

Where To Find Help in Freeport

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WHERE TO FIND HELP IN FREEPORT

AA "Day Enders / Daily Gratitude"

Phone Number: Nassau County: (516) 292-3040 Bus: (516) 292-3045

Hotline: (516) 292-3040

web address: www.alcoholics-anonymous.org

AA meets at the Freeport Memorial Library at 4:30-6:00p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

AIDS Education & Prevention Project (A.E.P): A Program of the Five Towns Community Center, Inc.

Main Office: 175 Fulton Avenue, Suite 202

Hempstead, NY 11550

Natalie Richardson

Phone Number: (516) 505-9177 / 239-6244

Provides programs for senior citizens, drug dependency programs, Head Start, after school activities, and youth services. Five Town Community Center, Inc. 270 Lawrence Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559

Association for the Help of Retarded Children (AHRC)

230 Hanse Avenue

Freeport, NY 11520

Eileen Graham

Phone Number: (516) 546-7700

Fax: (516) 546-5666

Provides employment assistance, vocational training, and community integration opportunities for developmentally disabled adults.

Big Brothers - Big Sisters of Long Island

70 Acorn Lane

Levittown, NY 11756

Phone Number: (516) 731-7880

Fax: (516) 731-0486

e-mail: bbbsli@aol.com

Promotes the positive growth and development of Long Island's children by providing families with quality mentoring, education and support services. Call for specific cases.

CASA - Coordinating Agency for Spanish Americans

40 Main Street

Hempstead, NY 11550

Marianela Jordan, Director

Phone Number: (516) 572-0750

Fax: (516) 572-0756

e-mail: nccasa@nystnet.net

Information and referral services; general orientation in areas such as education, employment, social services, civil rights and immigration.

Catholic Charities

Main office: 90 Cherry Lane

Hicksville, NY 11801

Laura A. Cassell, Chief Executive Officer

Phone Number: (516) 733-7000 Fax: (516) 733-7099

e-mail: questions@catholiccharities.cc

web address: www.catholiccharities.cc

Provides chemical dependence services, office for disabilities persons, dental, disaster relief, food, HIV/AIDS services, housing, immigration, maternity, outpatient & residential mental health, and senior citizens services on Long Island.

Catholic Charities Health Systems - Adult Day Health Care Services

333 North Main Street

Freeport, NY 11520

Michael Engrassia, C.S.W., Program Coordinator

Phone Number: (516) 623-7400, ext. 156 Fax: (516) 623-9607

e-mail: engrassia.michael@catholiccharities.cc

web address: www.catholiccharities.cc/ourservices/hivaids.html

Long Island's only adult day health care program for people living with HIV/AIDS is designed to help consumers achieve and maintain optimal physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. The state-of-the-art facility is equipped with computers and an exercise room. Services include medical, nursing, psychiatric services, acupuncture, nutritional counseling, social work, case management, substance abuse counseling, massage, and recreational therapy. Breakfast and lunch are served each day and transportation is offered to consumers in both Nassau and Western Suffolk counties. All programs require documentation of HIV+ status. ADHCS accepts Medicaid only.

Child Care Council of Nassau, Inc.

925 Hempstead Turnpike

Franklin Square, NY 11010

Jan Barbieri, Executive Director

Arlene Labenson, Director of Parent Services

Cindi Swernofsky, Director of Professional Development

Phone Number: (516) 358-9250 Fax: (516) 358-9287

email address to find child care: childcare@childcarenassau.org

web address: www.childcarenassau.org

Free child care resource and referral services (helping parents to find appropriate child care) and recruitment, training and professional development for potential and current child care providers.

Círculo De La Hispanidad, Inc.

26 West Park Avenue

Long Beach, NY 11561

Kathy Ballesteros

Phone Number: (516) 889-3869

Fax: (516) 889-4972

e-mail: circulo@aol.com

web address: www.cdih.org

Círculo's mission is to improve the lives of individuals and their families through a comprehensive continuum of social service, education, recreation, cultural and economic development programs. Specifically, the programs and services offered are: career services, education, health services, domestic violence prevention, housing, youth development, fee-based opportunities, cultural programs and emergency services.

Client Advocacy, Information and Referral (CAIR) - Family and Children's Service Association

129 Jackson Street

Hempstead, NY 11550

William Pruitt, Director

Phone Number: (516) 485-4600

Information and referral available for anyone below the age of 60, who requires help in dealing with government agencies or in obtaining emergency relief (food, clothing, shelter, transportation).

