

16. People With Disabilities

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Treatment Alternative for Developmentally Disabled Offenders (TADDO) ¹

150 Grand street
White Plains, NY 10601
Telephone: 995-6397

Description: The goal of the Department of Community Mental Health's TADDO Program is to make community supported work services available as a sentencing alternative to developmentally disabled pre-trial detainees in the Westchester County Jail and Women's Unit. Only persons charged with misdemeanors and non-violent felonies will be eligible.

Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)

75 South Broadway
White Plains, NY 10601
Phone: (914) 946-1313; (800) 258-3743
<http://www.nysed.gov/pro1999/vesid1.htm>

Services: Counseling, guidance, educational training and assessment to those whose disability is a barrier to employment. VESID promotes educational equity and excellence for students with disabilities while ensuring that they receive the rights and protection to which they are entitled; and provides vocational rehabilitation and independent living services to eligible persons to enable them to work and live independent, self-directed lives

Eligibility: Westchester residents with disabilities who are able to work. Call for details.

Since substance abusers are considered to be disabled by VSID, it helps if the substance abuse problem is validated by the applicant having

completed a substance abuse treatment program. Once in the program, substance abusers must:

- Be monitored and subjected to random drug tests. Such monitoring may be conducted by the parole officer or an aftercare program.
- Ex-offenders who are not substance abusers and who do not have physical or mental disabilities that limit their ability to work independently are not considered to be disabled.

Westchester County Office for the Disabled

Michaelian Office Building Rm 102
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601
Telephone: (914) 995-2957

<http://www.westchestergov.com/disabled/>

Eligibility: Must be disabled; call for application and information.

Fees: None

Description: A clearinghouse of information for people with disabilities. Aids in transportation, housing, removing architectural and communication barriers, employment, and sign language interpreter referral. Also provide information about the Americans with Disabilities Act and other laws that guarantee people with disabilities basic civil rights

Careers for People With Disabilities

401 Columbus Ave. Valhalla, NY 10595 Phone: (914) 741 5627	45 Fair St. Carmel, NY 10512 Phone: (845) 225 8007
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Eligibility: Westchester and Putnam residents, ages 16-seniors, who are disabled.

Fees: None

Description: Job preparation (resumes, interviews), job training, case management, community outreach and education.

¹ Westchester County Department of Correction *Directory of Inmate Services*, July 112, 2004