

Mission

To serve—holistically and without judgment—individuals who may have been denied compassionate and considerate treatment elsewhere due to their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, developmental level, health status, criminal or substance abuse history.

Goals

- To provide housing and comprehensive support services designed to meet the physical, social and emotional needs of each individual;
- To help individuals whose needs have been neglected or whose circumstances have prevented use of existing services;
- To promote greater public understanding of the unmet needs of individuals with special needs.

Unique People Services (UPS) seeks to accomplish these goals by addressing the total needs of our individuals, with emphasis on their personal plan of care, the creation of homelike 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 people living with HIV/AIDS and individuals with mental illness in Manhattan, Bronx and Queens.

UPS is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization.



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Understanding people.
Providing homes.
Serving communities since 1991.

Developmental Disabilities Programs

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Residential Housing for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Unique People Services (UPS) is committed to helping individuals with developmental disabilities achieve their fullest potential. Our approach involves addressing the specific needs of each individual, emphasizing their strengths and providing necessary services in the context of a homelike, caring environment.

Licensed and funded by the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, our programs are structured to provide a home for our individuals to feel safe and relaxed. We are committed to providing quality services that help our individuals live as independently as possible while maintaining their dignity. Our individuals are an integral part of their communities where they work and recreate.

We operate nine residential programs. Seven are Individual Residential Alternatives (IRAs), one is an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) and one is an Individual Support Service apartment (ISS). These residences are located throughout the Bronx and Queens and provide a wide range of residential and clinical services to forty-seven (47) individuals with developmental disabilities. Through our extensive network of affiliations, additional off-site services are provided based on each individual's specific needs; these include psychiatric, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and nutrition.

A contracted psychologist, behavioral specialist and registered nurses address any medical or behavioral needs that may arise. Our homes provide quality living to our individuals through 24-hour staffing where activities of daily living are taught by qualified staff.

To ensure a family atmosphere, our homes are small, ranging from five to ten individuals in each residence. Each residence serves varying gender groups which can include all men or all women or a mixture of both genders, accommodating ambulatory and non-ambulatory individuals. All residences provide individuals with opportunities for advancement towards independence, individualization, productivity and integration into their respective communities.

We also have Medicaid Service Coordinators (MSCs) who provide services that include a wide range of coordinated and monitored services to help individuals meet their personal goals, dreams and needs. MSCs work together with service providers, the individuals, their families and others to set meaningful goals that enrich the individuals' lives and are vital for their future plans. Our MSCs are effective advocates and great supporters who are vested in developing a trusting rapport with our individuals.

Our highly motivated and qualified staff provides person-centered support and innovative skill-building techniques that greatly improve individuals' quality of life, sense of self-worth and dignity.

Program Locations

Vyse Avenue ICF – 10 beds
2118 Vyse Avenue
Bronx, NY 10460
(718) 364-6892
Fax (718) 364-6710

Hughes Avenue IRA - 16 beds
2120 Hughes Avenue
Bronx, NY 10458
(718) 561-4041/4062
Fax (718) 561-4058

Crowley Place IRA – 8 beds
83-34 58th Avenue
East Elmhurst, NY 11373
(718) 397-5272
Fax (718) 397-9448

220th Street IRA – 6 beds
94-50 220th Street
Queens Village, NY 11428
(718) 479-9230
Fax (718) 479-9241

Individual Support Services
Queens, New York
(718) 479-9230
Fax (718) 479-9241

Bright Harp IRA – 6 beds
109-29 Sutphin Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11435
(718) 658-5380
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