

New York's Online Directory of Free and Low-Cost Health and Social Services

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New Keyword Help Box

Each HITE search category (from **Health Care Services** to **Transportation**) now contains a “Keyword Help” feature to facilitate searching for more specific services.

Clicking on this new “help” link opens a pop-up window that explains how to search by keyword, as well as tips and search examples. For questions on this or other HITE search features, please call **866-370-HITE** or click the “Contact Us” button on the left-hand navigation bar at www.hitesite.org.

You can focus your search by **KEYWORD(S)** [\[help\]](#)

Enter KEYWORD(S):

HITE Receives 2008 “Best in Reference” Award

The HITE Web site received a “Best in Reference Award,” chosen by a committee of librarians from the New York, Brooklyn, and Queens Public Libraries. This annual award is granted to twenty-five books, Web sites, and other resources providing outstanding assistance in reference work. For more information, please visit <http://bestofreference.googlepages.com/>.

HITE Staff Attend Legislative Conference in Albany

On April 3rd and 4th, 2009, HITE staff accompanied the Government & Community Affairs department of the Greater New York Hospital Association to the 22nd Annual Somos el Futuro Legislative Conference, hosted by the New York State Assembly Puerto Rican and Hispanic Task Force.

During the weekend conference, HITE staff provided demonstrations of the HITE Web site to legislative staff, constituents, providers, and other attendees from communities throughout New York State. HITE staff also attended workshops to learn about important issues affecting New York’s underserved communities. The conference provided an excellent opportunity to increase awareness of HITE statewide.

Outreach Services



HITE Project Assistant Francesca Padilla demos www.hitesite.org at the Children’s Mental Health Conference in Brooklyn.

In order to spread the word about what HITE has to offer, the following FREE programs and services are available to users as part of an ongoing outreach initiative:

HITE trainings. HITE staff provides in-service trainings for organizations who are interested in learning how to most effectively locate services in HITE. Since the start of 2009, HITE staff have trained more than 120 individuals at health and social service facilities throughout New York City.

Informational materials. HITE staff provides brochures and flyers for organizations who would like to read more about HITE or who want to share this information with clients.

Community events. By participating in health fairs, conferences, and other community events, HITE staff has reached out to individuals and families in the community who are interested in learning about resources available to them. HITE staff will next present www.hitesite.org at the Brooklyn Adult Learning Center’s annual Health Fair on Wednesday, May 20 from 10am—3pm.

Focus groups. Do you have any thoughts on how HITE can continue to help in day-to-day referral work? HITE staff is seeking participants for focus groups in upcoming months to discuss the features of HITE and gain important feedback to further develop the site.

To participate in any of these programs or services, please contact HITE Project Assistant Francesca Padilla at (212) 506-5528 or fpadilla@gnyha.org.

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Health Care Services	Social Services	Health Insurance
Dental & Optical	Immigrant Support	Prescription Drugs
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Transportation	Financial Assistance

Use HITE to locate a wide range of health and human services.

Spotlight on [the Ithaca Health Fund](#)

The Ithaca Health Fund is a low-cost membership program providing New York State residents with medical expense grants, with a yearly allowance that starts at \$3,000 per member. The Health Fund also provides interest-free loans for dental and eye care services.

Yearly membership dues range from \$50-\$100 per person (discounts may be available for individuals in need and small businesses). For information on how to join, please [click here](#) or call (607) 330-1253. The Fund is part of the Ithaca Health Alliance, a non-profit health care cooperative.