

Developmental Disability Vocational Support Services
Request for Proposals (RFP)

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New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**
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Contract Awards

Agency	Service Area
NYSARC, Inc. New York City Chapter	Queens
NYSARC, Inc. New York City Chapter	Staten Island
Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service	Brooklyn
Goodwill Industries of Greater New York & Northern New Jersey, Inc.	Manhattan
Goodwill Industries of Greater New York & Northern New Jersey, Inc.	Bronx

Background and Purpose: An estimated 120,000 non-institutionalized New Yorkers have a developmental disability, including individuals with an autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability, epilepsy, cerebral palsy and other conditions (Nick, 2016)ⁱ. In keeping with principles to empower individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve independence and to enjoy richer and fuller lives, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), in collaboration with Public Health Solutions, developed this RFP to provide gateways to opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to acquire employable skills, train for specific jobs, learn interpersonal skills for the workplace, and maintain employment and other community-involving opportunities.

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

- Assisting New Yorkers with developmental disabilities to prepare for, obtain, or maintain competitive employment
- Offering a sufficiently broad range of vocational services to meet the individualized needs of people with developmental disabilities in NYC
- 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 Nick, G. (2016). *2016 Needs Assessment Report*. NYC: NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene.