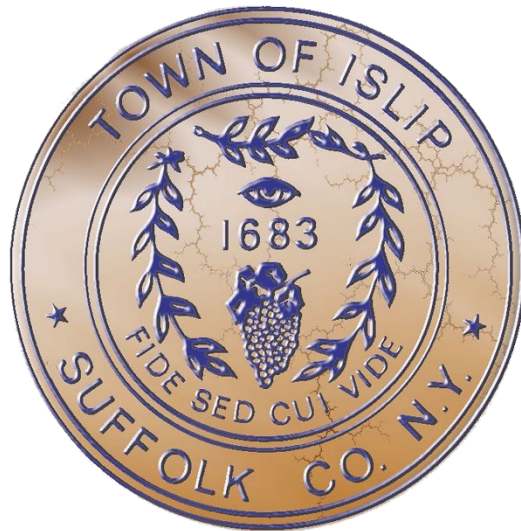


Town of Islip Disability Advisory Board Resource Guide



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Disability Resources

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or ADA is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination based on disability.

ADA Website: <https://www.ada.gov/>

ADA Phone Number: (800) 514-0301

Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center (ADRC): Long Island Events & Seminars:

Provides care, support and education programs for families in need, and to be advocates for local families who are coping with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias.

ADRC Website: <https://www.adrcinc.org/>

ADRC Phone Number: (631) 580-5100

Alzheimer's Association of Long Island (ALZ):

The Alzheimer's Association Long Island Chapter serves Nassau and Suffolk Counties. They help all those facing Alzheimer's disease and other dementias by providing support groups and educational resources, while advancing crucial research and public policy initiatives.

ALZ Website: https://www.alz.org/longisland/about_us

ALZ Phone Number: (631) 629-6950

Office of Disability Employment, U.S. Department of Labor (ODEP):

The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) is the only non-regulatory federal agency that promotes policies and coordinates with employers and all levels of government to increase workplace success for people with disabilities.

ODEP Website: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep>

ODEP Phone Number: (866) 633-7365

Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation (LIAF):

In addition to programs, LIAF offers in-home caregiver respite care, transportation services, Caregiver Support Groups, and hosts events designed to bring awareness to the needs of families living in Long Island, Nassau County, and Queens County.

LIAF Website: <https://www.lidementia.org/>

LIAF Phone Number: (516) 767-6856

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI):

NAMI is the nation's largest grass roots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental illness and their families.

NAMI Website: <https://www.nami-huntington.org/>

NAMI Phone Number: (631) 385-0754

New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD):

The New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) is responsible for coordinating services for New Yorkers with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, Prader-Willi syndrome and other neurological impairments. It provides services directly and through a network of approximately 500 nonprofit service providing agencies, with about 80 percent of services provided by the private nonprofits and 20 percent provided by state-run services.

OPWDD Website: <https://opwdd.ny.gov/>

OPWDD Phone Number: (631) 434-6100

Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities (SCOPD):

The Suffolk County Office of Handicapped Services responsibilities include: coordinating County services for people with disabilities; developing programs that assist people with disabilities in becoming more self-sufficient; advocating for changes to resolve issues facing the disabled; provide information and referrals for County residents with disabilities; and provide specialized services not available through other County departments.

SCOPD Website: <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Elected-Officials/County-Executive/People-With-Disabilities>

SCOPD Phone Number: (631) 853-8333

Town of Islip Disability Advisory Board (DAB):

Our mission statement is to serve as a resource to the Islip community by addressing accessibility, seeking equal rights, removing barriers and promoting opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The Board will attempt to define and implement goals for the improved quality of life for individuals with disabilities in the Town of Islip.

DAB Website: <https://islipny.gov/community-and-services/disability-advisory-board>

DAB Phone Number: (631) 595-3905

Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism (NSSA):

A non-profit organization dedicated to the education and treatment of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

NSSA Website: <https://www.nssa.net/>

NSSA Phone Number: (631) 462-0386

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE):

FREE provides a diverse array of supports and services including: housing; recovery services; transition to work; employment; day, community and family services; respite; crisis services; education and after school support; specialty health services; and advocacy.

FREE Website: <https://www.familyres.org/>

FREE Phone Number: (516) 870-7000

Self-Advocacy Association of New York State, Inc. (SAANYS):

The Self-Advocacy Association of New York State, Inc. (SANYS), is an organization founded, and led, by people with developmental disabilities for people with developmental disabilities. SANYS promotes the awareness and recognition of the civil rights and responsibilities which include the opportunities and choices of equal citizenship.

SAANYS Website: <https://sanys.org/region/long-island/>

SAANYS Phone Number: (631) 434-6936

Down Syndrome Advocacy Foundation (DSAF):

The Down Syndrome Advocacy Foundation is a not-for-profit organization [501 (c) (3)] founded by a group of individuals who have children or family members with Down syndrome. DSAF is dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals with Down syndrome through advocacy and supporting inclusion within schools, communities, and the work place.

DSAF Website: <http://dsafonline.org/>

DSAF Phone Number: (516) 983-7008

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing and housing-related transactions because of disability. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

HUD Website: <https://www.hud.gov/>

HUD Phone Number: (800) 669-9777

Social Security Administration (SSA):

The Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability programs provide assistance to people with disabilities.

SSA Website: <https://www.ssa.gov/>

SSA Phone Number: (800) 772-1213

New York State Industries for the Disabled (NYSID):

NYSID empowers people with disabilities through approved Preferred Source job opportunities provided through statewide membership. NYSID member agencies can also partner with private sector New York State businesses, including Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises and Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses.

NYSID Website: <https://www.nysid.org/>

NYSID Phone Number: (800) 221-5994

Autism Speaks (AS):

Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

AS Website: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/long-island>

AS Phone Number: (516) 809-8211

Long Island Advocacy Center, Inc. (LIAC):

The Long Island Advocacy Center (LIAC) is a non-for-profit agency dedicated to protecting the legal rights of students and individuals with disabilities.

LIAC Website: <https://theliac.org/>

LIAC Phone Number: (631) 234-0467

Disability Rights New York (DRNY):

DRNY is the Protection & Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program (P&A/CAP) for persons with disabilities in New York State. As the P&A/CAP for New York, DRNY advocates for the civil and legal rights for New Yorkers with disabilities.

DRNY Website: <https://www.drny.org/>

DRNY Phone Number: (800) 993-8982

Long Island Families Together (LIFT):

Long Island Families Together, Inc., as a parent and youth governed organization, provides a strong voice to ensure that children and youth with emotional, behavioral and mental health challenges and their families have access to needed information, supports and services.

LIFT Website: <https://www.lift4kids.org/>

LIFT Phone Number: (631) 264-5438

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP):

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes.

HEAP Website: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

HEAP Phone Number: (631) 853-8825

PSEG Critical Care Program for life-support equipment (PSEG-CCP):

Critical Care Program for individuals who depend on life-support equipment that requires electricity.

PSEG-CCP Website:

<https://www.psegliny.com/myaccount/customersupport/customerassistanceprograms/criticalcareprogram>

PSEG CCP Phone Number: (800) 490-0025

Positive Behavior Support Community Foundation (PBS-CF):

The PBS Community Foundation was established to help people with autism spectrum disorders, developmental disabilities, and other special needs with a particular focus on self-determination and full inclusion in the community.

PBS-CF Website: <https://pbscommunityfoundation.org/>

PBS-CF Phone Number: (631) 306-4323

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

Developmental Disability informational resource.

CDC Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/developmentaldisabilities/>

Transportation

Destination Accessible (DA):

Destination Accessible is the source for detailed accessibility descriptions of leisure locations.

DA Website: <https://destinationaccessible.org/>

Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network at the Northport VA Medical Center (DAV):

DAV Transportation at Northport is a volunteer service provided by veterans for veterans.

DAV Website: <https://suffolkcountyny.gov/veterans/Transportation>

DAV Phone Number: (631) 261-4400 ext. 7487

Suffolk County Transit (SCT):

Transportation Services

SCT Website: <https://www.sct-bus.org/>

SCT Phone Number: (631) 853-8337

Suffolk County Accessible Transportation (SCAT):

It is Suffolk County Transit's policy to make reasonable modifications to its policies, practices, or procedures when requested to do so by individuals with disabilities when such accommodations are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability.

SCAT Website: <https://www.sct-bus.org/scat.html>

SCAT Phone Number: (631) 738-1150

Accessible Vehicle Rentals (AVR):

AVR sells, services and rents wheelchair accessible vans to people with disabilities in the New York Metro area.

AVR Website: <https://bussanimobility.com/>

AVR Phone Number: (888) 379-4709

Life Skills

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind (GDFB):

To improve the quality of life for people who are blind, have low vision, or have other special needs.

GDFB Website: <https://www.guidedog.org/>

GDFB Phone Number: (631) 930-9000

Suffolk Independent Living Organization (SILO):

The purpose of the Suffolk Independent Living Organization, Inc. is to enable people with disabilities of Suffolk County, New York to gain effective control and direction of their lives. SILO advocates and promotes a growing sense of personal dignity and responsible community participation through training, community development and direct services responsive to the needs of the people.

SILO Website: <http://www.siloinc.org/>

SILO Phone Number: (631) 880-7929

Life's WORC (L-WORC):

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that supports people with intellectual disabilities including autism through Residential and Community Services, The Family Center for Autism, and Life's WORC Trust Services.

L-WORC Website: <https://lifesworc.org/>

L-WORC Phone Number: (516) 741-9000

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc. (UCP):

UCP of Long Island is committed to advancing the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities. Their mission is to provide life skills training, education, advocacy, meaningful employment and a place to call home for Long Islanders with a wide range of disabilities.

UCP Website: <https://www.ucp-li.org/>

UCP Phone Number: (631) 232-0011

Helen Keller National Center (HKNC):

Authorized by an Act of Congress in 1967, HKNC is the only organization of its kind—providing training and resources exclusively to people age 16 and over who have combined vision and hearing loss.

HKNC Website: <https://www.helenkeller.org/>

HKNC Phone Number: (516) 944-8900

Developmental Disabilities Institute (DDI):

DDI serves children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities, providing educational, residential, habilitative, vocational, transportation, and service coordination support to the Long Island community.

DDI Website: <https://www.ddiny.org/>

DDI Phone Number: (631) 366-2900

Adults & Children with Learning & Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (ACLD):

Provides opportunities for children and adults with autism, learning and developmental disabilities to pursue enviable lives, promote their independence and foster supportive relationships within the community.

ACLD Website: <https://www.acld.org/>

ACLD Phone Number: (516) 822-0028

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI):

Canine Companions for Independence® is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

CCI Website: <https://www.cci.org/location/northeast/>

CCI Phone Number: (631) 561-0200

Association of Habilitation and Residential Care (AHRC):

AHRC Suffolk's mission is to support and advocate with individuals of all ages with unique abilities and challenges. Our commitment is to provide individualized, high quality services utilizing person-centered approaches assisting them to discover and define their own quality of life.

AHRC Website: <https://www.ahrcsuffolk.org/>

AHRC Phone Number: (631) 585-0100

Education

Long Island Head Start (LIHS):

Head Start programs support children's growth and development in a positive learning environment through a variety of services.

LIHS Website: <http://www.liheadstart.org/>

LIHS Phone Number: (631) 758-5200

Child Care Council of Suffolk County (CCCSC):

Child Care Council of Suffolk remains the leading educational resource and referral service and advocate for quality early care and education to become an integral part of society for the children and families throughout all of Suffolk County's diverse communities.

CCCSC Website: <http://www.childcaresuffolk.org/>

CCCSC Phone Number: (631) 462-0303

Ascent School (AS):

The primary goals of the Ascent School are to prepare children with autism for enrollment in public school classrooms, for vocations that will enable them to become productive members of society, and ultimately to help them acquire the skills necessary to lead independent lives.

AS Website: <https://www.ascentschool.org/>

AS Phone Number: (631) 254-6100

Employment

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services -Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR):

ACCES-VR assists individuals with disabilities to achieve and maintain employment and to support independent living through training, education, rehabilitation, and career development.

