

New York City Information Sources

*An annotated list of printed directories,
handbooks, and guides helpful to New Yorkers in
identifying community resources and services.*

Section 1 Senior Citizens

Alternatives in Senior Housing. NYC Dept. for the Aging, 2004.
Borough level directory to all types of housing available for seniors in New York City. Includes descriptions of each type and those responsible for their management. The following locations maintain the entire five-borough set: Bronx Reference Center, Donnell Library Center, Mid-Manhattan Library, Andrew Heiskell Braille & Talking Book Library, St. George Library Center, and Science, Industry & Business Library.
363.5946-A

A Complete Guide to Health Care Coverage For Older New Yorkers. NYC Dept. for the Aging, 2004.
Provides information on health care coverage available to seniors, including Medicare, Long Term Care Insurance, and Medicaid. Descriptions of each program and comparison charts are also included.
368.382-C

Help With Housing. [English and Spanish]. NYC Dept. for the Aging, 2002.
Covers all discount programs provided by New York City government for qualifying seniors. Provides information on help with rent, utilities, home improvement, nursing homes, and legal assistance.
363.5946-H

Medicare & You / Medicare y Usted, 2006. Health Care Financing Administration.
Booklet describing all services and benefits provided by Medicare.
368.426-M / Spa 368.426-M

Nursing Homes and Alternatives: What New York Families Need to Know. Friends and Relatives of Institutionalized Aged, 2003.
Information on home and community-based health care, including adult homes, assisted living, nursing homes, and other options. How to choose a nursing home and pay for long term care are addressed, as well as regulations, rights, required services, monitoring care, and problem solving. Includes state-wide resources.
362.6109-N

Preparación para la Atención Prolongada. NYC Dept for the Aging, 2003.
Spanish translation of *Preparing for Long Term Care*.
Spa 362.1609-P

Preparing for Long Term Care. NYC Dept for the Aging, 2002.
An overview of the legal and financial issues associated with long term care in New York City, including health care proxies, paying for medical care, and applying for financial help.
362.1609-P

Ru He Zhun Bei Chang Qi Hu Li. NYC Dept for the Aging, 2002.
Chinese translation of *Preparing for Long Term Care*.
Chi 362.1609-Ru he zhun

Section 2 Education, Employment, Job Training

Affording College. Commission on Independent Colleges & Universities, 2005.
Referral guide for financial aid provided by over 100 colleges and universities.
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Busca una Universidad. Commission on Independent Colleges & Universities, 2002.
Spanish translation of *Your College Search*.
pamphlet

Cómo Costear Tu Educación. Annual; U.S. Dept. of Education.
Spanish translation of *Funding Your Education*.
pamphlet

Cómo Pagar la Universidad. Commission on Independent Colleges & Universities, 2005.
Spanish translation of *Affording College*.
pamphlet

DETC Directory of Accredited Institutions, 2005-06. Distance Education Training Council.
Directory of institutions that offer distance education courses through the Internet or mail. Includes an index of subjects offered by institutions.
378.175-D

Directory of Business Training & Technical Assistance Citywide. NYC Dept. of Small Business Services, 2003.
Listing of schools and agencies offering assistance and/or training for business people.
658.007-D

Directory of Schools and Services, 2005-06. Superintendent of Schools Office, Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of New York.
Listing of all parochial schools in the Archdiocese of New York. Includes school name, address, phone number, e-mail address (if available), and names of principals and superintendents.
377.8202-T

Directory of the New York City Public High Schools, 2005-06. NYC Dept. of Education.
Detailed description of public high schools in New York City. Includes listings of alternative high school programs and special programs. Revised annually.
373.7471-N

Directory of Yeshivot and Day Schools in Greater New York, 2004.

Board of Jewish Education in Greater New York.

Listings of Jewish elementary and high school programs for the five boroughs of New York City, as well as Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, and Rockland counties.

296.6-B

Funding Your Education. Annual; U.S. Dept. of Education.

