

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Based in White Plains, NY, POINT is a non-sectarian community that **empowers adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live independently** by providing individualized support services, **without on-site supervision.**

POINT participants lead enviable, community-filled lives; building meaningful connections through our robust activities calendar, receiving ongoing life-skills training, and making contributions to the broader community through employment and volunteerism.

POINT participants live in apartments across multiple buildings in White Plains, all within walking distance of our POINT Community Center. Some housing subsidies may be available for those who meet NY State criteria.

OUR FAMILY FOUNDERS

Like many courageous, innovative solutions, **POINT was created in 2008 by a group of caring parents who faced a very real need** — their children with developmental disabilities were aging out of post-secondary residential programs, **and there were few, if any, good alternatives for what happened “next.”**

Our 15 founding families designed a **unique, community-driven solution that celebrates participants’ capability to live independently,** while also providing individual support, 24/7 emergency response, and social activities to ensure safety, well-being, and connection.

CONTACT US

We very much welcome your interest in POINT and invite you to learn more about our community via the resources listed below.

Please do not hesitate to contact us – **we look forward to your inquiry!**

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POINT

Pursuing Our INdependence Together

A non-sectarian, independent living community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Empowered
by **wjcs**
Westchester Jewish
Community Services



WHO WE ARE

Community Leadership

POINT is managed through the thoughtful, effective partnership among our host agency, our enthusiastic network of families (and friends!), and other partner agencies including JCCA. Our host agency, Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS), is the largest human services agency in Westchester County – WJCS has been invaluable collaborative and has welcomed families to stay involved in developing and evolving the community.

POINT Families and Friends (PFF)

POINT's success is supported by this ongoing family involvement. PFF is an advocacy forum and community for families, by families – families share important information regarding services and benefits and host social events throughout the year.

HOW IT WORKS

Participants are empowered to live independently with **tailored support that meets them and their needs “where they are”** from their dedicated POINT team.

Core POINT Services

- 1 Individualized Support**
Participants meet with their assigned POINT Program Specialist 1:1 each week to discuss goals, life skills development, and problem-solving needs.
- 2 Social & Community**
Participants enjoy a robust social calendar of events and activities that cater to a wide range of interests, led by Program Specialists.
- 3 Safety & Wellness**
While there is no on-site supervision, participant safety is supported by:
 - 24-Hour Emergency Hotline**
 - Ongoing Safety Training**, coordinated by POINT and often in partnership with White Plains, NY Fire and Police Departments

Supplemental Support

While not POINT-provided, eligible participants may receive additional **NY State benefits and services** to support their independence in: **Employment | Housing | Transportation.**

Newly accepted participants receive guidance on NY State benefits from POINT families throughout onboarding and beyond.

HOW TO JOIN

Participants are accepted through rolling admissions on the basis of **demonstrated capability and potential** to live independently, not diagnosis.

- 1 Application**
After an initial phone screening, submit **Candidate Application** with required documentation and application fee.
- 2 Family Intake Interview**
Following application review, we will invite you to a **Family Intake Interview.**
- 3 Social History & References**
Candidates deemed an appropriate fit will attend a **Social History Meeting** and provide at least three references.
- 4 Trial in POINT Social Activities**
Advanced candidates attend at least four social events from our **Social Activities Calendar** for a better feel of our community and fit.
- 5 Acceptance & Onboarding**
Accepted candidates receive an **Acceptance Letter**, and are asked to submit a **Background Check Form** and commitment fee.



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POINT
Admissions
Criteria



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Social Activities
Calendar