

# GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

**Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (ACCES-VR)** - The state agency provides vocational and rehabilitation services, including job training and counseling for youth and adults with disabilities.

- ACCES-VR application guide
- How to apply for ACCES-VR Services

**Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)** - OPWDD provides services to eligible individuals, including supports for independent living, supportive and supervised residences, work and day activities, health care services, and service coordination.

- Eligibility Process
- Contact your local Front Door Regional Office

**Office of Mental Health (OMH)** - Serves New York residents with mental health needs. Programs overseen by OMH include inpatient and outpatient programs, community support, residential supportive housing, and family care programs.

**Social Security Administration (SSA)** - Funds programs that provide benefits for people of any age who are unable to do substantial work and have severe mental or physical impairments.

Apply online or call (800) 772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) for an appointment.

**New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB)** - Provides pre-employment transition services to students ages 14 to 21, transition services to youth, and vocational rehabilitation services for all students who are legally blind, including those with additional disabilities.

**Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)** - Helps people ages 14-24 get work experience, life skills training, and income during the summer months. Youth with disabilities receive priority in the lottery.

## **Transitional Planning Assistance and Care Coordination Agencies:**

Families living in New York City can select from one of the three care coordination organizations listed below. Families may switch care managers and/or CCO at any time. For those eligible for OPWDD services living in New York City, there are three Care Coordination Organizations.

Advance Care Alliance Phone: 833 692-2269

Care Design NY Phone: 518 235-1888

Tri-County Care Phone: 844 504 8400

**INCLUDEnyc** - Offers various workshops on navigating the transition process and provides assistance to families and youth on understanding and accessing a wide range of services and supports.