

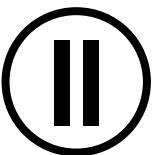
**URBAN LEAGUE**

## Family Support Services Program

Programs and Services



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### Urban League Membership Application

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M or F Education Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ # in Family: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Income Range: Under \$10,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000-\$20,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20,000-\$30,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30,000-\$40,000+ \_\_\_\_\_

RACE: African-American: \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic: \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian: \_\_\_\_\_ Asian: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please notice that the following rates are for **MEMBERSHIP ONLY**. A one-year membership card will be provided. In addition, you will be assessed a fee for each computer course taken.

PATRON	\$50.00
FAMILY	\$35.00
ADULT	\$25.00
SENIOR CITIZEN	\$15.00
STUDENT	\$10.00

**ADDITIONAL PATRON MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:**

<b>BRONZE</b> ~\$75.00	<b>GOLD</b> ~\$300.00
~Urban League Pin	~Urban League Pin & T-Shirt
~Quarterly Newsletter	~Quarterly Newsletter
	~Discount on Selected Events
	~Corporate Coupons

<b>SILVER</b> ~\$150.00
~Urban League Pin
~Quarterly Newsletter
~Discount on Selected Events

\*Donations are tax deductible

Make checks, money orders & cashiers checks payable to BCUL. Fees Subject to change without notice.

### Who is Eligible for Services?

- Families with a family member (s) with a diagnosis of mental retardation or a developmental disability living at home.
- Families that have a need for the services provided by the Urban League through the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.
- Families that reside in Broome County.



# The Urban League

The BCUL was founded in 1968 and is one of 110 affiliates of the National Urban League who represent the oldest and largest community-based movements empowering people of color to enter the economic and social mainstream. The BCUL is a major non-profit social services and civil rights organization in Binghamton, NY. Key program areas are education, technology training, housing, and support services.

## Family Support Services

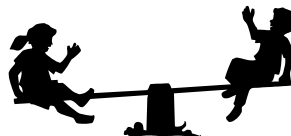
Family Support Services was established in 1984 by the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) in an attempt to service families who cared for their family member (s) with a developmental disability within their home. The program has been extremely successful in promoting communication between families, community and private organizations, and the local community in order to coordinate and implement services that meet the needs of the families.

The primary goal of Family Support Services is to encourage individuals with a developmental disability to reach their optimum level of functioning and maintain this level within the context of their home and their families.



## BCUL/FSS Programs

- **Information/Referral**-Information and resources is provided to families about their family member's developmental disability. Educational resources are available in the Family and Friends Resource Library (for a schedule of library hours please contact the Urban League). Referrals are offered to families for services that the BCUL does not provide but that the family could greatly benefit from.
- **Respite Reimbursement**- This service provides short-term, temporary periods of relief for families that are caring for a family member with a developmental disability that resides with them. The purpose of respite reimbursement is to strengthen and maintain the family unit. Respite reimbursement helps to cover the costs incurred when families hire someone to spend time with their child with a disability while they are absent for purposes other than work.
- **Summer Program**- This is a 7 week, Monday-Friday program run during the summer months for children ages 5-12 years. One of the main goals of this program is to promote inclusion. The children with disabilities participate in activities with the children in the Summer Enrichment Program. The program is filled with educational, stimulating, and recreational activities.



- **Computer Classes**- Computer Classes for individuals with disabilities are held at the Urban League Technology Center at 36 Exchange Street in Binghamton. The classes are offered one hour per week. The topic of each class varies and is based upon the skill levels and interests of the students. Enrollment is limited for those who qualify.



- **Family Training**

The family training service strives to educate families/caregivers about topics that are relevant to them and their family member with a disability. Training sessions are offered bi-monthly to families free of charge. Past topics have included special education programs, stress and coping, future planning, legal rights/issues, and a focus on a specific disability or disorder. Trainings are planned based upon the needs of families and recommendations from those families on various topics of interest.



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