

**Recreational & Socialization Services for
Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders**
Request for Proposals (RFP)

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Contract Awards

Agency	Service Area
Birch Family Services, Inc.	Queens
City Access New York	Brooklyn
Edith & Carl Marks Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst	Brooklyn
Giving Alternative Learners Uplifting Opportunities, Inc., (GallopNYC)	Queens
GRACE Foundation of New York	Staten Island
Hebrew Educational Society	Brooklyn
Jewish Center in Manhattan	Manhattan
Jewish Community Center of Staten Island	Staten Island
Montefiore Medical Center	Bronx
Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, Inc.	Bronx
New Alternatives for Children, Inc. (NAC)	Manhattan
NYSARC Inc., New York City Chapter	Brooklyn
On Your Mark, Inc.	Staten Island
Quality Services for the Autism Community (QSAC)	Queens
Samuel Field YM & YWHA	Queens
Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach, Inc.	Brooklyn
Sinergia, Inc.	Bronx
United Cerebral Palsy of New York City	Bronx
YM & YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood	Manhattan
Young Adult Institute, Inc.	Manhattan

Background and Purpose: The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) recognizes Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) as one of the fastest growing diagnoses for children with developmental disabilities in the United States (Prevention, 2012)ⁱ. This RFP was developed by DOHMH in collaboration Public Health Solutions to support the needs of individuals between the ages of 3-21 years old diagnosed with ASDs who are unable to access similar services via NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and other state agency funding streams.

Contractors awarded from this RFP, listed above, are tasked with activities including:

- Providing a range of recreational and socialization services that complement school programming for children and youth with ASDs
- Monitoring service delivery targets and desired outcomes of individuals serviced by this program
- Providing services and support to the families and/or caregivers of individuals diagnosed with ASDs
- Identifying and sharing knowledge on the effective use of evidence-informed, evidence-based, and best practices, and results of quality improvement efforts among provider partners and other stakeholders

ⁱ Prevention, C. f. (2012). Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/documents/ADDM-2012-Community-Report.pdf>