

# Employment Specialists Nassau County

## Abilities, Inc

201 I. U. Willets Road  
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Support to employers through our National Business and Disability Center (NBDC) that includes training on ADA, different types of disabilities and support for employers. We match candidates to jobs and provide job coaching.

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## AHRC Nassau

d.b.a. NYSARC, Inc.; Nassau County Chapter

230 Hanse Avenue  
Freeport, NY 11520

**Website:** [www.ahrc.org](http://www.ahrc.org)

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Director of Vocational Service  
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Our program seeks to place workers in competitively paid community based employment, matching each candidate to an opportunity based on their individual strengths, interests and needs. Job Coaching and task specific on-the-job training is provided in order for the worker to master their assignments and acclimate socially to their work environment. We offer continued supports to assist workers in maintaining a successful job placement providing intervention and re-training as needed. Our dedicated staffs work hard to guarantee that all needs are met to ensure continuation of employment by facilitating communication and a good working relationship with the employer.

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## Center for Developmental Disabilities

101 New South Road  
Hicksville, NY 11801

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Supported Employment Supervisor  
(516) 433-8300 x306

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We provide job coaching, on the job training, employer/co-worker sensitivity training and travel training. We also act as a liaison between the employer, the employee, the residence/guardian, day program and anyone else that has an interest in the individual that might effect their placement at the job site. We are available to retrain if necessary and facilitate a good working relationship between all parties concerned.

## Developmental Disabilities Institute

75 Landing Meadow Road  
Smithtown, NY 11787

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SEMP Assistant Manager  
(631) 360-4609

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DDI's Supported Employment program is committed to the placement of individuals in community-based jobs. With the assistance of an employment specialist the individual will explore the issues of transportation, job location, days and hours desired, etc. in an attempt to find the position that best suits their interests and abilities. Once a successful placement is found, assistance to maintain the person in their job has no time limit or end date.

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## Epilepsy Foundation of Long Island

506 Stewart Avenue  
Garden City, NY 11530

**Website:** [www.efli.org](http://www.efli.org)

**Contact:** Jacqueline Murphy  
Assistant Director of Day Services  
(516) 739-7733 X 313

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We are an agency that helps developmentally delayed adults to acquire the skills that they will need in order to gain paid employment. Our employees will help the individual to fill out a job application independently, interview with a prospective employer independently, and also support the employee in learning how to do their job efficiently.

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## Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.

191 Sweet Hollow Road  
Old Bethpage, N.Y. 11804-1314

**Website:** [www.familyres.org](http://www.familyres.org)

**Contact:** Frank Armone  
Program Director, Vocational Services  
(631) 234-8694

**E-mail:** [farmone@familyres.org](mailto:farmone@familyres.org)

Our Program will properly match, and assist in assimilating, a prospective employee to the tasks and workplace culture relevant to a specific job. Our employment specialists will provide on-the-job training for newly hired workers for as long as needed, and will be available to offer information concerning work opportunity tax credits.

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## Mill Neck Services, Inc.

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Frost Mill Road  
Mill Neck, NY 11709

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Coordinator of Job Placement/ Supported Employment  
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We provide comprehensive employment services to the Long Island and New York City areas: Specialized employment services are available throughout an individual's career. We assist employees and employers during all phases of the employment relationship. Youths transitioning from high school or college, as well as adults, may benefit from supportive employment services. Employment coordinators work with an interdisciplinary team of vocational evaluators, job developers, service coordinators, rehabilitation counselors and other highly trained professionals. Services may include sign language interpreting, sensitivity workshops, development of communication training manuals, on-site job coaching and periodic retraining.

## Nassau BOCES

### d.b.a. Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County

2850 North Jerusalem Road  
Wantagh, NY 11793

**Website:** [www.Nassauboces.org](http://www.Nassauboces.org)

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Administrator  
(516) 396-2934

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Nassau BOCES provides vocational counseling, Job placement, job coaching, travel-training, personal futures planning meetings, transition to employment programs for districts, Level II evaluations, etc.

## Ohel Bais Ezra

### d.b.a. Ohel Children's Home and Family Services, Inc.

4510 16th Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11204

**Website:** [www.ohelfamily.org](http://www.ohelfamily.org)

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Area Coordinator  
(718) 435-5533

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We offer on-site job training to the individuals in our employment program. In addition, we provide ongoing support and coaching as needed. We also give employers information on tax credits that they can receive for hiring an individual with developmental disabilities.

## Queens Centers for Progress d.b.a. United Cerebral Palsy of Queens

81-15 164 Street  
Jamaica, NY 11432

**Website:** [www.Queenscp.org](http://www.Queenscp.org)

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Assistant Director of Community Employment  
(718) 380-3000 ext 259

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## VESID

### Garden City District Office

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Regional Marketing Coordinator  
Long Island Region  
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### No Cost Business Services:

- Pre-employment services - connecting future employees with companies through internships, mentoring and training that is customized to the business need.
- Recruitment and referral of qualified applicants.
- Staff training on disability awareness, the ADA, other employment laws including topics related to workplace accommodations and assistive technology in the workplace.
- Diversity program strategies that support inclusion of people with disabilities as customers and employees.
- Retention programs to support employees who develop or acquire a disability.
- Financial supports including access to tax credits and/or deductions available for hiring or accommodating people with disabilities.

## YAI Network

460 West 34th Street, 11th floor  
New York, NY 10001

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YAI offers screening and placement of qualified individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD). Once placed, we continue to provide support through on-site job coaching. In addition we offer sensitivity and awareness trainings to current employers, line supervisors and managers. We also offer assistance to employers in completing forms to file for Work Opportunity Tax Credit.