

Services for People with Disabilities

**For information on the
Americans with Disabilities Act call
1-800-514-0301**

For additional information, see the following sections of this directory: Housing; Transportation, Home Care & Caregiver Assistance (esp. Assistive Devices & Accessibility Resources), Health & Health Benefits

ARISE

1065 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

Phone: 472-3171

Advocacy/service agency that maintains a staff and volunteer Board consisting of at least 51 percent people with disabilities. ARISE is a consumer directed, non-residential independent living center which bases all activities on the philosophy of self-determination. Services include: architectural, accessibility, ADA and benefits consultation, peer counseling, case management, interpreter referral services, housing advocacy, supported employment, adaptive equipment program (inc. financial aid in purchasing equipment/per eligibility), computers, integrated recreational programs. The 215 Center, located at ARISE, offers support services to individuals with head injuries or other neurological issues.

Aurora of CNY

518 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203-2219

Phone: 422-7263, TDD: 422-9746

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 linguistics needs of the deaf community.

**Central New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office (CNYDDSO)
800 Wilbur Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204**

Phone: 473-5050

Provides community outreach and assistance to persons of all ages who are mentally retarded or developmentally disabled and their families. Screening for placement in family care homes or CNY-DSO.

Enable

1603 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208

Phone: 455-7591

Enable offers home care through its Self-Directed Personal Services (SDPS) program. It is a service in Onondaga County that allows people with disabilities to have control over their personal services. SDPS participants screen, interview, hire, train, supervise and dismiss their personal assistants. Enable is authorized to offer SDPS in Onondaga County, and act as a go-between for the participant and Medicaid. To qualify for SDPS, individuals must live in Onondaga County, be eligible for Medicaid, have a disability that qualifies for personal services and be able to assume responsibility for the supervision of home care. Funding comes from Medicaid, and the personal assistant is paid by Enable. Enable is affiliated with United Cerebral Palsy and a member of United Way of CNY.

Exceptional Family Resources

1065 James Street, Suite 220, Syracuse, NY 13203

Phone: 478-1462

Services include "Take A Break" respite services, advocacy, family support, outreach, recreation, case management, residential habilitation and a directory of services for people with developmental disabilities (including mental disabilities) in Onondaga County. Facilities are fully accessible, interpreters arranged as needed. Their **Senior Caregivers Project** assists families in accessing services for their developmentally disabled family member including respite, day programming and employment services, etc., to apply for Medicaid or SSI for their family member and to plan for the future including guardianship, wills, etc.

Huntington Family Centers, Inc.

Project Choice

401 South Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13209

Phone: 474-6823

Project Choice offers opportunities for senior citizens with developmental disabilities to utilize community based retirement and leisure time activities. Hot noon meal. Must be 60 years and older with developmental disability.

Invested Family Services, Inc.
103 Dewberry Lane, Syracuse, NY 13219
Phone: 488-3688

Assists people with disabilities to a respected place in their community. Recruitment of Day Habilitation and Residential Habilitation support people on a one-to-one basis taking into consideration specific needs of each individual. IFS provides Medicaid Waiver Case Management as well.

OCPL Special Services for the Disabled
See also EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Phone: 435-1876; TDD: 435-1872

Talking books program, large print collections, described videos, reference and referrals.

Onondaga Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC)
600 Wilbur Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204
Phone: 476-7441

Provides a variety of opportunities to adults including sixteen residential sites, vocational assessment, job training and employment, skill enhancement including transportation and social skills and a program specifically designed for seniors.

Person to Person: Citizen Advocacy
650 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203
Phone: 472-9190

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.

Syracuse Developmental Center
800 South Wilbur Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204
Phone: 473-5034

Senior Companions serve clientele (Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities) 20 hours a week in work sites or group homes. Companions provide one-on-one attention at the worksite or on shopping and recreational trips.

VESID (Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities)
333 East Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202
Phone: 428-4179

Vocational and educational services for persons with permanent disabilities and substantial vocational handicaps. Services include: evaluation, rehabilitation counseling and planning, adaptive equipment, work training, placement, special transportation and maintenance. Some services are based on State financial need standards. Homemaker services are also available.

Housing

(See Housing and Home Care Sections)

ERIE (Enriched Resources for the Independent Elderly) at Toomey Abbott Towers

1207 Almond Street

Terrace Level

Syracuse, NY 13210

(315) 428-8562; Fax: 428-0621

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

Community Living Intake Process (CLIP)

Central New York DSO

800 South Wilbur Avenue

Syracuse, New York 13204

Phone (315) 425-8501

CLIP is a single point of referral process for residential services for developmentally disabled individuals within Onondaga County. This multi-agency committee receives referrals for residential services, coordinates the initial screening and referral to specific residential agencies for admission and intake consideration.



Accessibility Modification

Architectural Accessibility Program (Through Arise)

472-3171 Extension 155

On-site evaluations and recommendations addressing accessibility issues in residential, community and business facilities.

Family Support/Home Services (A Program of Enable)

455-7591

Visits homes, schools and work sites for referral and service-coordination regarding adaptations. Consults on ADA compliance.

Home Access Program (Through Arise)

472-3171 Extension 154

A program to assist mobility-impaired people in their homes and apartments. Coordinates the installation of handrails, landings and ramps.