**Important Family/Caregiver Resources**

*Are you the parent/caregiver of a person with an intellectual/development disability (I/DD)? Do you know where you can get information about educational, medical, recreational, behavioral services and others?*

Below you will find the names and contact information for organizations that can offer information and/or referrals to guide your through the various service systems.

**Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD):** The State agency that provides services and supports for persons with I/DD. Contact information for your local Developmental Disabilities Services Office (DDSO) can be found at: <https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_contacts/ddsoo> or **call 1-(866)-946-9733. To keep up-to-date on services and changes and offer your input, it is important to sign up for their email list by going to:**  <https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd-email-distribution-list>

**NYC Family Advocacy and Information Resource (NYCFair).** This organization provides information in a parent friendly manner. They work with other agencies to follow service changes and make our voices heard at City and State levels. Contact information is: <http://www.nycfamilyadvocacyinformationresource.org/> or email: [info@nycfair.org](mailto:info@nycfair.org) – [NYCFAIR@gmail.com](mailto:NYCFAIR@gmail.com) or call Elly Rufer 917-833-4738 or “LIKE” them on FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/nycfair](http://www.facebook.com/nycfair)

**Parent Training Information Centers (PTIC’s)**: Advocacy agencies in the down state area providing information, referral & assistance to families for persons birth to 26 years on educational, recreational and other services. There are 4 PTIC’s and one Community Parent Resource Center (CPRC). Their web sites and phone numbers can be found at <http://www.nysparentnetwork.org/about-the-network.html>.

**Residential Information and Opportunities:** The types of residences that are available and what is needed to get into a residence can be found at:

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/residential_opportunities/housing_options> and <https://opwdd.ny.gov/opwdd_services_supports/residential_opportunities/Residential_Support_Categories> .

**(You need to be sure your family member is on OPWDD’s Certified Residential Opportunities registry list and know in what category they are on the registry.)**

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