Community Counseling Services of West Nassau

1200A Hempstead Turnpike

Franklin Square, NY 11010

Pamela Connell, Executive Director

Phone Number: (516) 328-1717

Fax: (516) 328-1627

Provides treatment services to drug and alcohol abusers and their families through individual, group, and family counseling in English and Spanish.

Community Development Corporation of Long Island

54 West Merrick Road

Freeport, NY 11520

Phone Number: (516) 867-7727

Fax: (516) 867-9398

web address: www.cdcli.org

CDC works to promote home ownership through workshops for first time home buyers. Offers home buyer education, gives one-on-one pre and post purchase housing counseling, and offers various financing strategies to assist families purchasing their first home. Also provides insurance education and home maintenance training programs.

Community Organization for Parents and Youth (COPAY)

21 North Station Plaza

Great Neck, NY 11021

Fergus Casey, Clinical Director

Phone Number: (516) 466-2509

Fax: (516) 482-3146

e-mail: copayincgn@aol.com

COPAY, Inc. is a non-profit agency dedicated to providing high quality professional, medical services to families and individuals. The agency identifies and responds to the needs of the community. Programs and services provided include outpatient substance abuse counseling, vocational assessment and training, academic tutoring, HIV support services, substance abuse education & prevention, psychiatric & psychological evaluation, parenting skills training, information and referrals. This organization welcomes all in need regardless of ability to pay.

Community Service Center, New York State Department of Labor

84 North Main Street

Freeport, NY 11520

Phone Number: (516) 623-1952

Fax: (516) 623-6359/868-1248

web address: www.labor.state.ny.us/careerservices/CareerServicesIndex.shtm

Assists the public in finding employment, workshops, orientation, resource services, job searches on computer, and bi-lingual services.

Economic Opportunity Commission (EOC) of Nassau County, Inc.

Main office: 134 Jackson Street

Hempstead, NY 11550

Mateo Flores

Phone Number: (516) 292-9710

Fax: (516) 292-3176

e-mail: sbrowne@eoc-nassau.org

Drug-free program, remedial education, legal services, summer youth programs, after school programs, Youth Council, summer youth employment.

ETS (Eager To Serve)

429 Atlantic Avenue

Freeport, NY 11520

Naomi Gonzales, Executive Director

Phone Number: (516) 223-7886

Fax: (516) 223-9595

e-mail: getchip@optonline.net

web address: www.eagertoserve.org

ETS' mission is to promote, foster and advance the health, welfare and well-being of young people by providing activities that steer them away from the streets, involve their families and enable them to succeed in school.

Family and Children's Association

100 E. Old Country Road

Mineola, NY 11501

Phone Number: (516) 746-0350

Fax: (516) 249-0198

web address: www.familyandchildrens.org

Protects and nurtures abused and neglected babies and children; shelters homeless and abandoned teenagers; helps and supports families in crisis; treats and rehabilitates people of all ages with mental health and substance abuse problems; and provides services to senior citizens.

Federation Employment and Guidance Services

175 Fulton Avenue, 3rd Floor

Hempstead, NY 11550

Adam Chaiken, Director

Phone Number: (516) 485-5710

Offers individual, family and group counseling, walk-in center, psychological testing, psychiatric services, consumer education, drug abuse unit, etc.

Freeport Community Action Program (CAP) / Freeport Economic Opportunity Council

Main Office: 134 Jackson Street

Hempstead, NY 11550

Eric Poulson

Phone Number: (516) 379-4000

Fax: (516) 867-6301

Emergency housing problems, child care, legal problems, food and clothing, drug & alcohol counseling, nutrition and employment.

Freeport Community Development Agency

46 North Ocean Avenue

Freeport, NY 11520

Ellen Kelly, Executive Director

Phone Number: (516) 377-2203

Fax: (516) 377-2394

e-mail: e.kelly@vil.freeport.ny.us

web address: www.freeportny.com

Provides rehabilitation loans & grants to qualified homeowners, grants to public service agencies, urban development, and commercial & residential rehabilitation.

Freeport Head Start
74 North Main Street
Freeport, NY 11520
Bryan Celia, Supervisor
Phone Number: (516) 546-8251

The Head Start Early Childhood Development Program offers a variety of services to preschoolers three to five years old and their families. They provide children with a place to learn through play. Trained personnel supervise the classes of 16 to 17 children. The program consists of activities in art, language, math and science in a friendly, warm atmosphere. Nutrition, health, social services, and psychological/speech therapy services are provided. Children with disabilities are welcomed at our programs. Federal income guidelines establish eligibility. The centers are open year round and full-day except on legal holidays.

