

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

COUNSELING

January 4, 2017

OFFICE OF RELATED SERVICES

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The New York City Department of Education, in its ongoing efforts to increase capacity to provide Related Services, has received approval for its own employees to provide related services as independent providers, with certain restrictions. 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 Municipality List which includes the names of Department of Education clinicians and therapists 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.

DOE providers who have been approved to provide services as independent providers are listed by discipline and may provide services as follows to:

- School- age students attending non-public schools located in the same or different district in which the provider works.
- School-age students attending public schools located in a different district in which the employee works.
- School-age District 75 students located in District 31, if the employee works in District 31, or school-age District 31 students who are part of District 75, if the employee works at a District 75 school located in District 31.
- For Vision and Hearing Only: School-age students attending public schools located in the same district in which the employee works.

Note that services cannot be provided by DOE providers on DOE property.

Parents/guardians are under no obligation to utilize any individual on this Municipality List; this list should not be construed as a recommendation for any particular individual. Individuals may be periodically added or deleted as availability changes.

There may be other circumstances where an individual waiver may be required.

Bilingual Counseling Therapy

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Name of Independent Provider	Language(s)	Borough(s) To Provide Services
Sulma Alvarado, LCSW 28 Charles Street Brooklyn NY 11580 Email: salvar@schools.nyc.gov 718-688-7260 ext 204 917-873-6878	Spanish	Brooklyn Except D 18, 19 & 32 Queens Except D 24, 25 & 26
Patrick So LCSW 406 Burns Street Forest Hills NY 11375 Email: ps02@schools.nyc.gov 718-438-0337	Chinese	Manhattan Brooklyn-Except D 20
Elba I Soto, LCSW 23 Water Grant Street #6P Yonkers NY 10701 Email: esoto10@schools.nyc.gov 914-294- 0133 or 646-660-0271	Spanish	Manhattan Bronx
Gilberto Suero, LCSW 1272 Richmond Road Staten Island NY 10304 Email: gsuero@schools.nyc.gov 718-600-0316 or 718-854-2826	Spanish	Brooklyn-Except D 20 Staten Island-Except Regional
Deborah Weinstock, LMHC 1270 East 18 th Street Brooklyn NY 11230 Email: dweinstock@schools.nyc.gov 347-277-6390	Spanish Yiddish	Brooklyn-Except D 21