



HAMASPIK
CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

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מרכז עזרה לצרכי הציבור

For over 30 years,
we've been
empowering
people with special
needs to actualize
their full potential.

Hamaspik provides a wide range of OPWDD-eligible services. Our mission is to move our clients toward their goals and help them enjoy the highest quality of life.





We know care.

When you're living with or caring for someone with developmental challenges, you need to feel supported. Our providers understand your individual needs and family situation, and offer comprehensive care.

Located in the heart of Brooklyn, Hamaspik meets the high standards of our community and infuses services with communal activities and events like Chanukah parties and Shabbatons.

We know you.

Our experienced and warm caregivers are totally devoted to getting to know our special clients—and we show it, from calling you by your name, to delivering birthday cards and achievement rewards.

Welcome to Hamaspik

What does Hamaspik do?

Hamaspik is a non-profit human services agency that provides completely customized, person-centered services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families through OPWDD and Medicaid.

What is OPWDD?

OPWDD is the name commonly used to refer to New York State's Medicaid-funded program that services New Yorkers diagnosed with developmental disabilities. OPWDD provides services through nonprofit agencies, like Hamaspik.

OPWDD provides waiver services to individuals with a variety of conditions, including intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, and other neurological impairments. If you're not sure if you or your loved one is eligible, you can contact Hamaspik at 718.387.8400 or email intake@hamaspikings.org

What are waiver services?

Waiver means that Medicaid waives the income eligibility that's usually required for coverage. Instead,

the individual's disability determines eligibility for OPWDD. Waiver services include (but are not limited to) community habilitation, respite, reimbursement, and fiscal intermediary.

Does my child need Medicaid in order to receive services?

Yes, all services are covered by Medicaid. If your child does not currently have Medicaid, we may be able to help you apply!

Ready to apply?

Call 718.387.8400 and an experienced team member will walk you through!



FAQ

Caring for your needs, both present and future.

Care management sets individuals on the path to care and rejuvenates their quality of life. Our incredible staff will walk you through the intake process, jumpstart services, and support you the whole way through.

Your loved one's journey starts here.

Speak with a specialist at Hamaspik about Chezky's speech!



Intake

Here's where it all starts.

Hamaspik provides the support and guidance you need to get OPWDD approval and start receiving services. Our intake coordinator will walk you through an in-depth individual and family-needs assessment and gets you through it all.



Referral

Start someone's journey.

If you know an individual who is a match for our services, a referral to Hamaspik will put them on the path to personal growth. Our network of specialists can perform an evaluation and make recommendations for appropriate assistance—whether for a service within Hamaspik, or one available in the community at large.



Support Circles

**Give support.
Get support.**

Dealing with a loved one with developmental disabilities is difficult. Hamaspik offers small and intimate local groups that are moderated by an expert and categorized by disability, so you can have meaningful and targeted interactions.



Guidance



Relieve the burden with financial support

Having a child with special needs can easily put unwanted financial strain on your family. Hamaspik aims to make the numbers game a little easier with financial subsidies. **Get the best possible future.**



E-Mods

Stay where you are—no matter what.

No one should ever have to leave their home because of a physical impairment. E-mods are constructive alterations to a home (like ramps, lifts, handrails, and much more) that help our clients get around with more safety and independence.



Self-Direction

You're in charge. We're here for support.

If you'd like to manage your own OPWDD budget toward achieving goals, Self-Direction helps you make that choice. Learn if Self-Direction makes sense for you, and get assistance in choosing where to allocate funds—whether toward community classes, memberships, self-hired care providers, home-related subsidies, services, and more.



FSS

Special needs need not break the bank.

Our family reimbursement program is there to help cover the many additional costs that come along with having a special needs child. FSS reimbursements include goods and services, emergency respite, and summer camp.



Financial Subsidies



Improving everyday skills. Every day.

Hamaspik uses a person-centered approach to support individuals in learning new skills, achieving finesse, and experiencing life. We offer a variety of skills development programs that cater to the diverse needs of the individuals in our care.

So set goals and see stunning achievement-together.



Comhab

Your mentor works with you on goal-based activities, improving scholastic ability, as well as social and life skills.



Achoseinu Academy

Post-high school girls flourish and learn in engaging classes under the care of our attentive staff.



Camp Achoseinu

Achoseinu integrates with mainstream sleepaway camps for an unforgettable summer experience.



Dayhab

The place where post-high school clients grow. A packed schedule offers plenty of skill-based activities to explore.



Prevocational Services

These community-based services are the first step toward employment, preparing able individuals for a job.



Behavioral Intervention

Caregivers meet with a specialist to learn techniques that will help them address their child's behavior.



Skills Development





Stepping in so caregivers can step out.

It's important to get a break. This allows you to find new energy, spend time with others, and cross things off on your task list. Respite care offers relief from everyday life **and, simply, the ability to get stuff done.**



Home-Based Respite

Paid time off, in and out of the home.

Respite helps parents fund babysitting and caretaking. Hamaspik has a team of carefully vetted caregivers so you can feel safe with the choice for your child. A friend or family member can also be approved as a government-funded caregiver.



After School Programs

The fun begins after the bell rings.

With skills-based activities, free play, social interaction, and entertainment, After School is something children look forward to all day. After School is available 7 days a week, and it's on even when school is off. Our many respite programs cater to different ages and development capabilities.



Weekend Respite

Take some time to recharge.

Since all our respite programs are open on the weekends, we reduce the stress of meeting new faces and learning new places—a win for everyone. From Shabbatons, Shabbos and Yom Tov events, and Sunday programs, Hamaspik has parents covered—and members entertained.



Respite Services



Community Center

**Someplace to go to,
somewhere to be.**

Meet the local destination that members can visit with their caregivers and Comhab workers. Our Community Center is fully stocked with toys and games, a resource library, and a community center.



Day Camp

**The sleepaway
experience-from home.**

Hamaspik Day Camp is totally local—with the themes, cheers, pool time and exciting activities of a real sleepaway camp. An incredible program filled with learning and fun, along with a phenomenal camp staff, make this the real deal.

Securing a place for the future.

When an adult individual is ready to flourish away from home, Hamaspik is there every step of the way, carefully offering guidance without overstepping. **We offer wonderful housing plans to serve the needs of people at different functioning levels.**



ISS Housing

A place to call their own.

Independent, high-functioning Hamaspik clients may desire to live on their own. The ISS Housing Program finds eligible apartments, starts them off, and supports them throughout. Rent is significantly subsidized every month, and a furnishing stipend helps create an inviting environment for a growing young adult.



Group Home

A home away from home.

Our exceptional supervised group homes in the heart of Boro Park and Williamsburg maintain the gold standard of care, ensuring that the health, safety, and quality of life of every individual in our homes far surpass all government requirements. Goal advancement, activities and more are supervised by warm, professional staff members who are always present. Our goal: to offer maximum independence, while keeping everyone safe.



Family Care

Exceptional families for exceptional children.

If a child with disabilities must leave home, whether temporarily or permanently, Hamaspik is there to help. Our OPWDD-backed Family Care program helps individuals with developmental disabilities find a safe, stable, and loving home, maintaining our highest standards so that our clients can flourish.





Housing Programs





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