Freeport Hispanic Association
PO Box 685
Freeport, NY 11520
Freddy Cevallos, President
Fax: (516) 771-2155
e-mail: amh@hempsteadworks.com
Translations of documents, help with filling out forms, and referrals.

Freeport Housing Authority
3 Buffalo Avenue
Freeport, NY 11520
Phone Number: (516) 623-2508 Fax: (516) 623-0724
Provides housing for low income families and senior citizens.

Freeport Human Relations Commission
46 North Ocean Avenue
Freeport, NY 11520
Phone Number: (516) 377-2274 Fax: (516) 377-2330
Handles human rights and housing violations in Freeport. Referral agency for ADA violations on Village Property.

Freeport Pride
46 Pine Street/33 Guy Lombardo Avenue - phone number (516) 546-2822
Freeport, NY 11520
Ted Levy, Director
Phone Number: (516) 378-1111 Fax: (516) 378-1114
Provides drug treatment, prevention and youth services.

Freeport Senior Community Service Center

66 Church Street

Freeport, NY 11520

Fran Pettrone, Director

Phone Number: (516) 623-2008

Fax: (516) 378-4578

e-mail: safreeport@aol.com

FOR SENIORS ONLY. Health and nutrition education, shopping assistance, recreation. Information and referral services. Social Worker on premises. Transportation provided. Meals provided.

Freeport-Hempstead Health Clinic

460 N. Main Street

Freeport, NY 11520

Margaret Grady, Support Services Coordinator

Phone Number: (516) 571-8600

Fax: (516) 571-8622

Pediatrics (under 13), family planning, mammographies, maternity, gynecology, and internal medicine. Please call for an appointment.

Health & Welfare Council of Long Island

One Helen Keller Way

Hempstead, NY 11550

Phone Number: (516) 483-1110

Fax: (516) 483-4794

e-mail: info@hwcli.com

web address: <http://www.hwcli.com>

The Mission of the Health & Welfare Council: is to respond to the needs of Long Island's vulnerable families and individuals by promoting the development of public policies and services through: collaborative planning amongst voluntary and public providers, researching and advocating for public policy and legislative issues, providing information about services to the public, targeting outreach to ensure utilization of programs and benefits, sponsoring and/or undertaking of special projects.

Helen Keller Services for the Blind

1 Helen Keller Way

Hempstead, NY 11550

Phone Number: (516) 485-1234

Provides help to individuals of all ages and degrees of blindness to live as independently as possible within their own communities.

Hempstead Employment Opportunity Commission

50 Clinton Street, Suite 607

Hempstead, NY 11550

Mel Jackson, Executive Director

Phone Number: (516) 483-3400

Employment and educational counseling and referrals; community crisis intervention services offered (legal, social services, placement for ex-offenders); services available for non-English speakers.

Hempstead Hispanic Civic Association, Inc.

236 Main Street

Hempstead, NY 11550

Phone Number: (516) 292-0007

Fax: (516) 292-0026

e-mail: hhcany@hotmail.com

A community-based organization working to promote the welfare of those residents in the Village of Hempstead by creating positive change in neighborhoods struggling with disinvestment, poverty, and neglect. The improvement and preservation of our traditional neighborhood will be accomplished by providing the following activities and services: educational homeownership counseling, loan pre-qualification, mortgage counseling, and loan/grant assistance to lower closing costs. We also organize tenants, assist tenant associations, and hold seminars and workshops on tenant rights and responsibilities, housing court, filing complaint forms, and procedures of the Rent Administration Office.

Hi-Hello Child Care Center Inc.

212 South Ocean Avenue

Freeport, NY 11520

JoAnn Bousquet, Director

Phone Number: (516) 379-1825

Fax: (516) 379-1880

e-mail: hihellochildcare@aol.com

web address: www.hihellochildcare.org

Infant, preschool and school-age center.

Hispanic Counseling Center

344 Fulton Avenue

Hempstead, NY 11550

Gladys Serrano, Executive Director

Phone Number: (516) 538-2613

Fax: (516) 538-2515

Bilingual/bicultural drug and alcohol education, treatment and prevention; individual, group and marital counseling; mental health outpatient clinic; psychiatric evaluations, and medication follow-up, information and referral; parental skills workshops; crisis intervention; youth programs; summer program.

