(212) 666-8686

Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 5pm

#### ***Waverly***

12 West 14th Street, 4th Floor

New York, NY 10011

(212) 352-2519

(212) 352-2524

Open Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 6pm

Saturday, 9am to 5pm



# HEALTH & PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE

## ≈ Medicaid ≈

Seniors with Medicare may also be eligible for Medicaid if their incomes are low enough to qualify. Those who have both Medicare and Medicaid are considered “dual eligibles.”

Medicaid pays medical bills for eligible low-income residents of all ages. Medicaid pays for certain services for Medicare beneficiaries that are not covered by Medicare (dental care, home care, institutional care, prescription drugs, eye glasses, and hearing aids).

### **Medicaid Helpline, NYC Human Resources Administration**

888-692-6116

<http://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/3944/medicaid>

Call this number if you are 65 or above, blind, or disabled to ask questions about applying for Medicaid, or to have an application mailed to your home. To apply in person, go to one of the Medicaid Offices listed on page 49.

### **Medicaid Helpline, NYS Department of Health**

800-541-2831

[https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/)

Adults aged 64 and under, who are ineligible for Medicare, and families with children should apply for Medicaid through the NY State of Health’s Marketplace (see <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/> or call 855-355-5777 for additional information). They can also call the NYS Department of Health’s Medicaid Hotline to ask questions about Medicaid eligibility and applications.

### **Eligibility for Medicaid:**

- No age restrictions.
- Persons receiving SSI or Public Assistance are automatically eligible.
- Persons 65 and older, as well as people with disabilities or blind 21-64 year olds, are eligible as follows: Income limit is \$825 net monthly for one person and \$1,209 for a couple. Resource or asset limit of \$14,850 for an individual, or \$21,750 for a couple.

*Note that Income and Resource Level are subject to yearly adjustments.*

### **Can I be eligible for Medicaid if I make more money than listed above?**

#### ***Yes, you may be eligible for the Medicaid Spenddown program:***

Some people, including people over 65, may still be eligible for Medicaid even if their income is over the Medicaid limit through the “Medicaid Spenddown Program” or the “Medicaid Excess Income Program.” The amount that your income is over the Medicaid level is called excess or surplus income. If you have medical bills equal to your excess income that month, Medicaid will pay your additional medical bills for the rest of that month. If you do not have extra medical bills but you need Medicaid, you may receive Medicaid through another option called the “Pay-In Program” by paying your monthly excess income amount to the Medicaid office.

### **How do I apply?**

Many senior centers, as well as the websites and organizations listed on page 67, can help

determine if you are eligible and can help you apply. You may also apply at one of the Medicaid offices listed below. If you are homebound, you can contact HRA's Home Bound Unit at 929-221-2499 or 212-331-4640. Adults aged 64 and under, who are ineligible for Medicare, and families with children should apply for Medicaid through the NY State of Health's Marketplace (see <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/> or call 855-355-5777 for additional information).

**Manhattan Medicaid offices open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:**

***Chinatown***

115 Chrystie Street  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
212-334-6114

***Metropolitan Hospital***

1901 First Avenue  
1st Floor, Room 1D-27  
212-423-7006

***Manhattanville***

520-530 West 135th Street  
1st Floor  
212-939-0207/0208

**≈ Medicare ≈**

**Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227)

TTY 877-486-2048

[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for all citizens age 65 or older (and those under age 65 with certain disabilities).

- From April 2018-April 2019, Medicare beneficiaries will be mailed **new Medicare cards** with new Medicare IDs, which are **not related to one's social security number**. The new Medicare IDs will be a random mix of letters and numbers. Spouses' Medicare numbers will be different, even if one spouse receives Medicare benefits based on their spouse's work record. Since it will take over one year for everyone to receive their new cards, be sure to open your mail and be on the lookout.
- Please beware of SCAMS – some have already been reported. Medicare or Social Security will **NEVER** call you and ask you for your social security number, your credit card number, or your bank routing number.
- Once you have received the new Medicare card, you will need to present it to your providers. And, if you have other insurance that works with Medicare, such as retiree or union coverage, you may need to provide your new Medicare information to them as well.

If you have any questions about the new Medicare cards, call 1-800-MEDICARE. For assistance from a trained Medicare counselor, call 311 and ask for HIICAP. The Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) is a free source for objective Medicare information.

There are different parts of Medicare to help cover specific services. People typically have Medicare Part A, B, and D, or a Medicare Advantage program.

**Medicare Part A** (hospital insurance)

Helps cover inpatient care in hospitals, care in nursing facilities, hospice care, and limited home health care.

**Medicare Part B** (medical insurance)

Helps cover doctors' services, outpatient care, and some preventative services. There is an initial enrollment period for Part A & Part B when you first turn 65. General enrollment begins January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. There are also special enrollment periods.

**Medicare Advantage Plans** (Part C)

A health coverage plan run by private companies approved by Medicare (like an HMO or PPO). Includes Part A, Part B, and usually other coverage including prescription drugs. Open enrollment begins October 15th and ends December 7th. You may also switch Advantage Plans during the open enrollment period.

**Medigap** (Medicare supplemental plans)

Covers services not covered by Medicare A & B. Enrollment is possible any time of the year once you are enrolled in Medicare.

**Medicare Part D** (prescription drug coverage)

800-633-4227

Coverage is provided by a large number of private insurance companies whose costs and benefits vary widely. Before selecting a company, it is advisable to compare them. The Medicare Rights Center, the NYC Department for the Aging and many senior centers can provide assistance in choosing the best plan for your needs. In order for the Part D plan to start on January 1st registration must take place during the yearly enrollment period, which is from October 15th to December 7th each year.

Each year the **Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services** publishes a comprehensive guide called *Medicare and You*, which explains Medicare in great detail, provides updates about any recent changes, and answers frequently asked questions. The guide is available by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

**Medicare Plan Finder**

[www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx)

You can do a general or personalized plan search. A personalized search may provide you with more accurate cost estimates and coverage information.

**Extra Help Paying for Medicare Prescription Drug Plans**

800-772-1213

TTY 800-325-0778

[www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp/](http://www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp/)

Extra Help pays for the costs of Medicare prescription drug plans, including premiums, deductibles, and prescription co-payments. You are eligible for Extra Help if you have Medicare and your income and resources are below a certain level. Apply online on the Social Security Administration's website or call them toll-free.

*Annual income limit:* \$18,090 (single person) or \$24,360 (married couple).

*Resource limit:* \$13,820 (single person) or \$27,600 (married couple). Resources do not include your home, car, or life insurance policies, personal possessions, burial plots, irrevocable burial contracts or back payments from Social Security or SSI.

## **Medicare Savings Programs**

Medicaid office: 718-557-1399

Medicare Rights Center: 800-333-4114

<https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/help-paying-costs/medicare-savings-program/medicare-savings-programs.html#collapse-2614>

Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) are state programs that help pay for your Medicare costs if your income is below a certain level. MSPs can help pay your Medicare premiums, deductibles, and co-payments. As a result, MSP enrollees will have more money in their pockets every month. You can apply for a Medicare Savings Program at a local Medicaid office, by mail, or through a HIICAP representative (see page 53).

### ***Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB):***

Helps pay your Medicare premiums. Will also pay your deductibles and coinsurances if you see doctors who participate in Medicare or who are in your Medicare's private health network. You can have both QMB and Medicaid.

Monthly Income limit: \$1025 (single person) or \$1,374 (married couple)

Resource limit: \$7,390 (individual) or \$11,090 (married couple)

### ***Specified Low-income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB):***

Helps pay your Part B Premiums. You can have both SLMB and Medicaid.

Monthly Income limit: \$1,226 (single person) or \$1,644 (married couple)

Resource limit: \$7,390 (individual) or \$11,090 (married couple)

### ***Qualifying Individual (QI) Program:***

Helps pay your Medicare Part B Premium. You must apply for QI benefits every year. QI applications are granted on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to people who got QI benefits the previous year. You cannot have both QI and Medicaid.

Monthly Income limit: \$1,377 (single person) or \$1,847 (married couple)

Resource limit: \$7,390 (individual) or \$11,090 (married couple)

**NOTE:** Call or fill out an application if you think you could qualify for savings—even if your income is higher than the amounts listed here. Also, if you have income from working, you may qualify for benefits even if your income is higher than the limits listed here.

If you qualify for a QMB, SLMB or QI program, you automatically qualify for Extra Help Paying for Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.

## ***NY State of Health: Affordable Health Care Plans***

<https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/>

Toll-free Call Center: [1-855-355-5777](tel:1-855-355-5777)

*NY State of Health* is a marketplace where both individuals and small businesses can shop for and enroll in affordable health insurance plans. Health plans include a comprehensive set of benefits. You will not be denied insurance on the basis of a pre-existing condition. Financial aid to buy insurance is available for individuals. Please check <https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/calculator> for an estimate of your financial aid.

These are private health plans, but the marketplace is administered by New York State as part of federal health care reform. The plans are appropriate for people who do not currently receive Medicare and who don't have insurance through their employers. Residents aged 64 and under can also apply for Medicaid via the NYS Marketplace.

The marketplace website now has a helpful tool: NYS Provider & Health Plan Look-Up (<https://pndslookup.health.ny.gov>). This search engine makes it easier to search for medical providers that accept specific types of insurance and select a plan.

If you have questions about selecting a health insurance plan through the marketplace, you can make an appointment with a trained representative at a Navigator Site, who will sit down with you and research which plan will work best based on your medical needs and any pharmaceuticals you are regularly prescribed. This is the contact information for a local Navigator Site:

Community Service Society of New York  
633 Third Avenue, 10th Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
888-614-5400

<http://www.cssny.org/programs/entry/community-service-society-navigator-network>

## ≈ Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance ≈

### **The Actors Fund Artists Health Insurance Resource Center**

729 Seventh Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10019  
212-221-7300

<http://www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/ahirc>

AHIRC counsels seniors from the performing arts community on issues related to Medicare, helping them understand how it works and where and when to sign up for it as well as assisting them in picking a Part D plan and supplemental insurance.

### **Community Health Advocates**

Hotline: 888-614-5400

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

Community Health Advocates is a program of the Community Service Society which exists to help guide individuals, families, and businesses through the healthcare system. The program provides free information, advice and advocacy on all types of healthcare issues.

### **Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP)**

2 Lafayette Street, 16th Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
(212) 602-4180

[www.aging.ny.gov/healthbenefits/](http://www.aging.ny.gov/healthbenefits/)

HIICAP offers free information about health insurance, including Medicare, Low-Income Subsidy (“extra help”), EPIC, Medigap, Medicaid Managed Care, and Long-term Care. New York State and the NYC Department for the Aging operates HIICAP hotlines. You can call the hotline with questions or to make an appointment for one-on-one counseling. The Department for the Aging also has walk-in hours Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. It is located at 2 Lafayette Street, between Duane Street and Reade Street.

The Department for the Aging also holds monthly orientation classes on Medicare, Medigap insurance, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Part D, and the Medicare Savings Programs. Orientation class dates are listed on the following website:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/home/home.shtml> (scroll to the bottom of the page). Space is limited and they ask that you register in advance by emailing [ehausman@aging.nyc.gov](mailto:ehausman@aging.nyc.gov).

### **Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Health Care Advocate**

331 East 70th Street  
New York, NY 10021

212-218-0432 – Health Insurance Enrollment

212-218-0503, ext. 3 – Medicare/Medicaid (including Home Care and Medicaid spend-down) /EPIC

<http://www.lenoxhill.org/legaladvocacyprograms>

Attorneys and advocates are available to help those who live or work between East 59th and East 110th Streets determine if they are eligible for Medicaid, as well as to assist with Medicaid and Medicare problems.