Guide to financial aid provided by the federal government. Includes costs of education, eligibility requirements for application for financial aid, deadlines, and information on other college-based financial assistance programs.

pamphlet

Guide to NYC Small High Schools, 2005-06. New Visions for Public Schools, 2005.

Guide to small high schools in New York City. Schools are arranged alphabetically within each borough. Entries list mission of school, curriculum emphasis, location, contact information, and school background (when it opened, grades served, etc.).

373.7471-G

The Metropolitan New York Job Bank. 18th ed. Adams Media Corp., 2002.

Guide to assist job seekers in locating opportunities in metropolitan New York. Provides information on job searching techniques, legal information for employees and potential employees, and a comprehensive directory of companies by career. Also includes listings for associations, employment services, and Internet resources.

331.124-M

Natter's New York City Education Bluebook, 2005-06. Natter Publishing.

Directory of all public educational and administrative personnel, unions and associations, and educational suppliers. Also includes complete calendar with all school and religious holidays, exam dates, teachers' association meetings, and PTA meetings.

371.0097-N

New York City's Best Public Elementary Schools: A Parents' Guide. 3rd ed. Teachers College Press, 2005.

Provides profiles of 200 schools with a detailed description of each – curriculum, special programs, enrollment numbers, class size, ethnicity, and reading and math test scores. Introduction section includes information on schooling options, what to think about before visiting a school, what to look for on a school visit and questions to ask, how to get in, and additional information on special education options.

371.0102-N

New York City's Best Public Middle Schools: A Parents' Guide. 2nd ed.

Teachers College Press, 2004.

Profiles 60 schools. Format is identical to *New York City's Best Public Elementary Schools* with the information tailored to middle-schoolers and their parents or guardians.

373.7471-N

New York Independent Schools Directory, 2005-07. Independent Schools Admissions Association of Greater New York, 2005.

Directory of all private/independent schools in New York City and its suburbs. Includes grade level, enrollment, and descriptions of schools.

371.0202-I

NPRF's Directory of Employment & Training and Supportive Services.

National Puerto Rican Forum, 2004.

Guide for individuals and groups seeking information on educational and vocational programs available in New York City.

Provides contact information, class dates and times, and fees. Section on supportive services includes information on housing, health, poverty and hunger, senior services.

370.113-N

Snapshot of New York City Charter Schools 2005. Women's City Club of New York, Inc.

Overview of New York City charter schools. Includes admissions, student ethnicity, total enrollment, class size, student-teacher ratio, and general information about each school.

371.01-S

Your College Search. Commission on Independent Colleges & Universities, 2003.

Provides listings of degree programs offered by each private college and university in New York State. Contains detailed profiles of each school including degrees offered, tuition, student population, and application deadlines.

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Section 3 Government

Directory of New York City Community Board Offices. Office of the Mayor, Community Assistance Unit, 2003.

Listing of Community Boards by borough; includes names of district managers and chairpersons.

352.0747-D

The Green Book: Official Directory of the City of New York, 2004-05. City of New York.

Directory of all New York City governmental agencies and major New York State and federal agencies.

352.0747-G

Guide to Your Elected Officials, 2004. NYC Voter Assistance Commission.

Listing by borough of all government officials; includes district maps.

328.0974-G

NYS Legislative Reference Guide: Directory of Officers and Officials, 2005. Grass Roots Lobbying Plan.

Lists New York State's elected officials in the US Senate and House of Representatives and the NYS Senate and Assembly, including NYS standing committee assignments. Also lists NYS judicial and executive officials and administrative departments.

328.747-N

Street Finder: Bronx County, Kings County, New York County, Queens County, Richmond County, 2003.

NYC Board of Elections.

For each street address gives Election District, Assembly, Congressional, State Senatorial, Municipal Court, and Councilmanic Districts. Revised editions available when major changes occur.

328.3345-N

They Represent You, 2005. League of Women Voters.

Listings of elected officials and their addresses in the five boroughs, as well as maps of Congressional, State Senatorial, Assembly, and City Council districts. Also includes directories of Community Boards and Community School Boards, voter registration, and elections information.

