

CANY on WNBC!



In April, CANY was pleased to have 4NY reporter Carol Anne Riddell join the fun at [Aviator Sports and Recreation Complex](#) for a festive day of gymnastics - all part of [City Access New York's](#) respite project. This past year Aviator educators have worked closely with CANY to develop a repertoire of sports activities adapted to the needs of young adults with developmental disabilities. We think they've done a wonderful job and hope you'll take a moment to view the full news piece at [this link](#).

"It rocks! Are you kidding me? Everything's great around here!"
- W.B., sports star, TV star!

Citywide Science Scholarship Fund



This year, in partnership with [Rocking the Boat](#) and [Urban Park Rangers](#) CANY is excited to pilot a citywide science scholarship fund for [Educational Vision Services](#) (EVS) students. This new initiative is a natural extension of our ongoing Adapted Arts & Science project, which since 2003 has tied community resources to school based learning for yearlong instruction in social studies and science. With Rocking the Boat and Urban Park Rangers, CANY will host more than 150 days of hands-on science in such striking natural settings as Crotona Park and The Jose E Serrano Riverside Campus for Arts and the Environment in the Bronx, Inwood Hill Park in Manhattan, Marine Park in Brooklyn, and Blue Heron Park in Staten Island.

This one-of-a-kind citywide scholarship fund is made possible by a generous grant by the [J.E. & Z.B. Butler Foundation](#). Thank you, Butler Foundation!

Museums Respond to Children with Autism



At the recent [NYC Museum Educators Roundtable](#) Annual Conference, the [Queens Museum of Art's ArtAccess](#) program and [Mexicanos Unidos de Queens](#) presented "The Museum as Learning and Socialization for Immigrant Children with Autism and their Families". The presentation underscored the importance of museums as places for children's social and cognitive development, as well as parental support.

The discussion that followed highlighted new programs for children with autism, and the interest of attendees to try new approaches. Initiated by a parents' group called the North Shore Autism Circle, one new program at The [Nassau County Museum of Art](#) (NCMA) is the Autism and the Arts Program. Both the Queens Museum of Art and NCMA programs demonstrate the key role parents play in program development.

Today, with one in 150 people diagnosed with autism, the need for such programming is great.

At the close of the conference, participants wanted to learn more about the design and coordination of programs for children with autism. As a result, a preliminary meeting of those interested in starting new programs is set for the fall. A follow-up session, hosted by the [Museum Access Consortium](#), is scheduled for November. If you are interested in participating in either session, please contact Pearl Rosen Golden at Pearlrg@gmail.com

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