## **Medicare Rights Center**

266 West 37 Street, 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
800-333-4114 or 212-869-3850  
[www.medicarerights.org](http://www.medicarerights.org)

The Medicare Rights Center is a non-profit health care information center for people with Medicare, and works to bring the consumer voice to the national debate on Medicare reform. It provides direct assistance to older adults and people with disabilities, as well as friends, family, caregivers and professionals who have Medicare questions or problems. Trained hotline counselors respond to questions about available health plan options, rights and benefits, and can also help people get the care and medicines they need.

*Many senior centers also have staffs that are qualified to answer questions about health insurance issues. See the Senior Center section for more information.*

## **≈ Prescription Drug Insurance & Discount Programs ≈**

### **Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)**

P.O. Box 15018  
Albany, NY 12212-5018  
800-332-3742  
TTY 800-290-9138  
[www.health.state.ny.us/health\\_care/epic/](http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/epic/)

EPIC is a New York State program for seniors over 65 who need help paying for prescription medications. EPIC provides secondary coverage for Medicare Part D and EPIC-covered drugs after your Medicare Part D deductible is met. EPIC also covers approved Part D-excluded drugs. You may apply at any time of the year and must be enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in Medicare Part D.

EPIC has two plans based on income. The **fee plan** is for members with incomes up to \$20,000 (single) or \$26,000 (married). The **deductible plan** is for members with incomes ranging from \$20,001 to \$75,000 (single) or \$26,001 to \$100,000 (married).

### **AARP Prescription Discount Program**

877-422-7718  
[www.aarp-pharmacy.com](http://www.aarp-pharmacy.com)

This program was created by AARP to provide you exclusive discounts on FDA-approved prescription medications and specialty drugs at participating retail network pharmacies and through OptumRx Mail Service. The program is free with an AARP membership.

### **Big Apple Rx**

888-454-5602 or 311  
[www.bigapplerx.com](http://www.bigapplerx.com)

The BigAppleRx Prescription Discount Card was created in partnership with New York City. It is free for everyone and is accepted at most pharmacies throughout the 5 boroughs. To price your prescription or locate a participating pharmacy, use the contact information above.

## **Center for Drug Evaluation and Research**

[www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/](http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/)

Provides information for consumers and answers to frequently asked questions about generic drugs.

## **FreeDrugCard.US**

[www.freedrugcard.us](http://www.freedrugcard.us)

This is not an insurance plan. It is a prescription drug program that works like a drug coupon, offering discounts on prescription drug costs. The card is free.

## **NYS Department of Health Prescription Drug Price List**

<https://apps.health.ny.gov/pdpw/SearchDrugs/Home.action>

The NYS Board of Pharmacy publishes an annual list of the prices of the 150 most frequently prescribed drugs, in the most common quantities. The State Department of Health collects retail price information on these drugs from pharmacies that participate in the Medicaid program. The site allows a search of specific drugs from the most frequently prescribed drug list.

### **≈ Medication Assistance ≈**

*Prescription drugs can be expensive. Some may not be covered by your healthcare plan. Here are some tips to help lower the cost:*

- Many pharmaceutical companies have programs that provide free or low-cost prescription drugs to those in need.
- Find out which drugs are covered by your prescription drug plan.
- If a drug is not covered, speak to your doctor about whether a covered medication can be prescribed or if a generic version is available.
- Shop around. Medicines bought through the mail or online often cost less than those purchased in-store, but be careful about buying drugs outside of the USA. Standards may be lower.
- Save receipts for all medicines. These costs may be tax-deductible.



# HEALTHCARE SERVICES & SUPPORT GROUPS

## ≈ Free and Low Cost Health & Dental Services ≈

### **Bellevue Hospital Center Outpatient Clinic**

462 First Avenue, New York, NY 10016

212-562-4141

<http://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/bellevue/?nycGovRedirect>

The clinic provides primary specialty medical services to individuals of all ages. Medicaid, Medicare, and Family Health Plus accepted. Sliding scale fees and payment assistance are available to those who qualify based on income.

### **Mount Sinai Hospital Dental Clinic**

1468 Madison Avenue, 2nd Floor, Area B, New York, NY 10029

212-241-7681

[www.mountsinai.org/patient-care/service-areas/dentistry-and-oral-medicine](http://www.mountsinai.org/patient-care/service-areas/dentistry-and-oral-medicine)

Accepts Medicaid and Family Health Plus. Sliding scale fees are available to those who qualify based on income.

### **New York Presbyterian Hospital Dental Clinic**

525 East 68th Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10021

212-746-5190

<http://www.nyp.org/clinical-services/dental-oral-and-maxillofacial-surgery>

Accepts Medicaid and Family Health Plus. Individuals may qualify for scaled fees based on income.

### **New York University David B. Kriser Dental Center**

345 East 24th Street, New York, NY 10010

212-998-9800

[www.nyu.edu/dental/patientinfo/index.html](http://www.nyu.edu/dental/patientinfo/index.html)

Medicaid accepted. Reduced fees are available for uninsured individuals.

### **Sidney Hillman /Phillips Family Practice**

16 East 16th Street, New York, NY 10003

212-206-5200

<http://www.institute.org/health-care/locations/manhattan>

Primary care open from 8am-8pm weekdays and 8am-6pm on Saturday and Sundays. Services include adult medicine, pediatric, dental, women's health, physicals, immunizations, prenatal screenings, HIV, mental health and social services. Medicaid, Medicare and most private insurance accepted. Costs are on a sliding scale for those without insurance.

**Weill Cornell Community Clinic**

505 East 70th Street, 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10021  
646-962-9222

<http://www.weill.cornell.edu/wccc/>

Run by medical students, the clinic provides free healthcare for the uninsured on Mondays from 5pm-8pm and occasionally on Wednesday evenings. Services include adult primary care, physicals, laboratory services, and immunizations. Appointments must be made in advance. Not accepting appointments for new patients over the phone. For new patients to make an appointment, please complete the online request form.

**≈ Eye Care and Hearing Loss Services ≈**  
**(Also see Services for the Visually Impaired)**

**American Academy of Ophthalmology Seniors Eye Care Program**

877-887-6327

<https://www.aao.org/eyecare-america>

Program works to reduce avoidable blindness and severe visual impairment by raising awareness about eye disease and care, providing free eye health educational materials, and facilitating access to medical eye care. Provides referrals to eligible seniors for a comprehensive, medical eye exam with a volunteer ophthalmologist, and up to one-year of care for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam. Volunteer ophthalmologists accept Medicare and/or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full; patients without insurance receive care at no charge. In order to be eligible, seniors must be age 65 or older, a U.S. citizen or legal resident, not have seen an ophthalmologist for three or more years, and not already be covered by an HMO or the VA. Visit their website for eligibility screenings and referrals.

**Center for Hearing and Communications**

50 Broadway, 6th Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
917-305-7700  
TTY 917-305-7999

<http://chchearing.org/>

The center offers a wide array of services including free hearing screenings, complete hearing evaluations, hearing aid fittings, sales and repair, speech therapy, tinnitus retraining therapy, emotional health and wellness, and the evaluation and treatment of auditory processing disorders. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am-5pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 8am-6pm.

**SUNY University Optometric Center**

33 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036 1-888-277-5666  
212-938-4001

[www.sunyopt.edu/uec/](http://www.sunyopt.edu/uec/)

The patient care facility of the State University of New York College of Optometry provides a wide range of services for all eye care patients including comprehensive exams, vision therapy, laser eye surgery, and low vision services. Accepts Medicaid and Medicare.

### **Hearing Loss Association of America**

P.O. Box 602, Radio City Station  
New York, NY 10101  
212-769-4327

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

A vibrant community dedicated to helping people with hearing loss lead more satisfying and productive lives. Holds monthly meetings on an array of topics and organizes nationally to share information, education, provide support and advocate for people with hearing loss.

## **≈ Mental Health Services ≈**

### **Crime Victims Treatment Center**

126 West 60th Street  
New York, NY 10023  
212-523-4728

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

CVTC provides counseling and support groups for treatment of emotional trauma due to victimization, and counseling for friends and family of victims of violent crimes. All services are confidential and free of charge.

### **Geriatric Mental Health Alliance**

50 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10004  
212-614-5753

[www.mha-nyc.org/gmha](http://www.mha-nyc.org/gmha)

A coalition of over 3,000 individuals and organizations that advocates for improved policies and services for older adults with mental health needs. Part of the Mental Health Association of NYC, a nonprofit organization that identifies unmet needs and develops programs to improve the lives of people affected by mental illness while promoting the importance of mental health.

### **Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services**

135 West 50th Street, Suite 6  
New York, NY 10020  
212-582-9100

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

Provides help to people who are struggling with a range of emotional and social problems. Specialized services for adults and children include evaluation and assessment, crisis intervention, and short-term and ongoing individual, couple, family, and group therapy.

### **NYCWell (formerly known as LifeNet)**

800-543-3638 — available 24 hours a day, seven days a week

<https://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us/en/>

Mental health professionals provide free emergency counseling and referrals to New York City residents with emotional or substance abuse problems. Sponsored by the Mental Health Association of New York City and the New York City Department of Health.

### **Medicare Mental Health Provider Directory**

<http://www.cornellcares.com/>

The Medicare Mental Health Provider Directory lists more than 1,000 NYC-based mental health specialists, including psychiatrists, clinical psychologists and social workers who can assist with all areas of geriatric mental health.

### **Mount Sinai Hospital Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic**

1 Gustav Levy Place  
New York, NY 10029  
212-241-9382

<http://www.mountsinai.org/patient-care/service-areas/psychiatry/areas-of-care/geriatric-psychiatry>

Offers evaluation and treatment for persons over the age of 60 and their caregivers. Consultations and evaluations provided by physicians, nurse practitioners, neurologists and social workers. Services are available in English and Spanish. The Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic specializes in: memory disorders, behavioral disturbances that result from memory disorders, depression, chronic mental illness, individual and family counseling, group therapy for caregiver issues and bereavement issues. Specialty programming includes the Memory Disorders Evaluation and Treatment Program, the Caregivers Program, and the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center.

### **Mood Disorders Support Group**

545 8th Avenue  
New York, NY 10018  
212-533-6374

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

A nonprofit, self-help organization serving both individuals with depression and bipolar disorder, as well as their families and friends. Coordinates over a dozen free support groups each week. See website or call for details.

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness of New York City (NAMI-NYC Metro)**

505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 1103  
New York, NY 10018  
212-684-3264

<http://www.naminycmetro.org>

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of New York City is a grassroots organization that provides support, education, and advocacy for families and individuals of all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds who live with mental illness. All services are free and include twenty peer led support groups and educational programs for people with serious mental illness and for their families.

### **New York Service Program for Older People (SPOP)**

302 West 91st Street  
New York, NY 10024  
212-787-7120 Ext. 514

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

Provides a wide range of services for adults 55 and older including individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, assessment, and service coordination. Medicaid, Medicare and many insurance plans accepted. Services available at the West 91<sup>st</sup> Street office and at other locations throughout Manhattan. Call for details. Home visits can be arranged for those unable to leave their homes. Specialized individual and group therapy for caregivers.

