

New York City Department of Education

Municipality List of
NYC Department of Education Therapists
Approved To Provide Related Services
As Independent Providers to
School-Age Students
With Disabilities

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OFFICE OF RELATED AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

Municipality List of NYC Department of Education Clinicians & Therapists Approved to Provide Related Services as Independent Providers to School-Age Students with Disabilities (September 2009)

The Municipality List of NYC Department of Education Clinicians & Therapists Approved to Provide Related Services as Independent Providers to School-Age Students with Disabilities was developed for cases in which services cannot be provided by the New York City Department of Education. The purpose of the Municipality List is to assist parents in locating New York State licensed or certified independent providers of related services who have agreed to provide these services under the specific guidelines set forth by the New York City Department of Education.

The Department, in its ongoing efforts to increase capacity to provide these services, has received approval for its own employees to provide related services as independent providers, with certain restrictions. The Municipality List, which includes the names of Department of Education therapists who have been approved to work as independent providers, may be used to secure a provider whenever the New York City Department of Education issues a Related Service Authorization, which is described as follows:

Related Service Authorization (RSA): In cases where the New York City Department of Education is unable to provide a Related Service by school or contract agency staff, a RSA letter is issued to the parent/guardian, advising them of their right to obtain the Related Service from an independent provider of these services at public expense.

This Municipality List, similar to the original Municipality List of Independent Providers of Related Services, provides the names, addresses, telephone numbers and bilingual capacities of therapists currently employed by the New York City Department of Education who have expressed their interest and availability to provide services. All individuals listed as bilingual have provided satisfactory evidence of their bilingual proficiency.

All individuals on this list have been rated satisfactory. However, parents/guardians are under no obligation to utilize any individual on this list; this list should not be construed as a recommendation for any particular individual. Individuals may be periodically added or deleted as availability changes.

Department of Education (DOE) providers who have applied and been approved to provide services as independent providers are listed by specific discipline and boroughs of availability. DOE providers may not work with students from the school or district to which they are assigned. Exceptions to the availability of each provider are listed.

Within the borough of Staten Island, DOE providers working in regional programs may not serve students attending regional programs in District 31 but may serve students attending District 75 programs. Likewise, Staten Island providers serving District 75 students currently may serve students in District 31 regional programs.

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Name of Independent Provider	Language(s)	Borough(s) To Provide Services
Diana Apolinar 645 South Washington Ave Piscataway NJ 08854 (h) 732-424-6500 c (c)201-926-3591 (w) 718-981-8556	Spanish	Staten Island Except Regional
Luna Frank, LCSW 144-37 68 th Road Kew Gardens Hill NY 11367 718-261-6862 or 516-295-3797	Spanish	Queens
Michael Goldenberg 53 McDonald Street Staten Island NY 10314 (h) 718-370-3060 (w) 718-981-8556	Yiddish	Staten Island Except Regional Queens Brooklyn
Elicia Hunter 157-10 Riverside Drive, #8N New York, NY 10032 (H) 212-568-9967 / (W) 718-993-5000	Spanish	Manhattan Bronx-Except D 7
Lorraine Kransdorf, LCSW 163 Clarence Road Scarsdale NY 10583 914-472-6725	Spanish	Manhattan-Except D 2
Maribel Perez-Santos 105-01 53 rd Ave. Corona, NY 111368 (H) 718-699-7524 / (W) 718-441-2258 (C) 917-364-3239	Spanish CSW	Queens- Except D 28
Esther Reich 858 East 24 th Street Brooklyn NY 11210 (H) 718-258-5181 (c) 917-861-5291	Yiddish/Hebrew	Brooklyn-Except D 20 Queens

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Name of Independent Provider	Language(s)	Borough(s) To Provide Services
Virginia M. Rivera 107 Havemeyer Street Apt 14 Brooklyn NY 11211 (h) 718-384-5092 (w) 718-783-4314	Spanish	Brooklyn except D 14 Manhattan Queens
Maria S. Travez 3703 Foster Ave Brooklyn NY 11203 (H) 718-604-1327	CSW Spanish	Brooklyn Queens-Except D 27