INN at Freeport (Interfaith Nutrition Network)

146 Babylon Turnpike

Freeport, NY 11520

Annette Fields

Phone Number: (516) 868-4131

web address: www.the-inn.org

Free lunch weekdays 12-1. Volunteers present weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clothing when available, referrals to social workers.

Juvenile Aid Bureau, Nassau County Police

231 St. Brigid's Lane

Westbury, NY 11950

John Allen, Commanding Officer

Phone Number: (516) 573-5350

Fax: (516) 573-5356

First Precinct County Police cooperates with Freeport Police. Handles runaways, child abuse and neglect and investigations.

Leadership Training Institute

50 Clinton Street, Suite 607

Hempstead, NY 11550

Mel Jackson, President & CEO

Phone Number: (516) 483-3400

Fax: (516) 483-3402

e-mail: info@ltiny.org

Serves the community with educational, residential, and social development programs for youth, adults and families. LTI's juvenile mentoring program, JUMP, mentors weekly at Freeport High School.

Literacy Volunteers of Nassau County

250 Fulton Avenue, Suite 514

Hempstead, NY 11550

Anne DuPrey

Phone Number: (516) 486-2789

One to one tutoring for adults in reading & writing; small group instruction for English-as-a-second-language. Tutor and student arrange mutually convenient times and locations for meeting a minimum of 2 hours per week.

Long Island Advocacy Center
999 Herricks Road, Room 108
New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Linda Wain

Phone Number: (516) 248-2222 Fax: (516) 248-2290
e-mail: liacexec@metconnect.net

Long Island Advocacy Center is dedicated to protecting the legal rights of students and individuals with disabilities. Through mediations, negotiations and representation, specially trained attorneys and paraprofessionals, the organization ensures that individuals receive the maximum service to which they are entitled under the law. Programs include, Educational Advocacy, which assists students in obtaining the educational services to which they are legally entitled; Client Assistance which protects the rights of adults with disabilities seeking vocational rehabilitation; Medicaid Service Coordination/ Family Support Services which provide service coordination for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Long Island Center for Independent Living (LICIL)
3601 Hempstead Turnpike, Suites 208 & 500
Levittown, NY 11756

Phone Number: (516) 796-0144 Fax: (516) 796-0529
e-mail: licil@aol.com
web address: www.licil.net

The Long Island Center for Independent Living (LICIL) is a not-for-profit, non-residential counseling and advocacy center staffed by and servicing persons with disabilities.

Long Island Educational Opportunity Center
269 Fulton Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550
Pat Ward

Phone Number: (516) 489-8705 Fax: (516) 481-4938
LIEOC is a nonprofit organization connected with SUNY Farmingdale. Offers free training to individuals who meet academic and financial guidelines. Course offerings include: Business education; Secretarial; Word Processing; Bookkeeping; Data Entry; English as a Second Language; Adult basic education in math and english; GED preparation; College preparation; Nurse assistant; Direct care worker; Phlebotomist.

Mental Health Association of Nassau County
16 Main Street
Hempstead, NY 11550
Steven Greenfield

Phone Number: (516) 489-2322
Provides a range of employment, housing and social services for adults with psychiatric disabilities and children with emotional disturbances.

Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV)

250 Fulton Avenue, 3rd Floor

Hempstead, NY 11550

Sandy Oliva, Executive Director

Phone Number: (516) 572-0700

Agency offers hotline services; long & short-term support groups; individual counseling; legal advocacy; safe house.

Nassau County Department of Social Services

60 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard

Uniondale, NY 11553-3656

Phone Number: (516) 227-7474

web address: www.co.nassau.ny.us/dss/DSSHome.htm

The Department of Social Services provides financial assistance and supportive services to eligible individuals and families in Nassau County, consistent with Federal and State laws. Specifically, the Department is responsible to: Provide aid to eligible recipients through the Family Assistance, Safety Net, Day Care, Employment, Food Stamp, Medicaid and Home Energy Assistance Programs. Establish an initial child support obligation of a legally responsible individual through the Family Court, collect support payments, enforce and modify existing support orders. Protect children, adults and families by enforcing the mandates of New York State Social Services Law. Provide secure detention for youths at the Nassau County Juvenile Detention Center whose cases are awaiting disposition in Family, District or County courts.