**Weill Cornell Institute of Geriatric Psychiatry**

525 East 68th Street, New York, NY 10065

888-694-5700

<http://psychiatry.weill.cornell.edu/geriatric-psychiatry-services>

Offers specialized psychiatric clinical services for older adults including: comprehensive diagnostic evaluation, individual therapy, group therapy through the use of behavioral and insight-oriented approaches, illness management, stress management, relapse prevention and individual psychotherapy. Outpatient, partial hospitalization and inpatient services are available.

**~ Disease Specific Support & Education Groups ~**

**AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**

800-542-2437

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/resources/adap/index.htm>

This program provides healthcare to HIV-positive New York State residents who are uninsured or underinsured.

**Alzheimer's Association**

One Grand Central Place

60 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 2240

New York, NY 10165

800-272-3900 – 24 hour helpline

[www.alz.org/nyc](http://www.alz.org/nyc)

Provides information, care consultation and supportive services for those with Alzheimer's Disease and their families.

**American Cancer Society**

Manhattan Region

132 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street

New York, NY 10001

212-492-8400

800-227-2345 – 24-hour helpline

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

Referral service offers a list of services providing free or reduced-fee cancer screenings and support programs for people living with cancer.

**American Diabetes Association**

333 Seventh Avenue, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10001

212-725-4925

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

Works to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Provides nutrition information and recipes, as well as assistance for caregivers.

**American Heart Association**

122 East 42nd Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10168  
212-878-5900

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

Voluntary organization dedicated to reducing death and disability from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Provides information and referrals to appropriate resources available in NYC.

**CancerCare**

275 Seventh Avenue, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
800-813-4673

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

CancerCare provides free professional support services to individuals, families and caregivers to help them cope with and manage the emotional and practical challenges of cancer. Services include counseling support groups, workshops and financial assistance, such as small financial grants. CancerCare provides face to face and on the phone counseling and support groups.

**CaringKind**

360 Lexington Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017

<http://www.caringkindnyc.org/contact/>

646-744-2900 – 24-hour Helpline

CaringKind provides free information, assistance and support for those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Support groups, led by trained facilitators, provide caregivers with the opportunity to discuss the many challenges of caring for a family member with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with others who understand.

**GMHC**

446 West 33rd Street  
New York, NY 10001  
212-367-1000

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

Provides HIV/AIDS prevention, care and advocacy, with a number of programs serving people over 50. Among them are wellness services, nutrition education, mental health services, advocacy and benefits, and HIV testing.

**The Edmond J. Safra Parkinson's Wellness Program-NYC**

334 Amsterdam Avenue  
New York, NY 10023  
646-505-4444

<https://www.jccmanhattan.org/health-wellness/fitness-wellness/parkinsons-wellness/>

The Parkinson's Wellness Program is designed to improve the lives of those impacted by Parkinson's through exercise, support, education, and medical/community collaboration. The exercise, support groups and events are designed to keep those impacted by Parkinson's and their families active, connected and empowered.

### **National Parkinson Foundation**

Helpline: 800-473-4636

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

The Foundation strives to make life better for people with Parkinson's through expert care and research. The foundation is guided by six core principles: community, compassion, education, empowerment, integrity and impact.

### **NYU Langone's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Family Support Program**

145 East 32nd Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10016

646-754-2277

<http://nyulangone.org/locations/alzheimers-disease-related-dementias-family-support-program>

NYU Langone's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Family Support Program was created to assist family members and friends through education, individual and family care consultation, and community support. This program is offered free of charge to caregivers.

### **SHARE**

165 West 65th Street, Suite 712

New York, NY 10036

212-719-0364 – General Information      844-275-7427 – Toll Free Hotline

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

Organization for women diagnosed with breast and/or ovarian cancer who are seeking education, support or advocacy opportunities.

### **US TOO New York**

917-830-4357

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

An independent group that provides support and education to prostate cancer survivors and their families throughout the Metropolitan area. US TOO offers fellowship, peer counseling and education about treatment options without bias.

## **THE BENEFITS OF SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Regardless of format, in a support group, you'll find people with challenges similar to yours. Members of a support group typically share their personal experiences and offer one another emotional comfort and moral support. They may also offer practical advice and tips to help you cope with your situation.**

**Benefits of participating in support groups may include:**

- **Feeling less lonely, isolated or judged**
- **Gaining a sense of empowerment and control**
- **Improving your coping skills and sense of adjustment**
- **Talking openly and honestly about your feelings**
- **Reducing distress, depression or anxiety**
- **Developing a clearer understanding of what to expect with your situation**
- **Comparing notes about resources, such as doctors and alternative treatment options**

Source: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/stress-management/in-depth/support-groups/art-20044655>

## ≈ Hospice and Palliative Care ≈

Hospice care seeks to promote comfort and quality of life for terminally ill patients and their families by providing medical, emotional and spiritual care. Hospice care services are available to patients in their own homes or in a hospice facility. Palliative care can begin sooner than hospice care, which will allow the patient and family members more time to think about treatment goals and quality-of-life issues.

### **Mount Sinai/Beth Israel Medical Center Symptom Control and Palliative Care Practice**

10 Union Square East, Suite 4D  
New York, NY 10003  
212-844-1712

[http://www.stoppain.org/main\\_site/content/aboutus.asp](http://www.stoppain.org/main_site/content/aboutus.asp)

The practice has an interdisciplinary team of physicians, nurses, a psychologist and a social worker available to work with each patient. The services offered include: pain management, treatment for symptoms other than pain, psychological therapies to assist patients and families in coping with illness, coordination of care and bereavement support.

### **MJHS Hospice & Palliative Care Programs**

39 Broadway, Room 200  
New York, NY 10006  
Intake Hospice Program: 212-420-2844  
Intake Palliative Care Program: 877-218-0230

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

Interdisciplinary care teams provide specialized care to patients with chronic, life-limiting, and/or end-stage diseases. Provides a full array of medical and social services to enable patients to remain at home. Staff is specially trained in comforting and alleviating the physical and emotional pain of patients and their family members.

### **Mt. Sinai Palliative Care Institute**

*Inpatient care*  
1176 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10029  
212-241-1446

*Outpatient care*  
1450 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10029  
212-659-8552

<http://www.mountsinai.org/patient-care/service-areas/palliative-care>

Focuses on the relief of suffering and quality of life for patients and their families through intensive symptom management, enhancement of function, promotion of physical and psychological comfort, and psycho-social support. Operated by a multidisciplinary team of physicians, nurses, and social workers.



The city and state laws governing the rights and responsibilities of renters and homeowners in New York City are extremely complex. State Senator Liz Krueger's office produces a housing mailer that discusses the most frequently asked questions by renters and cooperative and condominium owners. The guides are available online at [krueger.nysenate.gov](http://krueger.nysenate.gov) or by calling 212-490-9535.

## ≈ Senior Housing ≈

(See *Long-Term Care for Assisted Living* information)

There is a wide variety of housing designed for seniors of different ages, levels of health, incomes, activity level and interests across New York. Options range from low-cost government subsidized housing to privately operated luxury residences to assisted-living facilities, and everything in between. A comprehensive guide to the different types of housing is available at [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/downloads/pdf/publications/housing\\_guide\\_14.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/downloads/pdf/publications/housing_guide_14.pdf).

Unfortunately, waiting lists for most affordable senior housing residences are long. Residents generally must submit separate applications to each development.

The New York City Department for the Aging provides comprehensive lists of senior housing options in each borough searchable by neighborhood, cost, and type of services provided. The lists are available at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/benefits/housing.shtml> or by calling 311.

### **New York Foundation for Senior Citizens' Home Sharing Program**

11 Park Place, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10007

212-962-7559

<http://www.nyfsc.org/home-sharing/>

The Home Sharing program matches senior citizens age 60 and over, living throughout New York City's five boroughs, who have excess space in their homes or apartments to share with responsible, compatible persons of all ages in need of housing. This very successful program helps relieve financial hardship, feelings of loneliness and promotes companionship. The service is free and offers confidential screening of applicants, negotiation of agreements for shared living, follow-up counseling and referral to entitlement and social service programs.

### **NYC Housing Connect**

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/housing-connect.page>

212-863-5610

Administered by the City of New York, NYC Housing Connect is a central portal to search and apply for affordable housing opportunities throughout all five boroughs. On the site, residents can learn how to apply for affordable housing, view current and upcoming housing opportunities, apply to housing options for which they may qualify and sign-up to receive email alerts about all new affordable housing lotteries.

## ≈ Tenant Advocacy Organizations ≈

### **Housing Court Answers**

Manhattan Housing Court---111 Centre Street  
2nd Floor Clerk's office, Room 225  
New York, NY 10013

Table open weekdays, 9am to 4pm (may be closed for lunch)

212-962-4795 -- Telephone help line Tuesday – Thursdays, 9am-5pm

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

A non-profit organization that provides advice to unrepresented parties in Housing Court proceedings and works to improve the Housing Court system. The telephone hotline provides information regarding Housing Court proceedings, enforcement of housing code violations and other landlord/tenant issues for residents, community-based organizations and other service providers. They can also provide the most up-to-date listing of non-profit organizations currently providing emergency rental assistance. Staff and volunteers are at tables in all Housing Court buildings throughout the city to answer questions and to provide referrals. Fact sheets about Housing Court are available on the website and at the information tables.

### **Metropolitan Council on Housing**

168 Canal Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10016

212-979-6238 – membership information

212-979-0611 – tenants' rights hotline

<http://metcouncilonhousing.org/>

A citywide membership-based tenants' advocacy organization that works to preserve and expand affordable housing and rent regulation through grassroots organizing, lobbying, direct action and public education. Met Council organizes tenant associations to help tenants get better services and repairs, educates tenants through its monthly newspaper, runs a weekly call-in radio show and operates a volunteer-staffed tenant information hotline. See website for factsheets and resources on housing laws, tenants' rights, recommended tenant attorneys, and other information. The tenant information hotline is available Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30pm-8pm and Fridays from 1pm to 5pm.

### **New York State Tenants and Neighbors Coalition**

255 West 36th Street, Suite 505

New York, NY 10018

212-608-4320

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

A statewide organization of tenants, tenant associations, and other community groups that fight for tenants' rights and affordable housing through organizing, education, leadership development and grassroots mobilization. Works to strengthen tenant protections while empowering and educating tenants. See website for factsheets and resources on housing laws, tenants' rights and tenant organizing.

## ≈Property Tax Reduction Programs for Homeowners≈

For more information regarding any of the property tax exemption programs listed below, or to receive an application, contact the NYC Department of Finance at 311 or [www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlords.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlords.page)

### **Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE)**

The Disabled Homeowners' Exemption (DHE) provides property tax abatement for eligible property owners who have a medically certifiable disability and the annual combined income of all owners and their spouses cannot be more than \$58,400.

### **New York State School Tax Relief Program (STAR)**

Many New York State residents who are homeowners qualify for the Basic School Tax Relief (STAR) program regardless of age if their annual adjusted gross income is \$500,000 or less and the property is their primary residence (meaning they live in the home for more than six months of each year). STAR provides savings of approximately \$316 a year in NYC. Residents 65 and older who qualify for Basic STAR and have an annual household income of less than \$86,000 are eligible for the **Enhanced STAR** program. Enhanced STAR provides average yearly savings of approximately \$646 in NYC.

### **Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)**

The Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE) is a partial property tax exemption available for residential property owners age 65 years or older that have adjusted annual incomes below \$58,400.

