



Our History:

HeartShare opened its doors in 1914 as the Catholic Guardian Society of Brooklyn and Queens to help orphaned teens find housing and jobs. For over 100 years, HeartShare innovated programs responding to the needs of the New York community. Today, HeartShare and its Family of Services specialize in developmental disabilities and children's services with over 100 program locations throughout Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. HeartShare also assists low-income individuals and families in 60 of the 62 New York State counties with energy grants.

Our Mission:

To nurture and support, with dignity and respect, children, adults and families in order to expand opportunities and enhance lives.

Our Vision:

Our commitment to excellent services and supports will enable children, adults and families to reach their fullest potential and lead meaningful lives as active participants in society.

Our Values:

Commitment to the Individual • Integrity
Excellence • Collaboration • Innovation

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAMS



Empowering People with
Developmental Disabilities



**HeartShare empowers
people with disabilities
to lead independent
and fulfilling lives.**

HeartShare encourages people with disabilities to direct their own lives.

HeartShare's Developmental Disabilities Services support and empower children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism, Down Syndrome and cerebral palsy.

Autism Services customize residential, day services and education programs specifically for children and adults with autism.

Residential Services include group homes and supportive apartments for individuals with disabilities that prioritize a family atmosphere and community inclusion.

Day Habilitation Services offer inclusive, customized life skills training, community volunteerism, as well as social and recreational activities to build greater independence.

Community Habilitation supports people with disabilities living at home to pursue their life goals and learn skills through a one-to-one relationship with a Direct Support Professional.

Pre-Vocational and Supported Employment Programs prepare people with disabilities for competitive jobs with employment partners like Modell's Sporting Goods and Queens College, through work tryouts leading to permanent jobs.

Medicaid Services Coordination collaborates with people with disabilities to create and implement personally meaningful goals and services.

Self Direction is a service model that provides a way for individuals, their caregivers and selected advisors to have more control over their individualized Medicaid funded budget to achieve personally meaningful goals.



Respite/Recreation Programs offer diverse resources, including day and overnight respite opportunities, to families taking on the 24/7 responsibility of caring for a loved one with a disability.

Options Reimbursement Program is a one-time grant opportunity that may be used for a range of costs related to special needs, including respite care, adaptive equipment, skills training, behavioral supports and camp, which help a child or adult with an intellectual or developmental disability attain a higher quality of life.

Fragile X Syndrome Information and Referral offers resources for families regarding Fragile X Syndrome, the most commonly known inherited genetic cause of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Children's Clinical Evaluations Program provides no-cost psychological and psychosocial evaluations to children who live in Brooklyn, who don't have Medicaid and who have either suspected or documented developmental delays.

Pre-School Education Services provide education and therapies for special needs students ages 3-5 along with Universal Pre-Kindergarten services for typically developing 4 year olds. Evaluations and referrals are available for children who may have a developmental delay.



The HeartShare School for children with autism ages 5-21 follows the New York City Common Core Curriculum and offers speech, occupational, physical, art and music therapies.

For more information, visit
www.theheartshareschool.org or
call 718-621-1614.



The **Article 16 Clinic** offers speech, occupational and physical therapies, individual and group counseling, psychological and psychosocial evaluations, as well as sexuality assessments, for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Health Home Targeted Case Management Program (TCM) provides important case management services for children and adults with two or more chronic conditions, such as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, asthma, and depression.

For more information, visit
www.heartsharewellness.org