ACCES-VR Website: <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr>

ACCES-VR Phone Number: (631) 952-6357

The Viscardi Center (VC):

Providing a lifespan of programs and services that educate, employ and empower children and adults with disabilities.

VC Website: <https://www.viscardicenter.org/>

VC Phone Number: (516) 465-1400

Skills Unlimited, Inc. (SU):

Skills Unlimited, Inc. offer persons with disabilities the opportunity to explore and develop their full vocational potential.

SU Website: <http://www.skillsunlimited.org/>

SU Phone Number: (631) 240-8031

TRI Business & Career Center (TRI):

TRI assists individuals with disabilities in reaching their highest level of independence through the provision of vocational and educational services.

TRI Website: <http://triworks.org/>

TRI Phone Number: (516) 741-2010

Ken's Krew, Inc. (KK):

Ken's Krew provides job placement, training, and support for individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities in competitive employment.

KK Website: <http://www.kenskrew.org/>

KK Phone Number: (212) 290-8999

Young Adult Institute (YAI):

YAI's Long Island region employs a diverse group of professionals throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties who are dedicated to providing the highest quality services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

YAI Website: <https://www.yai.org/locations/long-island>

YAI Phone Number: (631) 967-7100

Job Accommodation Network (JAN):

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is a free source for expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues.

JAN Website: <https://askjan.org/>

JAN Phone Number: (800) 526-7234

Maryhaven Center of Hope Foundation (MCHF):

Maryhaven's Business Center provides an integrated community environment where individuals with disabilities work side by side with non-disabled persons to provide packaging and assembly outsourcing and document imaging services to companies in the metropolitan New York area.

MCHF Website: <https://maryhaven.chsli.org/>

MCHF Phone Number: (631) 474-4120

Socialization

Special Olympics (SO):

Special Olympics New York provides inclusive opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to compete in Olympic-style, coached sports. To stay active for life. To achieve goals at local and international contests. And to taste victory and overcome defeat.

SO Website: <https://www.specialolympics-ny.org/>

SO Phone Number: (631) 254-1465

EJ Autism Foundation (EJAF):

The EJ Autism Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) Public Charity. Its mission is to create Autism Awareness and to support programs and schools on Long Island that currently work with children on the spectrum.

EJAF Website: <http://www.ejautismfoundation.org/>

EJAF Phone Number: (631) 521-4134

Best Buddies (BB):

Offering One-to-One Friendship, Integrated Employment, and Leadership Development programs for individuals with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in New York.

BB Website: <https://www.bestbuddies.org/newyork/>

BB Phone Number: (212) 220-8552

Parent to Parent of New York State (PPNYS):

Parent to Parent of New York State builds a supportive network of families to reduce isolation and empower those who care for people with developmental disabilities or special healthcare needs to navigate and influence service systems and make informed decisions.

PPNYS Website: <http://parenttoparentnys.org/>

PPNYS Phone Number: (800) 305-8817

Youth Enrichment Services (YES):

YES has served hundreds of thousands youth and families. YES programs and services are inclusive of all youth and families.

YES Website: <https://www.yesnews.org/>

YES Phone Number: (631) 587-5172

Recreation

Town of Islip (TOI):

Parks and Recreation Dept.

Big Wheel Chairs

"Big Wheelchairs are equipped with large, wide wheels which can roll across the sand without sinking. They usually require users to be accompanied by someone pushing them. Big Wheel Chairs are available at the following Town of Islip Beaches Atlantique, Dunewood, Fair Harbor Kismet, Seaview, Sayville Marina Park, Islip Beach, Bay Shore Marina, and West Islip Beach"

Pool Lifts

Pool lifts are assistive lifting devices designed to transfer people with limited mobility or disabilities into a pool. Pool Lifts are located at the following Town of Islip pool facilities.

Minieri's Parkview Riding Center Inc.

Fee based Equestrian Therapy program for individuals with disabilities.