### **Veterans' Tax Exemption**

The Veterans' Tax Exemption is a partial property tax exemption available to qualifying veterans, the spouse or registered domestic partner of a qualified veteran, the unmarried surviving spouse of a qualified veteran, and a Gold Star parent (the parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. armed forces). Veterans are former members of the U.S. armed forces or Merchant Marines in WWI & II, Korea, Vietnam, or the Persian Gulf Conflict (including Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts). The property must be the primary residence of the owner who qualifies for the veteran tax exemption. The applicant must submit a copy of the DD-214 or separation papers for each veteran.

## ≈ Government Benefits for Low-Income Renters ≈

### **Disabled Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) Program**

Walk in office: 66 John Street, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10038

Open 8:30am-4:30pm, weekdays

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/index.page>

The DRIE program freezes the rents of people with disabilities living in rent-regulated apartments or Mitchell Lama buildings and provides tax abatement for the owners. Households that are eligible include those receiving Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Income, Veterans' pensions or compensation, and those enrolled in the Medicaid Buy-In Program. DRIE is designed to work in the same way as SCRIE and has the same income eligibility levels. To be eligible, your income (after taxes) must be \$50,000 or less and you must be paying more than one third of your income for rent. Applications for DRIE are available by calling 311 or online.

## **Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) Program**

Walk in office: 66 John Street, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10038

Open 8:30am - 4:30pm, weekdays

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/index.page>

The SCRIE program run by the New York City Department of Finance freezes rents for eligible tenants and provides tax abatement for the owner in return. To be eligible for a SCRIE, you must be 62 years of age or older, live in a rent-regulated apartment, have a household income (after taxes) of \$50,000 or less and be paying more than one-third of your income for rent. You must apply for SCRIE and recertify your eligibility every two years. Tenants who experience a permanent decrease in income of more than 20% can apply to have their benefits recalculated. Applications for SCRIE are available by calling 311 or online.

## **SCRIE/DRIE Application Clinic at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House**

331 East 70th Street

New York, NY 10021

212-218-0503, ext. 6

<http://www.lenoxhill.org/legaladvocacy/>

Attorneys and advocates are available to help tenants living anywhere in NYC determine if they are eligible for SCRIE or DRIE and provide assistance with initial and renewal applications. Before visiting you must schedule an appointment by calling the number above.

## **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**

Call 311 for information or application

[www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/](http://www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/)

A one-time grant per year to help low-income homeowners and renters pay fuel and utility costs. There are income limitations but no asset restrictions. Available to both households that pay directly for heat and households where heat is included in rent. Benefit amounts range from \$40.00 - \$585.00. Eligible households that pay directly for heat with their main source of heat being oil, kerosene or propane may receive a benefit up to \$800.00. Funds are limited. Residents 65 and older apply through the NYC Department for the Aging. Residents under 65 apply through the NYC Human Resources Administration. Both agencies can be reached by calling 311. Funds are limited, so apply early.

## **≈ Home De-cluttering, Downsizing, and Organization ≈**

A cluttered environment can have a negative impact on your well-being; it diminishes the quality of your life, wastes time, energy and creates stress. You feel overwhelmed and just don't know where to begin, but help is available.

**For more information on home de-cluttering, you can obtain a copy of Senator Liz Krueger's Resource Guide: *What To Do With All That Stuff: Best Practices for Clutter & Hoarding*, at <http://www.nysenate.gov/report/what-do-all-stuff-best-practices-clutter-and-hoarding> or call 212-490-9535.**

## **EIS Housing Resource Center SORT Support Group**

80 Maiden Lane, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10038

212-308-2210

<http://eisny.org/blog/sort/>

This program emerged to address the long-term complications involved in trying to maintain a healthy and organized living space and to offer ongoing, continuous support and assistance. Their housing advocates make home visits and offer follow up assistance as needed. EIS collaborates with the State Department of Mental Health and, when appropriate and necessary, can make referrals for psychiatric care. EIS can also facilitate the services of affordable cleaning services for those who participate in their program. Facilitates support groups for those struggling with clutter and hoarding that currently meet the first Monday of each month from 5:30pm-7pm. Also offers a Housing Legal Clinic and a Housing Court Buddy program. Call for the latest details.

## **Adult Protective Services (APS)**

212-630-1853 Central Intake Referral Line

<https://a069-apscris.nyc.gov/cris/>

A division of the NYC Human Resources Administration, APS provides free heavy-duty cleaning for their clients in limited circumstances. APS is a state-mandated case management program that arranges for services and support for physically and/or mentally impaired adults who are at risk of harm.

### *Eligibility*

APS is available to persons 18 years of age and older without regard to income, who:

- Are mentally and/or physically impaired; and
- Due to these impairments, are unable to manage their own resources, carry out the activities of daily living, or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, exploitation or other hazardous situations without assistance from others; and
- Have no one available who is willing and able to assist them responsibly.

If an APS client refuses to allow APS to perform a heavy duty cleaning and the client's tenancy is threatened as a result of this refusal, APS will assess to determine if a legal action can be brought for the appointment of a guardian.

## **ThisCaringHome.Org**

<http://thiscaringhome.org/index.aspx>

This CaringHome.org was funded by grants from several foundations to Weill Cornell Medical College. All materials on ThisCaringHome's website have been reviewed by select members of the Advisory Board, composed of a wide variety of professionals, including nurses, dementia specialists, physical and occupational therapists, safety experts, social workers and recreational therapists. Also offers many private fee-for-service organizations that can help with de-cluttering, downsizing, and organizing.



# LEGAL RESOURCES

## **Elderlaw Answers**

<http://www.elderlawanswers.com/Default.aspx>

Elderlaw Answers is a website that provides up-to-date information about crucial legal issues facing seniors. You can tap into a network of highly qualified elder law attorneys across the nation and get preliminary answers to your legal questions.

## **Law Help**

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

Website connects low- and moderate-income people with free and low-cost legal assistance and information. Provides resources and factsheets on many legal problems including housing, employment, family, bankruptcy, disability, immigration, and more.

## **Legal Aid Society– Lower Manhattan Neighborhood Office**

199 Water Street  
New York, NY 10038  
212-577-3300

[www.legal-aid.org/en/home.aspx](http://www.legal-aid.org/en/home.aspx)

Areas of practice include housing, public benefits, social security/SSI, elder abuse, tax law and unemployment issues. Serves people who earn below 125% of the federal poverty line.

## **Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Legal Advocacy Department**

331 East 70th Street  
New York, NY 10021  
212-218-0503

<http://www.lenoxhill.org/legaladvocacy/>

The Legal Advocacy Department provides free legal assistance with eviction prevention and other housing related matters, government benefits including SCRIE/DRIE, Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, SSI and SSD, health insurance enrollment on the NYStateofHealth Marketplace, and advance directives such as Powers of Attorney, Health Care Proxies and simple Wills. To be eligible for assistance, you must live, work, or go to school on Manhattan's East Side from 59<sup>th</sup> Street to 143<sup>rd</sup> Street or on Roosevelt Island. There are income limits for certain services. The Walk-In SNAP clinic is on Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm, and the Tenants' Rights Advice Clinic takes place on the first Thursday of every other month from 10am-1pm, beginning November 2, 2017.

### **ADDITIONAL INTAKE NUMBERS:**

- *Food Stamps/SNAP* 212-218-0503, press 2
- *SCRIE* 212-218-0503, press 6
- *Health Insurance Enrollment* 212-218-0432
- *Health Care Access/Medicare/Medicaid* 212-218-0503, press 3
- *End-of-Life Planning/Advance Directives* 212-218-0503, press 4

**Manhattan Legal Services**

40 Worth Street, Suite 606  
New York, NY 10013  
646-442-3100

Legal assistance hotline: 917-661-4500 (open Monday – Friday, 10am to 4pm)

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

Provides free legal advice and representation to Manhattan residents who would otherwise be unable to afford it. The focus is on housing, government benefits, consumer rights, and family law cases.

**Mid-Atlantic Pension Counseling Project**

800-355-7714

<http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/what-we-do/practice-areas-and-projects/pension-project>

Funded by the US Administration on Aging, the project provides information and counseling to workers age 60 and over and their dependents who are having difficulty finding out about pension benefits (both government and private) that might be owed to them or who believe that they might not be receiving benefits to which they are entitled. Run in New York by Legal Services NYC.

**Mobilization for Justice (MFJ) Legal Services**

100 William Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10038  
212-417-3700

<http://mobilizationforjustice.org/>

Provides legal advice and representation to low income residents with eviction prevention, public benefit, Medicare & Medicaid, discrimination, civil & disability rights, consumer, and elder abuse cases. Numerous fact sheets and self-help guides are available on their website. Intake hours vary by program.

- Adult Home Advocacy Project: 877-417-2427 (Monday, Tues & Thursday: 10am-5pm)
- Consumer Rights Project: 212-417-3881 (Thursday: 10am-2pm)
- Disability & Aging Rights Project: 877-417-2427 (Monday-Friday: 10am-5pm)
- Government Benefits Project: 212-417-3732 (Monday: 10am-noon)
- Housing: 212-417-3888 (Wednesday & Friday: 2pm-4:30pm)
- Kinship Caregiver Law Project: 212-417-3850 (Wednesday & Friday: 10am-5pm)
- Low Income Bankruptcy Project: 212-417-3799 (Tuesday: 2pm-4pm)
- Low Income Tax Payer Clinic: 212-417-3839 (Wednesday: noon-2pm)
- Manhattan Seniors Project: 212-417-3888 (Wednesday & Friday: 2pm-4:40pm)
- Mental Health Law Project: 212-417-3830 (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 10am-5pm)
- Nursing Home Residents Project: 855-444-6477 (Monday-Friday 10am-5pm)
- SRO Law Project: Walk-in Hours Thursdays 1pm-4:00pm
- Workplace Justice Project: 212-417-3888 (Monday & Tuesday: 2pm-5pm)

## New York City Bar Association

42 West 44th Street  
New York, NY 10036  
212-382-6600

<http://www.nycbar.org/for-the-public>

The Bar Association operates a number of programs for the public including:

- The **Legal Referral Service** provides referrals to pre-screened private attorneys for assistance with all types of legal matters. Just to call is free, but there is a \$35 fee for the 30-minute consultation; fees for any additional services are negotiated privately. Call 212-626-7373 to reach the referral service.
- The **Monday Night Law Clinic** operates on various Monday nights from October through August. At the clinic, lawyers meet with clients for one-half hour appointments to discuss a variety of legal topics, such as bankruptcy, consumer issues, matrimony, basic employment, and landlord-tenant issues. Clients must schedule appointments ahead of time by calling 212-626-7373. Walk-ins are not permitted. There are two offices for these clinics.

New York City Bar Association  
42 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10036  
Monday, 5:30-7:30pm

New York City County Lawyers Association  
14 Vesey Street  
New York, NY 10007  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 6-7:30pm

- The **City Bar Justice Center Legal Hotline** is a free advice hotline for low-income callers. A call to the hotline connects you with a staff of referral counselors, who are attorneys and paralegals. Counselors will give free legal advice on a wide range of subjects, such as family law, consumer debt, bankruptcy, employment and landlord-tenant issues. Call 212-626-7383 Monday through Thursday from 9am-1pm and 2pm - 5pm and Friday from 9am-1pm.
- The **Veterans Assistance Project** provides skilled legal counsel to help seniors receive the benefits they deserve. The Project is designed to meet the needs of the thousands of veterans living in New York City by providing pro-bono assistance with disability benefits claims before the NYC Regional Office of Veterans Affairs. Call 212-382-4722 or 877-564-3383.
- The **Consumer Bankruptcy Project** is one of only two pro bono bankruptcy projects in New York City providing legal assistance to low-income consumers with outstanding debts--assisting debtors filing pro se bankruptcy petitions and providing pro-bono representation to debtors in contested matters. Call 212-626-7383.
- The **Elderlaw Project** maintains the dignity and independence of elderly people by training volunteer attorneys to counsel and represent elderly New Yorkers in a variety of areas. At legal clinics held at the Justice Center and at senior centers, staff and volunteer attorneys provide seniors with advice and representation regarding wills, living wills, health care proxies, powers of attorney, government benefits, consumer issues and more. Call 212-382-6658 for more information.

