



HIGHLIGHTS OF YEDEI CHESED



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About Highlights Of Yedei Chesed...

With great pleasure we present our first edition of Highlights of Yedei Chesed. This monthly bulletin is designed to inform you of the helpful and useful news, taking place at our agency. We hope that you will find the newsletter interesting and insightful, and that it will provide you with information that is beneficial to both you and your child.



New ResHab Trainer Hired

The ultimate goal of the ResHab department is to hire a person who will help your child achieve his or her highest level of independence, as well as to become an active part of your home and the community. The tool we use for this purpose is the Reshab plan. Recently, Mrs. Chana Zinshteyn joined Yedei Chesed to serve as a ResHab trainer to make certain the providers are carrying out their responsibilities and duties as per the plan. Mrs. Zinshteyn works closely with both parents and providers to ensure ultimate success in developing the children's skills and abilities.



Update On Our Counseling Department

Yedei Chesed aims not only to help the child achieve his or her highest potential, but to also lend support and encouragement for other family members. We provide counseling for families with children who are eligible to receive services from the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD). Family counseling is a unique service provided by our organization. Mrs. Tzipora Spira, a graduate social work student doing her fieldwork internship at Yedei Chesed, has recently begun counseling clients under Mrs. Robin Goldstein's supervision. If you or a family member can benefit from clinical intervention, please contact Mrs. Robin Goldstein at 425-0887 ext. 250.



The Medicaid Service Coordination Department Hires New Staff To Better Assist Your Needs...

Medicaid Service Coordination is a program funded by the New York State OMRDD. Service coordinators work to ensure that disabled individuals and their families are aware of the resources available to them and are there to assist parents in obtaining the necessary services for their needs. We welcome the addition of Mrs. Bassie Megnaghi and Mrs. Elisheva Bouzaglou to our service coordinators staff. We are always here to assist you in researching your various options, and to serve as your partners in care.



Non-Medicaid Clients Can Now Receive Service Coordination...

The Service Access Assistance department provides service coordination for children with developmental disabilities that are not currently receiving Medicaid. Service Access Assistance provides all families, with advocacy services regardless of their financial situation, as well as access to the various benefits offered by Yedei Chesed such as the Magic Moments camp and after school programs, including one for adolescent boys; counseling, and overnight respite to name a few. Yedei Chesed would like to welcome Mrs. Judith Altman as the Service Access Assistance Coordinator.



The After School Employment Club Is Looking for Club Members

The Workpoint After-School Employment Club is a new program for adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities. The focus of the program is to acquaint and to initiate young adults into the exciting world of jobs and employment. Participants volunteer at various jobs, in many different settings, learning about a variety of employment possibilities. The program is intended to enhance social skills, develop self-esteem, and to increase community awareness. Additionally, it is designed to be a fun and friendly way to learn more about employment and the various jobs that may be available to them. If you or someone you know wishes to participate in this program, please contact **Mr. Schwadron at (845) 425-0887 ext. 248**, or his assistant Dina Schlüsselberg at ext. 277.



Acquisition of Our Women's Residential Home

We are proud to announce the acquisition of our new young women's residential home at 2 Thomas Court. This home will provide habilitation and training services to the residents in order to help them reach their highest potential, while simultaneously offering a safe and nurturing environment. Professional staff will be available to ensure the safety of those individuals with medical needs. The girls will receive meals, training and support in daily activities and have close staff supervision. They will also participate in social events, learn proper behaviors and have companionship with their peers. All residents will be attending either school or a day program.





**Share Your Story, Your Experience Can
Help Others**

Spirit! Magazine is looking for first person accounts of the challenges in raising a child with a developmental disability. If you are interested in submitting an article, please call (845) 425-0887 ext. 370 and leave a message or e-mail EDITOR@SPIRITMAG.ORG.






What's new at Step Forward?

Step Forward, early intervention is pleased to announce that our Speech/ Language and Feeding Department will now be under the

leadership of the esteemed Ellen Rapkin-Berger, CCC/SLP. Ellen earned her Masters degree in Speech Pathology from New York University and brings many years of experience to the field. For the past 25 years, Ellen has worked with infants and toddlers in both home care and center based program settings. Her vast array of experience includes evaluation and treatment of oral motor dysfunction, feeding therapy, handling and positioning, as well as language intervention. We are confident that Ellen's professional experience and her commitment to the frum community over the past two decades will enable us to achieve our goal of bringing the highest standard of care to our children.



Important Dates And Events To Remember:

-  **Tuesday, December 16, 2003:** *Our Mothers Support Group will be meeting at the Leiser's Home, 25 North South Gate Drive in Monsey. The topic to be discussed is " Can I tell someone it's hard?"*
-  *Our Sibling's Support Group is conducted by Mrs. Merav Lalouch for children in grades 1-8. This program will teach children about various types of disabilities and the obstacles they create through games and projects. Please contact **Mrs. Lalouch at 425-0887 ext. 253** if you or someone you know wishes to participate.*
-  *Our After School Teen program for boys is headed by Mr. Israel Klein on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact him at **425-0887 ext. 304** if you or someone you know wishes to participate.*

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