



# HOOTMAIL

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE NYC EARLYLEARN COMMUNITY

**MARCH 13, 2014**

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

### Self-Assessment 2014 Is Here!

ACS' Division of Early Care & Education remains committed to reflective practice in its support of all early childhood environments in New York City as Reflection-in-Action is the only means to building true excellence. To this end, EarlyLearn Self-Assessment 2014 was launched on February 2, 2014 and extends to April 30, 2014.

Please note — Appendix H (Program Improvement Plan) & Appendix I (Program Year Calendar) were not previously distributed; they have been included as part of this Hoot Mail as separate attachments.

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### Important Dates

- 12/20** Ongoing Deadline for Contractor Data Request (survey, board members, org charts)
- 3/15** Edwin Gould Services for Children & Families: Foster Parent Recruitment Event
- 3/24** Learning Community Seminar: Domestic Violence and its Impact on our Youngest Children and Their Families
- 3/28** Head Start Delegate Directors' Meeting
- 3/31** Open Enrollment in Health Insurance Ends
- 4/30** Self Assessment Due

## SOME REMINDERS...



### EARLYLEARN CONTRACTOR SURVEYS

EarlyLearn contractors were asked to submit a contractor survey, sponsoring board member listing and staff organization chart by December 20, 2013. Several contractors have yet to submit any documents. Please check with your executive directors and/or directors to see if the above-mentioned documents have been submitted. If you have any questions about this request or need assistance filling the forms out, please contact: [Alyson Grant](#) (212.393.5103).

### Learning Community Seminar: Domestic Violence and its Impact on our Youngest Children and Their Families March 24<sup>th</sup>

ACS' Division of Family Support Services is offering a Learning Community Seminar to share new approaches and practices for working with children impacted by domestic violence. Registration is required. Please share the information in the Hoot Attachments with Family Support Services and Education staff and encourage them to attend. Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Marilyn P. Bartlett at 212-341-9023.

### OPEN ENROLLMENT IN HEALTH INSURANCE ENDS MARCH 31, 2014

Get covered now! It's easier to get health insurance now than ever before. Sign up online or over the phone, [or get in-person help in your borough](#). Most uninsured New Yorkers can get a break on costs, too. The Affordable Care Act makes this possible. Open enrollment ends March 31, 2014. Go to <http://www.NYStateofHealth.ny.gov> to see your health plan options. If you have any additional questions, you can call The New York State of Health ("Marketplace") 1(855)355-5777. Please share this information with all staff and families.

# INFO FOR THE ENTIRE EARLYLEARN COMMUNITY

## EARLYLEARN MARKETING MATERIALS

We hope that you are enjoying and using your EarlyLearn NYC marketing materials to recruit families. Marketing materials are available to all EarlyLearn sites. If your site has not received your marketing materials, we ask that you please check with your central office or contact [Okolo Jacobs](#).



## Edwin Gould Services for Children & Families: Foster Parent Recruitment Event March 15, 2014

Edwin Gould Services for Children & Families is hosting a Foster Parent Recruitment Event on Saturday, March 15, 2014. We encourage you to share this information with your families and anyone who would be interested in becoming a foster parent. Please see the Hoot Attachments for more information and flyers.

## SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

Bumblebees R Us sends us a picture from their Lorraine Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Reception. To be featured in an upcoming HootMail, send your pictures to [Okolo Jacobs](#) along with a brief description.



*Program Director Rivka Reinetz & FCPE Coordinator Shari Seidman stopped by our Lorraine Center 2nd Anniversary Reception and took time out for a photo with Lorraine Office Manager Carmen McClean*

## HEAD START NEWS

### Head Start Delegate Directors' Meeting

ACS is holding a special Directors' Meeting for Head Start delegate agencies on March 28, 2014 from 10am to 12:30pm at the Nicholas Scopetta Children's Center. We will be discussing important Head Start related topics.

Pre-registration is mandatory: <http://acselnyc-headstartdirmtg.eventbrite.com>.



## RESOURCES

### NYC Nonprofit Assistance: Building a Peer Fundraising Culture for Young Boards

March 20, 2014 - 9:00am-12:30pm

One Centre Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lower Manhattan

Board fundraising is a key strategy for your overall development efforts. Join Susan Gabriel and Greg Cohen of Cause Effective to learn how to establish a peer-to-peer fundraising culture right from the start in which fundraising goals are set, achieved and celebrated with panache. This session will focus on tips for moving board members beyond lip service to action. *Directed towards executive directors and board members of nonprofits 8 years of age and under.*

**RSVP required:** To register for, fax a completed Citywide Training Center Application to 212-313-3439. The application is located in the Hoot Attachments.