### **New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)**

7 Hanover Square, 18th Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
212-613-5000 General Intake Line  
[www.nylag.org](http://www.nylag.org)

NYLAG serves immigrants, seniors, the homebound, families facing foreclosure, renters facing eviction, low-income consumers, those in need of government assistance, children in need of special education, domestic violence victims, persons with disabilities, patients with chronic illness or disease, low-wage workers, low-income members of the LGBT community, Holocaust survivors, and others in need of free legal services.

- Civil legal Issues: 212-613-5000 (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am-5pm)
- Family or matrimonial issues: 212-613-5000 (Tuesday & Friday: 9am-3pm)
- Immigration issues: 212-613-5000 (Monday: 9am-3pm)
- Holocaust compensation issues: 212-688-0710 (Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm)
- LGBTQ legal issues: 212-613-5000 x 5107 (Monday-Friday)
- Legal services for cancer patients: 212-946-0357 (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri: 10am-2pm)
- Veterans legal issues: 212-946-0343 (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am-3pm)

### **Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program of NYLAG**

212-613-7310  
[eflrp@nylag.org](mailto:eflrp@nylag.org)

Provides legal assistance with Medicaid, Medicare, home care services and public benefits issues affecting older New Yorkers and people with disabilities. It also works to educate care providers in best practices.

### **Urban Justice Center**

Community Development Project  
123 William Street, 16th Floor  
New York, NY 10038  
646-602-5600  
[www.urbanjustice.org](http://www.urbanjustice.org)

The Urban Justice Center serves New York City's most vulnerable residents through a combination of direct legal service, systemic advocacy, community education and political organizing. They often defend the rights of people who are overlooked or turned away by other organizations, reaching a wide-ranging client base through their legal projects. These projects include the Community Development Project, Domestic Violence Project, Mental Health Project, and a Veteran Advocacy Project. Intake and processes vary by program

### **Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS) Elderly Project Legal Clinics**

40 Worth Street, Suite 820  
New York, NY 10013  
212-966-4400  
[www.volsprobono.org](http://www.volsprobono.org)

Volunteer attorneys provide free civil legal services to low-income Manhattan resident's age 60 and older. Legal clinics are held each month at a variety of senior centers where seniors can discuss their legal concerns in confidence, receive legal advice and, where appropriate, obtain referrals for representation. Call or visit website for schedule.



# LGBTQ RESOURCES

## **Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Elders (SAGE)**

### **Midtown**

305 7th Avenue, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
212-741-2247

<https://www.sageusa.org/nyc/centers/midtown.cfm>

<https://www.sageusa.org/nyc/centers/harlem.cfm>

SAGE is the country's largest and oldest organization dedicated to achieving a high quality of life for LGBTQ older adults. SAGE supports and advocates for LGBTQ rights, fosters a greater understanding of aging in all communities, and promotes positive images of LGBT life in later years. SAGE operates senior centers and provides meals and programs related to arts and culture, fitness, food and nutrition, health and wellness, and lifelong education.

### **Harlem (Oberia D. Dempsey Center)**

127 West 127<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10027  
646-660-8951

## **Transgender Aging Network (TAN)**

414-559-2123

<http://forge-forward.org/aging/>

TAN exists to improve the lives of current and future trans/SOFFA (significant others, friends, family and allies) elders through advocacy, communication and awareness.

## **Callen-Lorde Community Health Center**

356 West 18th St.  
New York, NY 10011  
212-271-7200

<http://callen-lorde.org/>

Offers comprehensive primary care, sexual health services, behavioral health and social services free of judgement and regardless of ability to pay. Assists with health insurance outreach and enrollment.

## **GMHC**

446 West 33rd Street  
New York, NY 10001  
212-367-1000

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

Provides HIV/AIDS prevention, care and advocacy, and offers a number of programs serving people over 50. Among them are wellness services, nutrition education, mental health services, advocacy and benefits and HIV testing.

## **Metropolitan Hospital Center: Comprehensive LGBT Health Center**

1901 First Ave, OPD Building, 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10029  
212-423-7292

<http://lgbtmet.appointy.com>

The Metropolitan Hospital LGBT Health Center provides a variety of services including, Men's & Women's Health, Family Planning, Geriatrics, Immunizations, Behavioral Health Services, HIV/STD Screening and Treatment, and all other General Medical Services. The Clinic is open every other Saturday from 9am-5pm by appointment only.

### **New York Legal Assistance Group LGBTQ Law Project**

7 Hanover Square, 18th Floor  
New York, NY 10004

Intake: 212-613-5000 x 5107

<http://nylag.org/units/lgbt-law>

NYLAG's LGBTQ Law Project provides free legal services to low-income LGBTQ New Yorkers in a wide variety of civil legal matters including employment, housing, public benefits, shelter access, name changes, gender marker changes, family law and life planning.

### **NYC Anti-Violence Project**

116 Nassau Street, 3rd floor  
New York, NY 10038

Hotline: 212-714-1141

<https://avp.org/>

Offers immediate crisis counseling and safety planning, as well as access to ongoing counseling, advocacy, and onsite legal services. Supports clients and community members in trying to access safety, services, and support from systems and service providers to overcome bias, discrimination, and violence.

### **Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People (PFLAG NYC)**

130 East 25th Street, Suite M1  
New York, NY 10010

646-240-4288

PFLAG NYC Helpline: 212-463-0629

<http://www.pflagnyc.org>

PFLAG NYC is the founding chapter of PFLAG, the nation's foremost family-based organization committed to the civil rights of LGBT people. PFLAG NYC strives to create a better future for LGBT youth and adults through a partnership of parents, allies, and LGBT people. The group provides support services, corporate and community outreach, media campaigns and advocacy for LGBT equality and civil rights.

### **Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund**

20 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 705  
New York, NY 10011

646-862-9396

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

Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund is a nonprofit whose mission is to end discrimination and achieve equality for transgender people. This organization provides education on transgender rights, represents transgender people experiencing discrimination in federal courts and ensures legal representation to those seeking name changes.

### **The Trans Women's Healing Justice Project (Formerly The Trans Women's Anti-violence Project)**

<http://transfeminism.tumblr.com>

This trans-feminist project addresses issues of systematic, institutional and interpersonal violence and oppression experience by trans women (those who were coercively assigned male at birth and identify as women/female) across multiple identities (e.g., race, class, dis/ability. Citizen-status, nationality, sexuality, age, HIV status, and form, status, or age of transition, etc.).



## LONG-TERM CARE (see also AGING IN PLACE)

### **What is Home Care?**

About 7.6 million Americans receive home care, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The number is much greater when you consider that the census does not include “informal care” which is care given by a friend or family member. Home care is generally defined as non-medical support services delivered at the home of the senior. The aim of home care is to allow seniors to remain at home longer rather than enter an assisted living community, nursing home or other type of senior care. Home care may be appropriate if a senior prefers to stay at home but needs minor assistance with activities of daily living.

Activities of daily living include bathing, dressing, and meal preparation, but may also extend to assistance with transportation, paying bills, making appointments, and simply being there to provide companionship and emotional support. Home care services are generally available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be paid for directly by the client or through a variety of public and private funding sources, such as Medicare and/or Medicaid.

### **What is Assisted Living?**

Assisted living communities or assisted living facilities (ALFs) help promote the health, safety and well-being among the senior residents who live there. Assisted living was developed as a type of senior housing to provide housing, health care and personal care services to seniors in need of assistance with activities of daily living in a more independent environment than a traditional nursing home.

There is a wide variation in the level of care that may be provided in assisted living communities. Some assisted living communities specialize in providing a supportive and safe environment for seniors who are largely independent but need some minor periodic assistance with activities of daily living or medication management. Other assisted living providers have designed their services specifically for the very frail elderly who need a very high level of assistance on a daily basis. These assisted living facilities have become a substitute for nursing homes and frequently provide many, though not all, of the same care services as a skilled nursing facility. It is important to know what type of environment each assisted living community caters to so that your loved one will be comfortable. There are approximately 36,000 assisted living options to choose from in the United States.

Lists of assisted living options in New York City by borough are available on the NYC Department of Aging’s website at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/benefits/housing.shtml> under “Alternatives in Senior Housing”.

### **What is a Nursing Home?**

There are about 16,000 nursing homes in the U.S. Nursing homes, also known as skilled nursing facilities, are for seniors who require constant medical care and need significant assistance with the activities of daily living. The goal of care in a nursing home is to help individuals meet their daily physical, medical, social, and psychological needs. Nursing homes are generally stand-alone facilities, but some are operated within a hospital or an assisted living community.

Residents of nursing homes generally have high care needs and complex medical conditions that require routine skilled nursing services. Due to the needs of their residents, nursing homes are required by federal law to have a licensed nurse on duty 24 hours a day. Residents typically share a room and are served meals in a central dining area. Residents should have the opportunity to be involved in activities that provide mental, physical, and social stimulation. Be sure to ask about activities offered when you tour the facility.

The average cost of care for nursing home care across the country ranges between \$4,000 and \$8,000\* per month. Cost is determined by the level of care needed, the setting where the care is provided, and the geographic location. Due to the high cost of care, many residents use supplemental funding from the government in the form of Medicare\*\* and/or Medicaid.

*\* Cost of care for nursing home care in the NYC Metropolitan Area is more likely to be in the \$11,000/month range and higher.*

*\*\* Medicare generally only covers 30 days post-hospitalization.*

## ≈ Manhattan Nursing Homes ≈

### **Amsterdam Nursing Home**

1060 Amsterdam Avenue  
New York, NY 10025  
212-316-7700

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

### **Fort Tryon Center**

801 West 190th Street  
New York, NY 10040  
212-543-6400

### **Isabella Geriatric Center**

515 Audubon Avenue  
New York, NY 10040  
212-342-9200

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

### **Harlem Center for Nursing and Rehab**

30 West 138th Street  
New York, NY 10037  
212-690-7400

<http://www.harlemcenterrehab.com/>

### **Jewish Home Lifecare**

120 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10025  
212-870-4715

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

### **New East Side Nursing Home**

25 Willet Street, New York, NY  
New York, NY 10002  
212-673-8500

### **The Riverside (formerly Kateri Residence)**

150 Riverside Drive  
New York, NY 10024  
646-505-3759

<http://theriversiderehab.com>

### **New Gouverneur Hospital SNF**

227 Madison Street  
New York, NY 10002  
212-238-7000

[www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/gouverneur](http://www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/gouverneur)

### **Mary Manning Walsh Home**

1339 York Avenue  
New York, NY 10021  
212-628-2800

<https://www.archcare.org/nursing-homes/mary-manning-walsh>

### **Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Center**

1249 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10029  
212-360-3980

**Upper East Side Rehab. & Nursing Center**  
(formerly DeWitt Nursing Home)  
211 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10075  
212-879-1600  
<http://uesrnc.com>

**Village Care Nursing Center**  
214 West Houston Street  
New York, NY 10014  
212-337-9400  
<http://www.villagecare.org/vcnc>

All nursing homes in New York are regulated by the State Department of Health. A complete list of nursing homes is available online at [https://profiles.health.ny.gov/nursing\\_home/](https://profiles.health.ny.gov/nursing_home/). The agency's website provides comprehensive information on nursing homes, including rankings regulations and inspection reports, as well as information about patients' rights and nursing home alternatives.

