



Lilya Popovetsky

A Multilingual Development Agency

Lilya Popovetsky is the founder of A Multilingual Development Agency, an Early Intervention agency for children from birth to three years old in Nassau County. She obtained a Master's Degree from Columbia University's Teacher's College in Early Childhood Special Education with a dual certification in General Education, and went on to complete two educational administration degrees from Hofstra University, where she was awarded the Aspiring Leader Scholarship award.

A Multilingual Developmental Agency is a New York State Department of Health approved agency contracted by the Nassau County Early Intervention Program. The agency treats children who have developmental delays, and it specializes in working with children who are bilingual and have been adopted. A Multilingual Development Agency offers all children full developmental evaluations in their native languages and provides a full range of therapeutic services, with no out-of-pocket costs to the families. Some of the many languages offered to families are Russian, Polish, Spanish, Greek, Italian, Hindi, Cantonese and French. A sample of the therapies offered by this agency include speech/language, physical, occupational, feeding and play, among others. The agency can also provide nutritional consults, audiological evaluations, as well as family training. The evaluations and services take place in a setting that is natural to the child, which is typically the home, but can also be day care or school. Popovetzky started the agency more than four years ago and has since assisted hundreds of families throughout Nassau County. In the spring of 2009, she was recognized by the Long Island Press, which awarded her a spot on its Fortune 52 list.