



Suffolk Independent Living Organization
education - advocacy - empowerment

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Programs and Services

SILO has provided services to people of **all** disabilities, the elderly community and their families in Suffolk County N. Y. since 1985. SILO is one of 42 New York State Department of Education authorized **Independent Living Centers**. SILO champions the independent living philosophy that says:

- People with a disability have the right to have control over their lives.
- People with disabilities are the best experts on their own needs.
- Thereby, those individuals must be able to decide on their own, where to live, work, and take part in their community.

SILO is chartered by the New York State Legislature, and contracted by NYSED, ACCES-VR, ILC Department to provide independent living services throughout the Long Island Region. SILO partners with the New York State Department of Health, New York State Office for the Aging, New York Association for Independent Living, and over 300 Human Service agencies and private vendors on Long Island to insure a comprehensive set of services for our participants and clients.

SILO provides the following independent living services, long-term services and supports in contract with NYSED, ACCES-VR and NYS Office for the Aging. (Amy Menditto)

- o Advocacy
 - o Architectural and Communication Barrier Consultation
 - o Barrier Buster/Individual or System-wide Accessibility Issues
 - o Transportation Issues
- o Assistive Technology Classes and Computer Lab
 - o Use of Technology and Social Media Applications
- o Community Outreach
- o Employment Readiness and other Support Services
- o Housing Assistance
- o Independent Living Training Center
- o Information and Referral Services
- o Peer Counseling
- o Personal counseling – *Licensed social workers on staff*
- o Support groups
 - o Barrier Busters
 - o Men's Group (The Man Cave)
 - o Mindfulness Group
 - o Mending Mindsets
 - o Peer Support Group

- o Start the Conversation
- o Out at SILO
- o Peer Integration Program- Stepping Stones social group

SILO contracts or subcontracts with the following agencies to deliver the following transition or diversion services to assist individuals to leave Long Term Care facilities or remain in the community.

New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs

- TRAIID Grant: Assistive Technology **(Ryan Criscione)**

NYS Department of Health

- Regional Resource and Development Center **(Dawn Nodar)**
 - o Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver
 - o Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver

New York Association on Independent Living

- Open Doors Transition Center **(Kelly-Rae Douglas)**
- Open Doors Peer Outreach Program **(Maria Vanegas)**
- Olmstead Housing Subsidy Program **(Nicole Bunay)**
- Rapid Transition Housing Program **(Nicole Bunay)**

NYS Office for the Aging

- NY Connects **(Amy Menditto)**
- SILO's Food Pantry **(Maria Patellaro)**

NYS ACCES-VR

- Benefit Advisement **(Brian McIlvain)**
- Core Rehabilitation Services **(Brian McIlvain)**
- Peer Integration Program **(Kim Bjorklund)**

Education Programs (Brian McIlvain)

- School District Personnel & Parent Transition Planning Workshops
- Disability awareness: In-service training, workshops/seminars
- Summer Enrichment Program with Job Coaching Supports

Evaluations/Assessment & Consultant Fee for Services (Brian McIlvain)

- Eligibility and Application Process for Adult Services - Consultant Service
- Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales – 3rd or Adaptive Behavior Assessment Scale **(ABAS)**
- The Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale **(WAIS-IV)**
- Autism Specialty Report with the Childhood Autism Rating Scale, 2nd edition **(CARS)** & Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule **(ADOS)**

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