Complaints regarding nursing home services can be made to the Department of Health by calling 888-201-4563 or online at <https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/nursing/complaints.htm>.

## ≈ Long-Term Care Advocacy and Referrals≈

**ICAN (Independent Consumer Advocacy Network)**  
844-614-8800  
<http://icannys.org>

ICAN is the New York State Ombudsprogram for people with Medicaid long-term care services. A program of the Community Service Society of NY, ICAN assists New Yorkers with enrolling in and using managed care plans that cover long-term care services, such as home attendant services or nursing home care. Confidential counseling to seniors and people with disabilities is available over the phone or in-person. Services include representing clients in appeals against managed care plans, lodging official complaints, and monitoring trends to help the State Health Department to address systemic issues. They also provide community education for caregivers, consumers and professionals.

**Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC)**  
1 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 6252  
New York, NY 10119  
212-385-0355  
<http://nursinghome411.org/>

The LTCCC educates the public and advocates for systemic change to improve the lives of older adults and people with disabilities living in long-term care facilities.

**MFJ Legal Services Nursing Home Residents Project (NHRP)**  
Intake: 855-444-6477  
<http://mobilizationforjustice.org/projects/nursing-home-residents-project/>

The NHRP project provides information, advice, and advocacy for nursing home residents and their families. The NHRP also provides legal representation in areas such as abuse and neglect, civil rights violations, improper discharge planning, and unfair consumer practices.

## **NY Connects**

800-342-9871

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycnyconnects/index.page>

NY Connects is a point of entry into long term care services and supports that enable individuals to remain independent in their daily lives and to continue living in their homes. This is a free service, which provides information, assistance and referrals to older adults, individuals with disabilities regardless of age, family members or friends and professionals. It also helps individuals locate support, transportation, apply for Medicaid and other benefits and find social supports.

## **New York State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program – CIDNY**

841 Broadway, Suite 301

New York, NY 10013

212-674-2300

<http://www.cidny.org/long-term-care-ombudsman-program.php>

The Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY) operates an advocacy program for those living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and family-type homes. CIDNY's Ombudsmen work with residents and their families to make sure residents' rights are protected, their needs met, and any complaints are resolved. All information is confidential. The program also works for changes in the Long Term Care system to improve the quality of life and services for older adults and those with disabilities who reside in Long Term Care facilities.

## **≈ Additional Online Long-Term Care Resources ≈**

### **A Place for Mom**

866-344-8005

<http://www.aplaceformom.com>

This website is a free referral service that can find the right residential senior care center for individuals of loved ones.

### **Aging Care**

<http://www.agingcare.com>

Aging Care is a website that connects caregivers to each other in order to provide support and advice for one another. This website also provides many local resources for its users.

### **Aging with Dignity**

<http://www.agingwithdignity.org/about.php>

An organization that is dedicated to helping our elders make their own educated choices in their later stages of life. Their "Five Wishes" program assists all people ages 18 and up in writing their own personal preferences if their lives were in danger.

### **Caring.com**

<http://www.caring.com/>

This website is available for all types of questions or concerns about getting help for an elder or help for a caregiver. There are many resources on different medical conditions as well as advice for easy transitions on both ends of the spectrum. Their website is dedicated to helping elders and those who care for them.

### **End Of Life Choices NY**

<http://endoflifechoicesny.org/>

This organization's goals are to support, educate and advocate for people who are in their last stages of life. They believe that all people should have the right to die humanely and with the least amount of pain. They advocate for legislation and through the court system.

### **Elderlaw Answers**

<https://www.elderlawanswers.com/>

A website that gives out up-to-date information about crucial legal issues facing seniors as well as different legal information. You can tap into a network of highly qualified elder law attorneys across the nation and get preliminary answers to your legal questions.

### **Family Caregiver Alliance**

<http://caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/home.jsp>

A website completely devoted to providing all types of information to the public. There are several links to find further information and help as well as information specific to New York. Questions especially about finances and legal issues are answered in detail.

### **Hospice Foundation of America**

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

Provides resources for people in end of life situations within their families and/or professions. Their goal is to enhance the U.S. Health Care System with its services and resources.

### **LongTermCare.gov**

<https://longtermcare.acl.gov/>

Learn about long-term health care through this tool produced by the Administration for Community Living, part of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

### **National Alliance for Caregiving**

<http://www.caregiving.org>

A coalition of national organizations focused on caregiving. The website can send users to over 1,000 other websites containing resources for caregivers and the elderly.

### **New York State Office for the Aging**

<http://www.aging.ny.gov>

New York State agency dedicated to helping older New Yorkers be as independent as possible for as long as possible through advocacy, development and delivery of person-centered, consumer-oriented, and cost-effective policies, programs and services which support and empower older adults and their families.

### **SeniorAdvisor.com**

800-805-3621

<https://www.senioradvisor.com/>

This website provides consumer ratings and reviews for senior living communities and homecare providers nationwide. It provides an open platform for residents and their families to share their first-hand experience of their senior care services to help others in their own search for senior care.



# PET CARE SERVICES

## **ASPCA Animal Hospital**

424 East 92nd Street  
New York, NY 10128  
212-876-7700

<https://www.asPCA.org/nyc/asPCA-animal-hospital-nyc>

The ASPCA Animal Hospital (AAH) provides urgent veterinary care for cats and dogs whose owners are experiencing financial challenges. AAH is open Monday-Saturday from 8:30am-4:00pm. Before visiting AAH, call first at 646-259-4080. Services are only available to households with an income of \$75,000 or less. To qualify for financial assistance, please bring one of the following documents with you: EBT benefits card, SSI award letter, VA benefits letter, proof of unemployment or workers' compensation, or proof of TANF benefits.

## **ASPCA Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic**

877-772-9692

<https://www.asPCA.org/nyc/spay-neuter-services/mobile-spay-neuter-clinic>

The ASPCA strives to make spay/neuter services accessible and affordable for all city residents. Low-income pet parents (with proof of public assistance such as welfare, Medicaid, Medicare, SSI, disability, food stamps, TANF or public housing) will qualify for heavily subsidized spay/neuter services for their cat or dog. Spay/neuter fees for cats and dogs with proof of public assistance is \$5 and without proof of public assistance is \$125. The ASPCA Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinics travel through many neighborhoods to offer spay/neuter surgery.

## **Healthy Pets Project of NYC**

<http://www.healthypetsnyc.org>

Offering free spay/neuter services, pet food, and supplies for low-income pet owners, and assistance to those facing financial hardship due to a veterinary emergency. Applicants are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and must meet certain criteria.

## **Paws New York**

212-203-4760

<http://pawsny.org/>

The Housecalls Program is PAWS NY's core program where volunteers make home visits to provide dog walking, litter maintenance, provision of food and water, transportation to/from the vet, and grooming to older pet owners who met their eligibility requirements. Through the Pets Pantry Program, PAWS NY also distributes pet food and supplies on a limited basis to people who are having trouble buying food for their pets.

## **The Humane Society of New York**

306 East 59th Street  
New York, NY 10022  
212-752-4842

<http://www.humanesocietyny.org>

The society helps dog and cat owners with limited means with veterinary care at affordable rates. The most needy cases (frequently elderly or owners with disabilities with acutely ill pets) receive full or partial underwriting for care. Covers 100% of spay/neuter costs.



# POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCILS

All police precincts in New York City hold monthly meetings open to the public. The meetings are an opportunity for citizens to learn about recent developments in their community, meet senior police officers, and to discuss any concerns or questions. The following precincts cover the majority of Senate District 28:

## **13<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct**

230 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011  
212-477-7411

The Precinct Community Council typically meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the precinct station house.

## **17<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct**

167 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10022  
212-826-3211

The Precinct Community Council meeting is typically held on the last Tuesday of every month at 6 pm at the Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 East 51st Street.

## **19<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct**

153 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10065  
212-452-0600

The Precinct Community Council typically meets the first Monday of the month at 7pm at the precinct station house.

## **Midtown North Police Precinct**

306 West 54th Street  
New York, NY, 10019  
212-767-8400

The Community Council typically meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at 306 West 54th St., which is the Midtown Pct. North station house. Meetings are not held in July / August.

## **Midtown South Police Precinct**

357 West 35th Street  
New York, NY 10001  
212-239-9811

The Precinct Community Council typically meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the New Yorker Hotel.

# SENIOR CENTERS

At present, there are over 100 senior centers located throughout Manhattan operated by the NYC Department for the Aging. To find one close to you, call 311 or check the Department for the Aging's website. The Centers offer a variety of services including meals, educational and recreational programs, assistance with benefits, exercise classes, services to the homebound elderly and field trips to theaters and museums. Almost all centers provide lunch daily for a requested donation of \$1.50.

The following centers are located on the East Side of Manhattan:

## **Carter Burden Network**

1484 First Avenue  
New York, NY 10075  
212-879-7400

<http://www.carterburdennetwork.org>

*Lunch is served at 351 East 74th Street*

*Breakfast & Lunch are served at 312 E. 109th Street*

Serves Manhattan residents age 60 and older allowing them to live safely and with dignity. The Center provides on-site activities including yoga, exercise, chorus, arts and crafts, and computer classes. Other programs include help for people experiencing memory loss, case management, help with benefit applications, elder abuse intervention program, cultural connections, and more. Offers assistance with benefits and entitlements, and support services to help older adults to remain in their homes, such as housekeeping and assistance with activities of daily living.

## **Carter Burden/Leonard Covello Senior Program**

312 East 109th Street (between 1st and 2nd Aves.)  
New York, NY 10029  
212-423-9665

<http://www.carterburdennetwork.org/2-carter-burden-leonard-covello-senior-program>

Open to anyone over 60, this program provides socialization, recreation and education through a wide variety of daily activities, including, breakfast and lunch, dance and yoga classes, computer training, health and wellness activities, art programs, special events & holiday parties and other activities. Day trips are also planned on a regular basis. Case assistance is offered to members who need help in applying for benefit programs, accessing medical care, or other supports.

## **Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Senior Center**

343 East 70th Street  
New York, NY 10021  
212-744-5905

<http://www.lenoxhill.org/center-lenox-hill-neighborhood-house/>

*All meals are served at above address. Some activities may take place at 331 East 70th Street.* The 70th Street Senior Center is open daily. The Center offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner at 8:15 am, 11:30 am, and 5:30pm respectively and features an array of cultural, educational and recreational activities. Financial and case management services are provided, and a social day care for physically and cognitively frail elders is located on site. Meals on Wheels, benefits and entitlements, support services to help older adults live safely in their homes are also available.

### **Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Senior Center at St. Peter's Church**

619 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10022  
212-308-1959

<http://www.lenoxhill.org/saintpeters/>

The Senior Center at St. Peter's Church is Monday through Saturday. The Center provides lunch at noon and a host of activities including on-site jazz concerts every Wednesday, creative movement and language classes, educational lectures on health and finances, and movies. Staffed by a team of dedicated social workers committed to improving older adults' quality of life, free counseling and referrals are provided to all members.

