

Our Mission and Goals

Unique People Services (UPS), a minority not for profit 501(c) (3) agency, was formed in 1991 by a group of concerned and experienced social service specialists with the intent to serve those individuals that "fall through the cracks of our society".

Our specific goals are:

1. To provide residential and comprehensive support services designed to meet the physical, social and emotional needs of each resident.
2. To help those whose needs have been neglected or whose circumstances have prevented use of existing services.
3. To promote greater public understanding of the unmet needs of individuals with disabilities.

UPS seeks to accomplish these goals by addressing the total needs of our clients, with emphasis on individuality of services, the creation of homelink and caring environments and by maximizing each individual's strengths and assets.

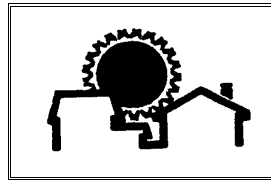
UPS has a commitment to revitalize the communities in which our programs are located through renovation of housing stock and the provision of job opportunities.

UPS also provides residential and support services for:

Mentally Developmental Disabilities
Individuals Persons

Located in:

Manhattan
Bronx
Queens



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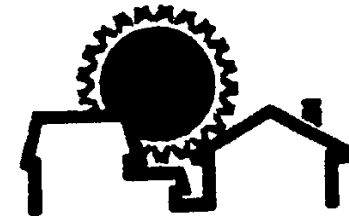
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Residential Housing For Mentally Retarded and Developmentally Disabled Individuals

Through services and programs, Unique People Services (UPS) seeks to provide the resources which allow the disabled to achieve their fullest potential. To accomplish this, UPS addresses the total needs of our residents, with an emphasis on individuality of services, the creation of homelike, caring environments and by maximizing each individual's strengths and assets.

UPS operates eight group homes in the Bronx and Queens which provide a wide range of residential and clinical services to forty (46) mentally retarded/developmentally disabled individuals. Our consumers range from the mild through the profound range of retardation. Their dual diagnosis includes autism, schizophrenia and other medical conditions.

Licensed and funded by the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, our programs offer medical, nursing, psychological, speech therapy, social work, nutritional, recreational and case management services in a homelike family environment. Services provided are based on individual needs.

Through our extensive network of affiliations, additional off-site services are provided by Article 16 such as PT and OT and psychiatric services.

To ensure a family atmosphere, our homes are small-- ranging from 5 to 10 consumers living in each residence. Consumers are residents of seven (7) Individual Residential Alternatives (IRAs) and one Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). Each residence services a special group of individuals ranging from a mixed population of young adults; young ladies; men; and non-ambulatory young men. All residences provide advanced opportunities for independence and integration into their respective communities.

Qualified and highly motivated staffs enhance our agency and provide additional support for the consumers. Our unique and innovative skill building techniques has greatly improved our residents' quality and dignity of life. Our goal is to normalize the lives of our consumers as much as possible as we help them to achieve maximum independence and self-worth.

Program Locations

- Vyse Avenue ICF - 10 beds**
2118 Vyse Avenue
Bronx, N. Y. 10460
Zelda Keaton, Residence Manager
(718) 364-6892
Fax (718) 364-6710
- Hughes Avenue IRAs - total 16 beds**
2120 Hughes Avenue
Bronx, N. Y. 10458
Zelda Keaton, Residence Manager
(718) 561-4062
Fax (718) 561-4058
- Crowley Place IRA - 8 beds**
83-34 58th Avenue
East Elmhurst, N. Y. 11373
Amancia Reyes, Residence Manager
(718) 397-5272
Fax (718) 397-9448
- 220th Street IRA - 6 beds**
94-50 220th Street
Queens Village, N. Y. 11428
Dwela Morgan, Residence Manager
(718) 479-9230
Fax (718) 479-9241
- Bright Harp IRA-6 Beds**
109-29 Sutphin Blvd
Jamaica, NY 11435
Loveness Nyakudya, Residence
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