Nassau County Department of Social Services/Information Resources and Referral Services

60 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard

Uniondale, NY 11553-3656

Phone Number: (516) 227-8395

web address: www.co.nassau.ny.us/dss/IRRS.htm

A full range of informational services is provided by the Information, Resource and Referral Services Unit to all residents of Nassau County; those receiving assistance, as well as self-supporting individuals. Information is provided about the services offered by the Department, as well as human services provided by Nassau County's many public and private helping agencies. This unit provides immediate crisis and emergency intervention. The crisis may include homelessness, domestic violence, child or elder abuse, Medicaid, Food Stamps, employment and fuel services.

Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee, Inc.

1 Helen Keller Way, 5th Floor

Hempstead, NY 11550

Jeffrey Seigel, Executive Director

Phone Number: (516) 292-8100

Gives free legal advice and representation to persons financially unable to afford a lawyer in civil cases including family matters, housing, welfare, employment, social security, education, consumer fraud and unemployment.

Operation Get Ahead, Inc. (OGA)

9 Centre Street

Hempstead, NY 11550

Tina Hodge-Bowles, Executive Director

Phone Number: (516) 483-2200

Fax: (516) 483-2296

e-mail: OGA2200@aol.com

Youth Services/Youth Development Agency. Services include group counseling, job readiness, job placement referrals, HIV/AIDS prevention and education, peer mediation & conflict resolution, peer leadership training; math tutoring; literacy project; early college awareness program, computer training; senior citizens project. All programs are FREE to the public.

Our Holy Redeemer Outreach Program

87 Pine Street

Freeport, NY 11520

Francisco Cales, Director

Phone Number: (516) 868-8289

Fax: (516) 546-1416

Family assessment for eligibility for assistance for food and clothing. Bereavement counseling, AIDS pastoral care. Referrals.

Salvation Army Social Services

66 Church Street

Freeport, NY 11520

Janice MacLean

Phone Number: (516) 378-4557

Fax: (516) 546-1734

e-mail: safreeport@aol.com

Provides food services, food counseling, finding missing person, paperwork & referral services.

Salvation Army Women's Club

66 Church Street

Freeport, NY 11520

Janice MacLean

Phone Number: (516) 378-4557

Fax: (516) 546-1734

e-mail: safreeport@aol.com

Daytime program for homemakers and seniors. Starts at 11 a.m.

Salvation Army Youth Program

66 Church Street

Freeport, NY 11520

Ida Perez, Youth Officer

Phone Number: (516) 378-4557

Fax: (516) 546-1734

e-mail: safreeport@aol.com

Offers a variety of scouting programs for girls and boys. Girls: Sunbeam Girl Guards. Boys: Boys Adventure Corps.

Social Security Administration

84 N. Main Street

Freeport, NY 11520

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

TTY: 1-800-325-0778

Nearby Social Security officers:

Mineola: 211 Station Rd., Mineola, NY 11501

Melville: 1121 Walt Whitman Rd., Melville, NY 11747

Long Beach: 25-27 East Park Ave., Long Beach, NY 11561

West Babylon: 510 Park Ave., West Babylon, NY 11704

web address: www.socialsecurity.gov

Federal program for retirement & disability and survivor benefits & disability. SSI help.

South Shore Child Guidance Care Center

17 West Merrick Road

Freeport, NY 11520

Elmira Perez

Phone Number: (516) 868-3030

Fax: (516) 378-0348

Provides treatment and counseling for children and families with any chemical substance abuse problems. Treats adults who have a DWI or are on probation.

South Shore Child Guidance Care Center (Clinic Side)

17 West Merrick Road

Freeport, NY 11520

Mary Lou Jones, Executive Director

Phone Number: (516) 868-3030, ext. 200

Fax: (516) 868-3374

Individual, family and group therapy, mental health services. Single mothers groups. Crisis intervention.

Walkabout for Young Men and Women
155 Guy Lombardo Avenue
Freeport, NY 11520

Christina Alonzo, Program Coordinator

Phone Number: (516) 379-8215 Fax: (516) 379-3914

Walkabout for Young Men and Women is a transitional house in Freeport, serving runaways & homeless adolescents. It provides ten young people (ages 16 - 20) with short-term shelter and services for up to eighteen months in order to prepare them for living independently in the community. Residents are expected to fulfill the guidelines of the program and actively plan for either living independently in the community or returning home to their family. Residence in the program is voluntary.

Woodward Children Center

201 West Merrick Road

Freeport, NY 11520

Robert Ambrose, Executive Director

Phone Number: (516) 379-0900 Fax: (516) 379-0997

web address: www.woodwardchildren.org

Helps emotionally disturbed children and youth, ages 3-21. Twelve month program includes summers. Referrals come from local school districts.