TOI Parks and Rec Website: <https://www.islipny.gov/departments/parks-recreation-and-cultural-affairs>

TOI Parks and Rec Phone Number: (631) 224-5411

TOI Youth Bureau Modern Dance Program

This program is funded through a grant from the Town of Islip. Participants will receive modern dance lessons and will participate in recital performances. Open to the developmentally disabled, from ages six through 21 years of age.

TOI Youth Bureau Website: <https://www.islipny.gov/community-and-services/youth-bureau>

TOI Youth Bureau Phone Number: (631) 224-5320

Great South Bay YMCA:

The YMCA's mission is to promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

YMCA Website: <https://ymcali.org/locations/great-south-bay-ymca>

YMCA Phone Number: (631) 665-4255

National Foundation for Human Potential (NFHP):

The mission of the National Foundation for Human Potential is to promote, develop and encourage educational and support services for children and adults that are differently-abled through financial and other means of support.

NFHP Website: <https://nffhp.org/>

NFHP Phone Number: (516) 870-1661

The Music Academy for Special Learners (MASL):

Provides private instrumental instruction, private and group music therapy, music classes, and private and small group art instruction for children and adults of all levels and abilities.

MASL Website: <http://music4speciallearners.com/>

MASL Phone Number: (631) 615-6707

Inclusive Sports and Fitness (ISF):

ISF, Inc. is a nonprofit 501 (3) (c) organization whose mission is to provide skilled therapeutic, fitness, and habilitation services that maximize a child's capacity to play sports and recreational activities. We hope to level the playing field for all!

ISF Website: <https://www.inclusivesportsandfitness.org/>

ISF Phone Number: (631) 773-6888

Pal-O-Mine Equestrian (PE):

Pal-O-Mine Equestrian is a therapeutic horseback riding program for individuals with disabilities and other vulnerable populations that provides a comprehensive therapeutic equine program using horses to facilitate growth learning and healing.

PE Website: <https://pal-o-mine.org/>

PE Phone Number: (631) 348-1389

Great Strides Long Island (GSLI):

Great Strides provides instructors certified with PATH International, the world-wide standard-setting organization for therapeutic horseback riding. These instructors work with specially selected horses for children and adults with special needs. While this is a recreational riding program, students come away with many therapeutic benefits - builds core, arm and leg strength. Develops the ability to focus and follow direction as well as self-confidence and emotional strength.

GSLI Website: <https://www.greatstridesli.org/>

GSLI Phone Number: (631) 680-9222

Town of Islip Youth Bureau (TOI-YB):

The Town of Islip Youth Bureau and Youth Board know that Kids Really Do Count! Together they work with four non-for-profit agencies to provide services Town wide for youth under the age of 21. Counseling services for youth and their families are provided in strict confidence, by qualified counselors.

TOI-YB Website: <https://www.islipny.gov/community-and-services/youth-bureau>

TOI-YB Phone Number: (631) 224-5320

Challenger Athletics (CA):

Challenger Athletics' mission is to establish sport programs for people with both physical and learning disabilities. Challenger Athletics fosters, promotes and encourages sportsmanship, teamwork and friendship through all sports.

CA Website: <https://www.challengersports.org/>

CA Phone Number: (631) 245-5459

Third Eye Insight (TEI):

The mission of Third Eye Insight is to help build physical strength and endurance, instill self-confidence, promote independence, self-esteem and empower blind and visually impaired individuals with the tools they can use to be successful at setting goals and in managing life's challenges.

TEI Website: <http://www.thirdeyeinsight.org/>

TEI Phone Number: (631) 445-3464

Media

Able Newspaper (AN):

Able Newspaper has been the newspaper for people with disabilities for more than 20 years. It is widely known in the disability community; a monthly newspaper that is published for, by and about the disabled, with the focus on the Able.

AN Website: <http://ablenews.com/>

AN Phone Number: (516) 939-2253

Talking Books Library (TBL):

The Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library provides free accessible reading material for patrons who are blind, visually impaired, or are otherwise physically unable to read standard print.

TBL Website: <https://www.nypl.org/locations/heiskell>

TBL Phone Number: (212) 206-5400