

# Services for People with Disabilities

For Information on the Americans with Disabilities Act Call 1-800-514-0301

## Agencies and Resources

### AccessCNY

1603 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208

315-218-1639

<https://www.accesscny.org/>

AccessCNY offers home care through its **Self-Direction** program. Self-Direction empowers adults with developmental disabilities to customize their supports and services to meet their unique needs. With the support of family and friends, Self-Direction participants take control of important decisions such as what support staff to hire, which services to receive and how to allocate money from their budget.

### ARC of Onondaga

600 Wilbur Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204

315- 476-7441

<https://www.arcon.org/>

Arc of Onondaga offers **day habilitation** at numerous sites throughout Onondaga County five days a week. Participating individuals must be HCBS (Home and Community-Based Services) Waiver enrolled, 18 years of age or older, and diagnosed with a developmental disability.

Arc supports 23 **residences** in the community and views each resident as an adult who possesses, to the greatest extent possible, the same rights and privileges as any other adult.

**Horizons Clinic** A division of Arc of Onondaga, Horizons is a free-standing, Article 16 Clinic certified by the New York State Office of People With Developmental Disabilities.

**Respite Reimbursement Program** is designed to provide funds in order to assist individuals' and their families' access to respite services and goods deemed appropriate to meet the needs of the person being served. The program is designed to assist family members by giving them some relief from full-time caregiving and may also potentially increase social interactions for individuals with developmental disabilities. Funding is intended to complement, not supplement, other support and assistance programs.

**Medicaid Service Coordinators** (MSCs) assist individuals with developmental disabilities in obtaining the services and supports necessary for them to lead successful, independent lives in the community. MSCs develop, implement and maintain Individualized Service Plans (ISPs) which reflect the informed choices of the individual by outlining the personalized goals he/she wants and needs to achieve. To be eligible to receive Medicaid Service Coordination a person must:

- Have a documented diagnosis of a developmental disability
- Be enrolled in Medicaid
- Demonstrate a need for ongoing, comprehensive service coordination
- Give consent, or have a person authorized to give consent, to receive Medicaid Service Coordination
- Not be enrolled in any other comprehensive Medicaid long-term service coordination program.

## **ARISE**

635 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203

315-472-3171

<https://www.ariseinc.org/>

Arise is a non-profit, community-based organization that works to ensure that everyone, regardless of disability, has the power to make life choices and achieve their dreams. Since 1979, they have provided opportunities so that people with disabilities can live freely and independently in the community. Everything they do is based on the independent living philosophy, the belief that people with disabilities have a right to self-determination – the freedom to make choices and work toward achieving personal goals and systems change. All their programs are consumer directed, maximizing choice and opportunities for the people they serve.

## **Aurora of CNY**

518 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203-2219

315- 422-7263, TDD: 422-9746

<https://www.auroraofcny.org/>

Offers a wide range of services to individuals and their families who are blind, visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing in Onondaga and surrounding counties. Services include: Instruction in daily living skills, safe and independent travel training, instruction in adaptive technology for people with vision loss, information and referral, counseling, outreach, volunteer services (assessment and training), the Marjorie Clare interpreter referral services, and alcohol and substance abuse/prevention services geared to the cultural and linguistic needs of the deaf community.

## **ERIE (Enriched Resources for the Independent Elderly)**

Toomey Abbott Towers, 1207 Almond Street, Terrace Level, Syr., NY 13210

(315) 428-8562

Residential care for functionally-impaired elderly (non-institutional setting).

**Accommodations:** Up to 86-bedroom apartments with a kitchen and combined living/dining room; provisions for couples to live together.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay, Medicaid

## **Exceptional Family Resources**

1820 LeMoyne Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13208

315- 478-1462

<https://contactefr.org/>

Exceptional Family Resources provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities who live in Onondaga County. Their staff works to ensure that all people, regardless of their abilities or disabilities, lead full, active and productive lives in the community. They offer:

C.A.R.E.E.R.S. assists adults with developmental disabilities who have previously experienced significant barriers to employment identify their own career path and reach their personal objectives to employment.

Family Directed Supports provides direct financial assistance to support the needs of a family member living with a disability.

Family Education & Training provides training opportunities to caregivers of individuals who are eligible for this Medicaid Waiver service.

First Step helps establish initial links to services and support to families new to the developmental disabilities service system.

Friends Connection pairs youth and adults with developmental disabilities with volunteer companions to share community recreation opportunities.

Habilitation Services helps people with disabilities acquire skills, expand their interests and increase independence.

Medicaid Service Coordination assists individuals with developmental disabilities and their families with access appropriate supports and services.

Project Explore provides a half-day summer program of recreational activities for students with developmental disabilities.

Recreation provides recreation opportunities at various community locations.

Respite provides care and supervision to individuals with a developmental disability.

Senior Caregivers serves families in which a caregiver 55 or older lives with and cares for someone with a developmental disability.

Specialized Resources provides families with information and referrals to disability-related programs and services.

## **Onondaga County Public Library Adaptive Technologies**

<https://www.onlib.org/find/available-technology/adaptive-technologies>

- ZoomText computer screen magnifying software
- JAWS computer screen reading software
- DRAGON Naturally Speaking voice recognition software
- Braille embosser
- Topax XL HD video magnifier
- Assortment of lighted magnifiers
- Digital talking book machines
- Talking Typer keyboard instruction software

### **Person to Person: Citizen Advocacy**

7000 E. Genesee Street, D Building, Lower Level, Fayetteville, NY 13066

315- 445-7902

<https://www.ppcadvocacy.org/>

Recruits and provides volunteer Citizen Advocates to individuals with a disability. Citizen Advocates may become a spokesperson, friend, ally, helper or advisor. Some assume more formal roles like becoming a guardian, trustee, or adoptive parent.