328.747-T

What Makes New York City Run?

Rev. ed. League of Women Voters, 2001.

A citizen's guide to how New York City government works, including information on government officials, the budget, and city planning.

320.4747-K

Section 4 Social, Health, Multi-Service

Book of Choices: New York Resources for Unplanned Pregnancy. NARAL/NY, 2005.

Guide to abortion services in New York State. Includes information on contraception, health plans and abortion, and a listing of licensed abortion providers.

613.94-B

The Center for Community Problem Solving Reentry Guide. The Center for Community Problem Solving Press, 2005.

Designed to be used by recently released inmates, their families, and those who provide services to ex-inmates. Includes information about housing, employment, independent living skills, voting, emergency and basic needs, and immigration issues. Services are grouped by geographic service area as well as in an alphabetical listing.

364.8025-C

Coalition for the Homeless Resource Guide. 4th ed. Coalition for the Homeless, 2005.

Services listed include: shelters, emergency food programs, crisis and social services, employment and educational services, legal and medical services, mental health and behavioral health services, and housing resources. Most are listed alphabetically within each borough; soup kitchens and emergency food programs are listed by zip code. Index lists names of programs and parent agencies of individual programs.

364.8025-C

Connections 2005-2006: A Guide for Ex-inmates to Information Sources in New York City plus The Job Search.

The New York Public Library, 2005. A selective listing of sources of information and assistance in New York City for recently released and pre-release inmates. Chapter topics include ex-offender organizations, education, housing, financial assistance, counseling and family services, addictions, and consumer affairs. Includes expanded section "The Job Search," a step-by-step guide to looking for a job.

364.8025-C

Directory of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Services and Resources. NYC Office of the Comptroller, 2005.

Comprehensive directory of services available in the metropolitan New York City area to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. Listings of agencies with descriptions and contact information.

306.677-L

Directory of Services to Immigrants: A Guide to Community-Based Organizations in New York City.

Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and Language Services, 2000.

Informational directory includes descriptions of services provided by community agencies on topics such as day care, economic issues, employment, education, housing, legal services, health, worker's rights, women, and youth.

325.747-D

Domestic Violence Handbook. NYS Dept. of Social Services, 2004.

A self-help guide to information on legal rights, getting help from the legal system, safety plans, telephone numbers for shelter, advocacy groups, counseling, and support. Also includes information on how to obtain an Order of Protection, court procedures, and police responsibilities.

362.8292-D

Domestic Violence Services

Directory. NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, 2005.

Comprehensive listing of domestic violence resources in New York City. Information is arranged alphabetically by organization name. Index lists programs by borough served and languages accommodated. Organization entries include location, website (if available), program hours, fees, borough(s) served, accessibility, languages spoken, special populations served, and services provided.

362.8292-D

Health Hotlines. National Library of Medicine, 2003.

All-inclusive listing of toll-free numbers to organizations providing information on topics like AIDS, cancer, mental health, aging, specific diseases and disorders, adoption, substance abuse, surgery, and women's health.

361.06-H

New York City Neighborhood Health Profiles, 2000. NYC Dept. of Health, 2002.

Borough level health reports for 42 United Health Fund neighborhoods in New York City. The following locations maintain the entire five-borough set: Bronx Reference Center, Donnell Library Center, Mid-Manhattan Library, St. George Library Center, and Science, Industry & Business Library.

614.0974-N

The New York Times Guide for Immigrants in New York City. Thomas Dunne Books, 2004.

Informative guide for immigrants to New York City includes information on housing, child care, labor and employment, health care and insurance, public assistance, and necessary documents. Also has a resource directory for further information. Book is divided into three sections – English, Spanish, and Chinese.

Mul 325.747-N

The Newest New Yorkers 2000. NYC Dept. of City Planning, 2004. Detailed demographic information about New York City's foreign-born residents. Includes maps and charts.

304.8747-N

A Resource Directory of Human Services for Asian Americans in Metropolitan New York, 2003. Asian American Federation of New York.

