



The New York Foundling's
Developmental Disabilities Division

Community Habilitation Services

The Foundling's Community Habilitation program assists people of all ages with developmental disabilities in maximizing their potential for independence. Our specialists work with people in their home to achieve valued outcomes that have been identified by the person and their advocate or caregiver.

Many of the people that we work with at The Foundling reside in their family's homes, where they benefit from strong, loving, and supportive relationships and proximity to family members who truly understand their needs. However, people with developmental disabilities who live at home often need supports in order to build important skills and feel connected to the wider community. Some of the skill building includes development of social skills, community inclusion and relationship building, assistance with activities of daily living, and educational assistance. For school-aged youth, Community Habilitation services also include in-home supports, advocacy, and educational supports.

ELIGIBILITY

Participants in our program:

- Must be at least 5 years of age
- Must meet Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) eligibility requirements
- Must be Medicaid eligible and active

REFERRALS

Participants are typically referred by:

- Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
- Care Coordinators
- Families
- Medical Providers
- Community Providers



ACTIVITIES AND BENEFITS

For each session, a Foundling Specialist will meet the participant at their home, and will work in-home or within the community to build a variety of skills.

A typical Community Habilitation Session can include:

- Assistance with activities of daily living such as cooking and money management
- Develop recreational and leisure time skills
- Discovering community and relationship building
- Promoting self-advocacy and informed choice
- Assistance with educational support such as homework help
- Training and resources to promote independent travel and transportation
- Engagement with families on issues and support relating to their loved one

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

Contact our Information
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