

OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (OPWDD) SERVICES

Application Process

The application process can be long. Be sure to save every document given to you during the process.

- Contact an eligibility officer at the Developmental Disabilities Regional Office (DDRO) in your borough
- Sign up for a **4** _____ orientation session and keep the certificate of attendance
- Gather and submit all required documents, including:
 - Transmittal Form for Determination of Developmental Disability
 - A **5** _____ evaluation that includes IQ testing and Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales
 - Psycho-social and/or social history report
 - Medical physical (the same type of physical you would send to a school)

If your child does not already have the reports you need to apply to OPWDD, you can often get them for free at an Article 16 Clinic. Article 16 Clinics offer evaluations, medical and therapeutic services for people with developmental disabilities. To find an Article 16 Clinic or another clinic to conduct the evaluations, speak to your school staff, call your DDRO, or visit your borough's Developmental Disabilities Council website.

Who Can Help

Your school personnel can help you navigate this process.

Borough DDROs

Manhattan: (646) 766-3220

Bronx: (718) 430-0757

Brooklyn: (718) 642-8576

Queens: (718) 217-6485

Staten Island: (718) 982-1913

Borough-Based Developmental Disabilities Councils (DDC) Resource Guides

www.manhattanddcouncil.org

www.bronxddcouncil.org

www.brooklynddcouncil.org

www.qcddny.org

www.siddc.org

Independent Living Centers (ILCs)