

Our Mission

What would you do? Who would you call? If...

- ♥ Your child needs specialized care.
- ♥ The hospital wants to discharge your child and there is nobody to help.
- ♥ Your insurance benefits are exhausted.

Confronted with these challenges, parents reach out to hospitals, insurers, state agencies, schools, physicians, and other parents. The advice they hear is often the same: "SKIP can help."

Whatever the situation, our guiding principles are the same:

- ♥ Enable children to be discharged to their families from hospitals and institutions.
- ♥ Set in place the services and support they require in the home.
- ♥ Serve as collaborative and innovative stewards to families and children as they navigate the myriad systems.
- ♥ Ensure families remain equal partners with professionals in determining the needs of their children.



SKIP of New York

Sick Kids (need) Involved People

SKIP provides statewide coverage from three offices. For more information or assistance, log on to www.skipofny.org or contact the office nearest you:

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SKIP is the way home for chronically ill and developmentally disabled children.



Because there's no place like home



SKIP is hope

For children with complex medical conditions.

For children with developmental disabilities.

For their families who want to care for them.

For everyone who believes a child belongs at home.

When it comes to healing a child, there's no place like home.



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All children belong at home. Even seriously ill children.

When a child is seriously ill, caring family members are an essential part of the healing process. They have an emotional commitment that no one else can match.

But until it happens, almost no family is prepared to care for a seriously ill or developmentally disabled child at home. It is overwhelming. Is there even anyone to talk with?



SKIP is here to help.

SKIP - Sick Kids need Involved People - is an advocacy and service coordination agency for families who want to care for their chronically ill, medically fragile, or developmentally disabled children.

SKIP is the path home for these children. We help families access the resources to bring their children home, and then remain at home with the right care and support.

It can be done. All it takes to help families is a family of friends.

Leading The Way

SKIP began in 1983 with two parents' dream of caring for their seriously ill child at home.

Today, SKIP has three offices in New York State, with 100 full-time Service Coordinators and 200 part-time residential habilitation and respite workers. Every year, we help thousands of families.



SKIP meets with government agencies to advocate and help design programs that will assist families. Our efforts have been recognized by New York State.

Nationally, SKIP of New York was the first grassroots child advocacy organization to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

(HHS), Division of Maternal and Child Health. We continue to work closely with federal agencies.

Health care professionals rely on SKIP to stay informed of changing regulations and new services, because every day brings new possibilities.



"As with any effective advocacy organization, SKIP is often demanding, but their commitment and skill is undeniable. Anyone who finds SKIP challenging would call them first, if they needed help for their child."

Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Dr.P.H.
New York State Commissioner of Health
Former Surgeon General
July 20, 2001

Meet a Family's Guardian Angel

SKIP never turns away a family. We stay involved as long as the family requests, whether it is as a bridge between hospital and home or for a lifetime of care.

Each SKIP Service Coordinator works with no more than 25 families. This allows a Service Coordinator to know a family and their special needs.

Service Coordinators are involved with everything that touches a family's life. They guide families through the maze of services, respond to emergencies, and research new information. They know who can help and how to get that help to parents in need.

A SKIP Service Coordinator is, as one parent said, "a guardian angel for our family."



Help Us to Keep Helping Families

Since inception, SKIP has relied primarily on federal and state funding and grants. SKIP of New York was incorporated in 1983 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Unfortunately, while care costs continue to escalate, the rates of reimbursement have not increased. And the demand for our services is greater than ever.

When a child comes home we all benefit. Hospital resources are freed. Health care and other social costs are reduced, often dramatically and measurably. The family is on the way to becoming self-sufficient and able to act as their child's advocate. The emotional rewards are immeasurable.

At SKIP, over 90% of revenue goes directly to serving families. By supporting SKIP, you give a child a chance at a normal life at home with the ones who love them.

Julia's Story

Julia spent the first two-and-a-half years of her life in an intensive care unit. Julia's parents wanted her home. But there was no precedent for bringing home a child on life-support equipment.

Julia's parents fought to make their dream a reality. They researched financial resources, mastered care skills and showed that professional standards could be provided in a home environment. Julia was the first child in New York State to be brought home on a life-support system.



In 1983, Julia's parents founded SKIP of New York. That first year, they helped ten families. Since then, SKIP has worked with thousands and thousands of families.

The Julia Fund

The Board of Directors created *The Julia Fund* in celebration of her inspiring story. The primary goal of *The Julia Fund* is to reduce SKIP's waiting list. There are hundreds of children on our waiting list. With your help, we can serve them all.



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