### **Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center**

415 East 93rd Street  
New York, NY 10128  
212-360-7620

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

Offers health and wellness programs, social activities, cultural and educational events workshops, adult education, and computer classes. Breakfasts and lunches are provided on site.

### **Stein Senior Center**

204 East 23rd Street, 2nd Floor  
New York, NY 10010  
646-395-8083

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

Lunch and activities for seniors are offered weekdays. Services and programs include an on-staff nutritionist, exercise classes, a bi-monthly legal clinic, computer classes, trips, parties, lectures and demonstrations. A new program is SPA (Service Program for Adults), a day care program for those suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. The program is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1pm-4pm and different activities are offered each day.

### **Additional Senior Centers**

#### **Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Elders (SAGE)**

Midtown  
305 7th Avenue, 15th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
212-741-2247

Harlem (Oberia D. Dempsey Center)  
127 West 127<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10027  
646-660-8951

<https://www.sageusa.org/nyc/centers/midtown.cfm>

<https://www.sageusa.org/nyc/centers/harlem.cfm>

First full-time LGBT Senior Center in the country. Provides meals and programs related to arts and culture, fitness, food and nutrition, health and wellness, and lifelong education.

#### **Selfhelp Virtual Senior Center**

212-971-7676

<http://vscm.selfhelp.net/>

This initiative places easy-to-use large touch screen devices with integrated webcams into the homes of socially-isolated older New Yorkers to create an interactive experience that reduces social isolation and provides better access to community services. The program allows

participants to engage in activities like discussion groups, museum lectures and music classes from the comfort of their own homes.

### Meal Programs Available at Senior Centers:

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Days Available</u>	<u>Meal Times</u>
Carter Burden Luncheon Club	351 East 74 <sup>th</sup> Street	Lunch	Monday- Friday	Noon
Carter Burden/ Leonard Covello Senior Program	312 East 109 <sup>th</sup> Street	Breakfast and Lunch	Monday-Friday	Breakfast: 8:30-9:30 Lunch: Noon
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Senior Center	343 East 70 <sup>th</sup> Street	Breakfast Lunch and Dinner	Every day	Breakfast: 8:15-9:15 Lunch: 11:30-12:30 Dinner: 5:30-6:30
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Senior Center at St. Peter's Church	619 Lexington Avenue	Lunch	Monday-Friday	Noon
Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center	415 East 93 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Breakfast and Lunch	Monday- Friday	Breakfast: 8:30-9:15 Lunch: 11:45 & 12:15
Stein Senior Center	204 East 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Lunch	Monday-Friday	11:30 am- 12:45 pm



## SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

### **Access-A-Ride**

877-337-2017

718-393-4999

<http://web.mta.info/nyct/paratran/guide.htm/>

Provides transportation for people who are unable to use public transportation. One-way fare is the same as full fare on mass transit. Exact change required. Access-A-Ride service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call for application and/or additional information. Please note you must apply and it will take at least 21 days for approval from the date of application.

### **Community Arranged Resident Transportation Program (C.A.R.T. Project)**

212-956-0855

<http://www.nyfsc.org/services/freetrans.html>

C.A.R.T. provides free car service, Monday-Friday, to and from doctor's appointments and planned events. C.A.R.T. also delivers meals to homebound seniors living in mid-Manhattan. This service operates only in Manhattan from the Battery to 96<sup>th</sup> Street on the East Side and to 110<sup>th</sup> Street on the West Side. The service accommodates people in wheelchairs.

### **Center for Independence of the Disabled of New York (CIDNY)**

841 Broadway, Suite 301

New York, NY 10003

212-254-5000

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

Provides benefits counseling and direct services (e.g. housing assistance, referrals and recreational activities for residents with disabilities). Also involved in political advocacy to improve the rights and opportunities of people living with disabilities.

### **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities**

100 Gold Street, 2nd Floor

New York, NY 10038

212-NEW-YORK (Out-of-City) or 311 or 711(Relay service for Hard-of-hearing)

[www.nyc.gov/html/mopd](http://www.nyc.gov/html/mopd)

Works with other NYC agencies to assure that the voices of the disabled are represented and that City programs and policies address the needs of people with disabilities. Provides brochures and directories that detail programs, services, activities, and other resources that are accessible to people with disabilities.

### **New York City Human Rights Commission**

100 Gold Street, Suite 4600

New York, NY 10038

718-722-3131

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/cchr/home.html>

The New York City Human Rights Law is one of the most comprehensive civil rights laws in the nation. The Law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on race, color, creed, age, national origin, alien, age or citizenship status, gender

(including gender identity), sexual orientation, disability, marital status, and partnership status. Provides online education resources with information on various types of discrimination, as well as an avenue through which to file complaints with the city about any discrimination an individual might have experience.

### **New York State Human Rights Commission**

Manhattan Office

163 West 125th Street, 4th Floor

New York, New York 10027

212-961-8650

<https://dhr.ny.gov/>

New York has the proud distinction of being the first state in the nation to enact a Human Rights Law, which affords every citizen “an equal opportunity to enjoy a full and productive life.” This law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, credit, places of public accommodations, and non-sectarian educational institutions, based on age, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, military status, and other specified classes.

***See page 66 for information about the Disabled Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) program for low-income renters.***

# SERVICES FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

## **American Foundation for the Blind**

2 Penn Plaza, Suite 1102

New York, NY 10121

212-502-7600

Information center: 800-232-5463

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

Provides a directory of services for older adults with vision impairments. Works to expand the possibilities for people with vision loss.

## **New York State Commission for the Blind & Visually Handicapped**

80 Maiden Lane, 23rd Floor

New York, NY 10038

212-383-1740 or hotline 866-871-3000

<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cb/>

Provides a listing of not-for-profit agencies in New York that offer on-the-job training, placement services, assistance technology and other services to the blind and visually impaired.

## **Lighthouse Guild**

250 West 64th Street

New York, NY 10023

800-284-4422

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

Provides a spectrum of integrated vision and healthcare services for those that are blind or visually impaired as well as providing services to those with chronic medical conditions or multiple disabilities. Offers many different services and programs related to mental health, medical expenses, medical plans, behavioral health, vision rehabilitation, adult day services and others. It also participates in research.

## **National Federation of the Blind of New York State NYC Chapter**

718-567-7821

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

Support and advocacy group that strives to reform general attitudes towards the blind, and the attitudes blind people have about themselves. Provides phone support groups for seniors as well. NYC chapter meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

## **SUNY University Optometric Center**

33 West 42nd Street

New York, NY 10036

212-938-4000 or 212-938-4001

<http://www.sunyopt.edu/uec>

The patient care facility of the State University of New York College of Optometry provides a wide range of services for all eye care patients including comprehensive exams, vision therapy, laser eye surgery, and low vision services. Accepts Medicaid and Medicare.



## SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES (ALSO SEE SENIOR CENTERS)

### **The Actors Fund Senior Care Program**

729 Seventh Avenue  
New York, NY 10019  
212-221-7300

<http://www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/senior-services>

The Senior Care Program helps entertainment industry professionals 65 years old and older, their families and caregivers with services including assessment, advocacy, access to entitlements or other benefits, and financial management and assistance.

### **Catholic Charities of the Archdioceses of New York**

1011 First Avenue, 11th Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
888-744-7900 – helpline

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

Assists the elderly, poor and vulnerable of all religions through an extensive federation of more than 90 agencies and programs.

### **Community Service Society of New York**

633 3rd Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
212-614-5552– Public Benefits Information Line

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

A non-profit organization that helps New Yorkers with health, housing, and public benefits. Offers a wide array of programs and services from advocacy to case management. Extensive information about public benefits available on their website and by calling the public benefits line.

### **DOROT**

171 West 85th Street  
New York, NY 10024  
212-769-2850

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

Addresses basic needs such as food, housing, health and wellness. Provides social, cultural and educational activities to alleviate isolation and to foster interaction among generations. Operates a number of programs including friendly visiting, shop and escort, kosher meals for the homebound, support for caregivers, and homelessness prevention.

### **Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies**

40 Broad Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
212-777-4800

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

Promotes the social and economic well-being of New York's most vulnerable, including the elderly, through their membership.

**Health Outreach at New York Presbyterian**

420 East 76<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10021  
212-746-4351

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

Promotes health and quality of life for adult's age 60 and older. Certified social workers provide health and insurance information and facilitate access to social services. Health education programs include monthly lectures covering medical, social, legal and entitlement issues. Health Outreach also sponsors a find-a-physician program at the main hospital, located at 525 East 68th Street.

**Health Advocates for Older People, Inc.**

708 3rd Avenue  
New York, NY 10017  
212-980-1700

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

*Many activities hosted at the Church of the Holy Trinity at 341 East 87<sup>th</sup> Street*

Health Advocates' Healthy Aging Program provides seniors the tools, techniques, and support to age with independence and vitality in the city they love. Promotes healthy aging through wellness programs, exercise classes, cultural and museum visits, lectures, and seasonal luncheons. Another important program is the Home Safety Visit, which identifies potential safety hazards and recommends specific low-cost solutions.

**Jewish Association for Services to Aged (JASA)**

247 West 37th Street  
New York, NY 10018  
212-273-5272

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

Provides social, recreational, health, legal, housing, educational and advocacy programs for the elderly regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.

**Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council)**

120 Broadway, 7th Floor  
New York, NY 10271  
212-453-9500

<http://www.metcouncil.org>

Met Council provides comprehensive social services to aid, sustain and empower low-income New Yorkers. The agency provides immediate assistance to New Yorkers in crisis and provides support through the following programs: kosher food pantry, domestic violence counseling, home repairs, benefits assistance, and affordable housing. Met council's grassroots Jewish Community Council network provides support to families in their neighborhoods.

**New York Foundation for Senior Citizens**

11 Park Place, 14th Floor

New York, NY 10007

212-962-7730

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

Provides housing alternatives and professionally administered social service programs to help seniors live healthy, independent lives. Its Ombudsman Program specializes in defending the rights of residents in long-term care facilities. Meals on Wheels, benefits and entitlements, housekeeping and personal assistance with activities of daily living.

**Selfhelp Community Services, Inc.**

520 Eighth Avenue, 5th Floor

New York, NY 10018

866-735-1234 (main line)

<https://selfhelp.net/>

Selfhelp works to enable older adults and at-risk families to live in their own homes independently and with dignity. Provides a comprehensive network of community based home care, social services and senior housing programs, which integrate progressive strategies, and cutting edge technologies that address the changing needs of their clients. Also operates the largest and oldest Nazi victim services program in the country for survivors of the Holocaust.

**Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Elders (SAGE)**

305 Seventh Avenue, 15th Floor

New York, NY 10001

212-741-2247

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

Meets the unique needs of the senior gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities. Holds various social events, provides social work counselors, cultural workshops, and an exercise group.

# TRANSPORTATION

## **Access-A-Ride**

877-337-2017

<http://web.mta.info/nyct/paratran/guide.htm>

Provides transportation on an “as needed” basis for people who are unable to use public transportation. One-way fare is the same as full fare on mass transit. Exact change required. Access-A-Ride service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call for application and/ or additional information. It will take at least 21 days from the date of application for approval.

