

Parent Resources

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

http://www.ada.gov/ada_intro.htm

Special Enrichment Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA)

Need website link

Transition Services

ACCESS-VR

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) offers access to a full range of employment and independent living services that may be needed by persons with disabilities through their lives.

<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/>

OPWDD

The New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) is responsible for coordinating services for more than 126,000 New Yorkers with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, and other neurological impairments. It provides services directly and through a network of approximately 700 nonprofit service providing agencies, with about 80 percent of services provided by the private nonprofits and 20 percent provided by state-run services.

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

The ARC of Westchester

The largest agency in Westchester County serving children, teens and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including individuals on the autism spectrum, and their families.

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

Recreation

South East Consortium

Created in 1981, the South East Consortium for Special Services, Inc. (SEC) is a not-for-profit community-based organization dedicated to providing therapeutic recreation programs and leisure-related services to children and adults with disabilities and special needs residing in our member municipalities (Town/Village of Mamaroneck, Town/Village of Scarsdale, Town/Village of Harrison, Town of Eastchester, Town of Pelham, City of Rye, Village of Rye Brook, Village of Port Chester, Village of Larchmont, Village of Bronxville and Village of Tuckahoe).

<http://www.secrec.org/bod.html>

Parentally Placed Students

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentletter.pdf>

Organizations

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

CEC is the leading voice for special and gifted education. Through the vision and dedication of more than 27,000 members, CEC sets the standard for high quality education for children and youth with exceptionalities. The Council ensures the needs of children and youth with exceptionalities are met in educational legislation, establishes professional standards for the field and develops initiatives to improve special education practice. CEC is THE source for information, resources and professional development for special educators.

<http://www.cec.sped.org/>