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ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES HOSTED A FOSTER CARE FAMILY DAY AT THE INTREPID SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM FOR MOTHER’S DAY WEEKEND

As part of Mother’s Day Weekend, more than 114 children and foster parents explored the Intrepid and participated in fun family-focused activities

New York, NY – On Saturday, May 13, the NYC Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) hosted a Foster Care Family Day at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in Manhattan as part of National Foster Care Month (May), and in recognition of the Mother’s Day Weekend. ACS youth in foster care and foster parents were treated to a fun day of exploring the Intrepid and participating in various family-focused activities.





“During National Foster Care Month, we celebrate the incredible foster parents who step up to care for New York City children in need,” said **Deputy Commissioner for Family Permanency Services Julie Farber**. “There is no role more rewarding than being a parent. ACS works with our partners to ensure that foster parents are supported so that children in foster care can thrive. During this time, I want to especially thank all of the foster parents who help make NYC Family Strong.”

"Our foster parents' commitment to children is life changing every single day," said **Council Member Stephen Levin**. "Their dedication, compassion, and perseverance has a lasting effect on the future and wellbeing of our city's children. This National Foster Care Month, we celebrate and lift up these remarkable individuals with a simple message -- thank you."

"Every child deserves to feel loved and appreciated for who they are and encouraged to follow their dreams wherever they may take them," said **Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer**. “A foster parent is a special person who has chosen to be that fierce advocate and defender for a child in need. I’m proud of our city for hosting a Foster Care Family Day at the Intrepid Museum that gave foster parents and children a day to make new memories, grow stronger as family, and just have fun. As the Chair of the Committee on Cultural Affairs, I’m also thrilled to see that the funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities that were received by the Intrepid Museum support programs like this, which is yet another example of the role that culture and the arts play in creating a more just city."



Families got to explore the museum, received gifts and were treated to lunch.

About the New York City Administration for Children’s Services: The Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) protects and promotes safety and well-being of New York City’s children and families by providing child welfare, juvenile justice, and early care and education services. In child welfare, ACS contracts with private nonprofit organizations to support and stabilize families at risk of a crisis through preventive services, and provides foster care services for children not able to safely remain at home. The recently released ACS’ 2016 Foster Care Blueprint indicates a 25% increase of children achieving permanency through kinship guardianship and a 5% in adoption rates even as the overall number of children in foster care continued to decline, among other significant progress made to improve case practice and outcomes for children and families in the foster care system. In juvenile justice, ACS manages and funds services including detention and placement, intensive community-based alternatives for youth, and support services for families. In early care and education, ACS coordinates and funds programs and vouchers for close to 100,000 children eligible for subsidized care.

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