## **Accessible Dispatch**

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Direct Dispatcher: 646-599-9999 Text: 646-400-0789

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

Accessible Dispatch compensates drivers for their travel to a pickup location allowing passengers to only pay the metered taxi fare. All drivers of wheelchair-accessible taxicabs are required to participate in the Accessible Dispatch program. Passengers can request a wheelchair-accessible taxi for any trip beginning in Manhattan by calling/texting/visiting the website listed above.

## **Community Arranged Resident Transportation Program (CART)**

212-956-0855

<http://www.nyfsc.org/services/freetrans.html>

CART provides free car service, Monday-Friday, to and from doctor's appointments and planned events. CART also delivers meals to homebound older adults living in mid-Manhattan. This service operates only in Manhattan from the Battery to 96<sup>th</sup> Street on the East Side and to 110<sup>th</sup> Street on the West Side. The service accommodates people in wheelchairs.

## **EasyPay MetroCard**

877-323-RIDE (877-323-7433)

<https://www.easypaymetrocard.com/>

Assistance available 9am-5pm on weekdays, except holidays, and 9am-2pm on Saturdays. Program allows older adults to pay for rides automatically with a credit or debit card. Monthly statements are sent to account holders and are available online.

## **Reduced Fare MetroCards**

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<http://web.mta.info/nyct/fare/rfindex.htm>

Reduced Fare MetroCards currently offer \$1.35 fare to adults 65 and older and to people with disabilities of any age. Reduced Fare cards work like standard MetroCards, but are personalized with your name and photo. Pay-per-ride and unlimited-ride options available, as well as EasyPay. Call for a form, or apply in person at 3 Stone Street (at Broadway). Two valid forms of identification are needed. Check website for where to use reduced fare metrocards.

# VETERANS' BENEFITS

## **Veterans' Crisis Line**

If you are a veteran or current service member or are concerned about one, call (800) 273-8255. Press 1 to be connected to a veterans' crisis counselor.

If you are a U.S. Armed Forces Veteran who served during wartime, and you meet certain financial qualifications, you may be entitled to certain healthcare benefits. These include: outpatient pharmacy services, dental care, vision care, and hearing aids.

Veterans' Health Administration Long Term Care Benefits:

**VA Long Term Care**: The VA offers a spectrum of geriatric and extended care services to veterans enrolled in its health care system.

**Non-Institutional Care**: Veterans can receive home-based primary care, contract home health care, adult day health care, homemaker, and home health aide services, home respite care, home hospice care and community residential care.

For free assistance in accessing your veterans' benefits, contact your state, county or local veterans' benefit counselor at 888-VETS-NYS (888-838-7697) or 718-447-8787, or <http://www.veterans.ny.gov/>.

The local office is located at 245 West Houston Street and is open Monday to Friday from 8:30am - 4pm.

## **Additional V.A. Locations**

### **Department of Veterans' Service**

346 Broadway  
New York, NY 10013  
212-442-4172  
[www.nyc.gov/veterans](http://www.nyc.gov/veterans)

### **Harlem Veteran Center**

2279 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10035  
646-273-8139  
*Monday-Friday, 10:30am-5:30pm  
(After 4:00, by appointment only)*

### **NYS Division of Veteran Affairs - Manhattan Center**

423 East 23rd Street  
New York, NY 10010  
212-686-7500  
[www.veterans.ny.gov/](http://www.veterans.ny.gov/)

### **Manhattan Veteran Center**

32 Broadway, Suite 200  
New York, NY 10004  
212-742-9591  
*Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm*

### **NYS Division of Veteran Affairs - Central Office**

2 Empire State Plaza, 17th Floor  
Albany, NY 12223  
1-888-838-7697  
*Daily 8:30am-7:30pm*

### **USO of Metropolitan New York**

625 Eighth Avenue  
New York, NY 10018  
212-695-6160  
<https://metrony.uso.org/>

## **Veterans' Health Care Benefits:**

CHAMPVA 800-733-8387

Medical care for dependents and survivors of veterans.

General Benefits

877-222-VETS (877-222-8387)

Women's Health

885-VA-Women (885-82-96636)

## **Veterans' Homeowner Tax Exemption**

The Veterans' Tax Exemption is a partial property tax exemption available to property owners who served in the U.S. armed forces in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf or the Global War on Terrorism. The spouse of a qualified veteran, the unmarried surviving spouse of a qualified veteran, and a Gold Star parent (the parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. armed forces during one of the periods above) are also eligible for this exemption. To receive an application, contact the NYC Department of Finance at 311 or

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlords-veterans.page>.

## **New York City Bar Association's Veterans Assistance Project**

42 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street

New York, NY 10036

212-382-4722 or 877-564-3383

<http://www.citybarjusticecenter.org/projects/veterans-assistance-project/>.

The Veterans Assistance Project provides skilled legal counsel with the hope for seniors to receive the benefits they deserve. The Project is designed to meet the needs of the 254,000 veterans living in New York City by providing pro bono assistance with disability benefits claims before the New York City Regional Office of Veterans Affairs.

## **Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Healthcare System-Manhattan**

423 East 23rd Street

New York, NY 10010

212-686-7500

<https://www.nyharbor.va.gov/>

The NY Harbor Healthcare System is always improving the health of the men and women who so proudly served our nation. Services are available to veterans living in the 5 boroughs. This system works to be the provider of choice of veterans and the community by offering an efficient, integrated quality health care system capable of providing a full range of primary, specialty and chronic health care services in a system that is readily accessible and responsive to change.

## **Additional Toll Free Numbers:**

Department of Veterans' Affairs: 888-838-7697

Special Issues (Gulf War/Agent Orange): 800-749-8387

Education and Training (GI Bill): 888-442-4551

Life Insurance: 800-669-8477



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are countless volunteer opportunities with organizations throughout NYC. Below is a small sample.

## **AARP Experience Corps**

<http://www.aarp.org/experience-corps/experience-corps-volunteer/experience-corps-cities-new-york.html>

Hosted by the Community Service Society, the program enlists volunteers 55 years old and older to improve the literacy skills of elementary school students.

## **American Red Cross**

520 West 49th Street  
New York, NY 10019  
877-733-2767

<http://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer#step1>

Trains volunteers to work in a variety of capacities, including disaster response, teaching, health and safety and support services.

## **Big Apple Greeters**

1 Centre Street  
New York, NY 10007  
212-669-8159

<http://bigapplegreeter.org/volunteer/>

Through this program, volunteer greeters show visitors to New York around all the boroughs. Volunteers who speak languages other than English are especially in demand.

## **JASA's Joint Public Affairs Committee for Older Adults (JPAC)**

247 West 37th Street, 9th Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
212-273-5272

[www.jasa.org/volunteer](http://www.jasa.org/volunteer)

JPAC is a social action coalition that offers older volunteers a training course in leadership and engagement. Volunteers are also needed for office work.

## **New York Cares**

65 Broadway, 19th Floor  
New York, NY 10006  
212-228-5000

<https://www.newyorkcares.org/>

Non-profit organization that matches people of all ages with volunteer opportunities across the city. Opportunities are available for those who want to help out for as little as one day.

## **New York State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program–CIDNY**

212.812.2913

<http://www.cidny.org/long-term-care-ombudsman-program.php>

“Ombudsmen” are advocates for those living in nursing homes, and assisted living facilities, and family-type homes. CIDNY's Ombudsmen work with residents and their families to make sure residents' rights are protected, their needs met, and any complaints are resolved. The Ombudsman program uses volunteers as advocates. Volunteers go through a 36-hour training program and are then certified by the state. Once they are certified, volunteers are assigned to a facility to work with the residents and their families.

## **NYC Service**

253 Broadway, 8th Floor

New York, NY 10007

212-788-7550

<https://www.nycservice.org>

Refers volunteers to a wide range of city organizations.

## **OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program (in East Harlem with Union Settlement)**

212-828-6121

<https://unionsettlement.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Share your love of reading and language with a child in grades K-4. Work with a student one-on-one or several throughout the school year. Training is provided to help in six East Harlem schools and no prior experience is required.

## **Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**

212-254-8900

<http://www.cssny.org/programs/entry/retired-and-senior-volunteer-program>

Run by the Community Service Society of New York. Encourages and assists older adults who want to volunteer in their communities. Includes a senior-to-youth mentoring program.

## **Senior Companion Program**

800-942-2677

[www.seniorcorps.gov/about/programs/sc.asp](http://www.seniorcorps.gov/about/programs/sc.asp)

This program arranges for senior citizen volunteers to reach out to other seniors who need friendship and help with simple chores.

## **Volunteer Referral Center**

161 Madison Ave, Suite 5SW

New York, NY 10016

212-889-4805

<http://volunteer-referral.com/>

This 25-year old program connects skilled and willing volunteers with the needs of nonprofit organizations. Interviews are required with all volunteers to match with positions.



# WHAT ARE ADVANCE DIRECTIVES?

## HEALTHCARE PROXY

The New York Health Care Proxy Law allows you to appoint someone you trust — for example, a family member or close friend – to make health care decisions for you if you lose the ability to make decisions yourself. By appointing a health care agent, you can make sure that health care providers follow your wishes. Your agent can also decide how your wishes apply as your medical condition changes.

Hospitals, doctors and other health care providers must follow your agent's decisions as if they were your own. You may give the person you select as your health care agent as little or as much authority as you want. You may allow your agent to make all health care decisions or only certain ones. You may also give your agent instructions that he or she has to follow. This form can also be used to document your wishes or instructions with regard to organ and/or tissue donation. You can download a copy of the NYS Healthcare Proxy at: [https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/health\\_care\\_proxy/](https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/health_care_proxy/).

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

The "durable power-of-attorney" is one of the most powerful planning tools that an attorney can recommend to a client, not only for estate planning, but also for Medicaid and other entitlement programs. When a person (the principal) signs a power-of-attorney, he gives another person (the agent) the power to act in his place and on his behalf in managing his assets and affairs. The agent's powers may be broad and sweeping so as to include almost any act which the principal might have performed. It should be noted, however, that, in general, acts which are inherently testamentary in nature, such as the authority to make or revoke a will, may not be performed by an agent.

A power-of-attorney can be either a "general" power-of-attorney, where the agent may perform almost any act the principal might have performed himself regarding the financial management of his affairs, or a "limited" power-of-attorney where the agent has one or more specific powers, such as the power to sell a particular property to a particular purchaser at a particular time.

A single principal may name one or more agents who can be authorized to act either "jointly" or "severally" (alone without the signature of the other agent or agents).

The "durable" power-of-attorney is unlike the ordinary power-of-attorney in that it does not become inoperative upon the incapacity of the principal. The durable power-of-attorney provides that those powers granted to the agent will not be affected by the subsequent disability or incapacity of the principal or by the lapse of time.

In drafting powers-of-attorney, care should be given to confer powers with as much specificity as possible in order to avoid the possibility of a court construing a specific omission as intent to fail to grant that specific power. Such an adverse finding could be a serious detriment to the principal's assets.

The power-of-attorney for asset management in the case of a seriously ill or person with disability is especially useful in situations where the person's assets may be modest and, accordingly, do not warrant the expense associated with other planning techniques, such as trusts or guardianships.

The great advantage of the durable power-of-attorney is that it remains effective after the principal's incapacity. The agent, therefore, can act immediately upon the principal's incapacity to manage his assets or to take various measures without initiating costly and time-consuming guardianship proceedings to obtain the court's authorization for such transactions.

In a few states, the principal is allowed to delegate to the agent in the durable power-of-attorney various health care powers in addition to control over financial matters. In New York State, however, a health care power-of-attorney or proxy must be a separate document from a power-of-attorney.

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