Listing of resources includes program descriptions, contact, eligibility requirements, costs, and populations served. Includes health and human services, community resources, additional contact numbers, and special media organizations.

362.8495-R

Staten Island AIDS Information and Directory of Services. Staten Island HIV CARE Network, Staten Island AIDS Task Force, 2003.

Resources and services for Staten Islanders living with HIV/AIDS and the providers who assist them. Includes information on the following: advocacy, HIV/AIDS drugs, hospice, housing, insurance, legal assistance, and support services. Also includes an alphabetical listing of providers.

362.1969-S

Volunteer!!!: A Guide to Nonprofit Organizations Serving New York City's African American Community.

Eugene D. Miller and Alejandro Quintana; City University of New York, Center for the Study of Philanthropy, 2003.

Directory of art organizations, cultural and educational institutions, community development agencies, housing organizations, health and family organizations, political and advocacy groups that provide volunteer opportunities.

361.37-V

Volunteer!!!: A Guide to Nonprofit Organizations Serving New York City's Asian American Community.

Eugene D. Miller and Alejandro Quintana; City University of New York, Center for the Study of Philanthropy, 2003.

361.37-V

Volunteer!!!: A Guide to Nonprofit Organizations Serving New York City's Latino Community.

Eugene D. Miller and Alejandro Quintana; City University of New York, Center for the Study of Philanthropy, 2003.

361.37-V

Your Community Link to Bronx Health Care. Commission on the Public's Health System and the Bronx Health Link, 2005.

Information about low-cost health care services in the Bronx. Includes information about fees charged, available tests at each site, and languages spoken by staff.

362.9747-Y

Section 5 Housing, Self-Help, Consumer

Housing Programs of New York State. NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal, 2005.

Information about a variety of housing programs available to New Yorkers. Topics include Mitchell-Lama Housing Program, Section 8 Program, rent control and stabilization information, and contact information for borough and district rent offices. Includes state-wide resources.
363.5809-H

Información Útil Sobre las Reglas y Regulaciones de Vivienda. NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development, 2004.
Spanish translation of *Useful Information About Housing Rules and Regulations*.
Spa **363.5097-I**

Useful Information About Housing Rules and Regulations. NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development, 2005.

Information for New York City owners and tenants. Topics include discrimination, harassment, heat and hot water, housing court, illegal conversions, lead-based paint, pets, and rent regulation.
363.5097-U

Section 6 Disabilities

After School and More: After School, Weekend and Holiday Programs for Children and Youth with Special Needs. 2nd ed. Resources for Children with Special Needs, 2004.

Listing of after school, weekend, and holiday programs available to children who are disabled. Includes special programs, inclusion programs, and mainstream programs for children and teens.
362.4097-A

Camps: A Directory of Camps and Summer Programs for Children and Youth with Disabilities and Special Needs. [English and Spanish]. Resources for Children with Special Needs, 2005.

Annual listing of summer camps and other summer opportunities available to children who are disabled. Includes early childhood resources, opportunities for teens, summer tutoring, and other guides and referral services.
362.7025-C

Care at Home: A Handbook for Parents: Helping Families Care for a Physically Disabled Child at Home. NYS Dept. of Health, 2003.

A guide designed for the parents or guardians of a child with a physical disability. Provides information on the Care at Home Program, including eligibility, the application process, and obtaining Medicaid services. Additional information, reference materials, and helpful forms are also included.
649.151-C

The Comprehensive Directory. Resources for Children with Special Needs, 2002.

A truly comprehensive directory listing resources for children with special needs, including schools and educational programs, child care and respite, post-secondary and vocational training, independent living, therapy and remedial services, legal and advocacy services, and more.
362.4097-C

Exercise Your Ability: The Ultimate Guide to Sports and Recreation for People with Disabilities. NYC Sports Commission, 2001.

Provides information on adaptive sports and recreation in New York City, as well as around the country.
796.0456-E

Planning for the Future: A Guide for Families and Friends of People with Developmental Disabilities. NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, 2003.

Informational booklet geared to helping people with disabilities take advantage of all opportunities available to them. Topics covered include government benefits, financial assets, education, employment, estate planning, property ownership, trusts, housing, support services, guardianship, burial planning, and moving from state to state.
362.3097-P

Schools and Services for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Resources for Children with Special Needs, 2004.

This guide provides information about schools, as well as additional resources, for children with autism spectrum disorders. Information includes recreational, social, medical, and diagnostic programs. Also contains listing of camps.
371.9409-S

Transition Matters – From School to Independence. Resources for Children with Special Needs, 2003.

Written for parents, students, and professionals, this guide provides information about programs serving those 14 years old and older who are transitioning from school to adult life. Part one is a guide to this transition. Part two is a resource directory of agencies and organizations that offer relevant programs.
362.4097-T

Section 7 Maps & Guides

Bus Maps. NYC Metropolitan Transportation Authority.
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City Dog New York City. City Dog, 2005.

An A to Z directory of services for dog owners broken down into geographic service areas. Concentrates on Manhattan and Brooklyn, but does list citywide services.
636.7083-C

The Feder Guide to Where to Park Your Car in Manhattan. Downtown ed. Rhythmo Productions, 2005.

Covering the area from 30th Street to Battery Park, this guide lists parking regulations for all streets and avenues, area parking garages, parking violation fines, and what to do if your car is towed or missing.
388.474-F

Fodor's New York City, 2006.

Fodor's Travel Publications.
Travel guide to New York City provides practical information for both residents and tourists. Lists and describes the wide variety of cultural and recreational resources of the five boroughs. Includes maps and floor plans of areas and sites of particular interest. Index.
917.471-F

Free Expression: Guide to Alternative/Free Exhibit Spaces. NYC Dept. of Cultural Affairs, 2002.

Directory of art and exhibit spaces in New York City for artists wishing to show their work. Provides description of space, types of shows given, duration of shows, security and insurance requirements, and application information.
708.1471-F

Guide to New York City Landmarks.

3rd ed. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2004.
Descriptions of landmarks and historic districts in the five boroughs; includes photographs and maps.
917.471-G

Hagstrom New York City 5 Borough Pocket Atlas. Hagstrom Map Company, 2004.

Detailed street maps of the five boroughs, including house numbers, subway stations, zip codes, and community names. Street name index for each borough.
912.747-H

Hagstrom Pocket Maps. Hagstrom Map Company.
912.7471-H

New York City Subway Map. NYC Metropolitan Transportation Authority.
pamphlet

Newcomer's Handbook for Moving to and Living in New York City. 20th ed.

First Books, 2004.
Handbook for newcomers wanting information about neighborhoods, apartment hunting, finances, getting settled, services, shopping, child care, schools, houses of worship, culture, volunteering, transportation, and temporary housing. Includes a typical calendar of events in New York City.
917.471-N

Section 8 Parent, Child, Teen

Connections: A Resource Directory for Youth. Young Men of Color Coalition, 2005.

Designed to inform young people about services available to them, this resource directory addresses issues important to teens. Includes information on depression, suicide, STDs, HIV/AIDS, coming out. Lists agencies by borough as well as by services offered.
362.7083-C

Keeping Track of New York City's Children 2005. Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc.

Statistical information about New York City children. Includes charts, graphs, and maps. Includes information on housing, education, child health, and child care. *Keeping Track of New York City's Children* is published every two years.
362.799-K

Summer Camp.

NYC Dept. of Health, Bureau of Inspections, 2005.
Listings of all day camps in the five boroughs licensed by the New York City Dept. of Health. Includes information on day camps for children with special needs.
796.542-C

Additional Resources in NYPL Branch Library Community Information Collections

Government:

Know Your Community Board / Su Junta Comunitaria

Housing, Self-Help, Consumer:

How ... When ... Where / Cómo ... Cuando ... Dónde: Information for Homeless and Relocated Families in New York City