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FIRST THINGS FIRST...

Get Ready for National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is around the corner, and this year, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is focusing on the theme "Making Meaningful Connections." To learn how to support meaningful and measurable change in children's well-being, and engage families and communities in the prevention of child maltreatment, you can:

- [Visit the National Child Abuse Prevention Month website](#) to find useful resources.
- Download the [2014 Prevention Resource Guide: Making Meaningful Connections](#) and learn how to strengthen families using the protective factors.
- [Access dozens of tip sheets](#) — in English and Spanish — that can be distributed to parents and caregivers. There are two new tip sheets this year, "Preventing Child Sexual Abuse" and "Making Healthy Connections With Your Family."
- [Bookmark three activity calendars](#) — one each for prevention programs, parents, and community partners — and discover ways to integrate activities related to the protective factors into Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- [View the prevention video gallery](#), which features videos from the national child abuse prevention partners. Share these videos via email and social media to raise awareness among your networks.
- Download and post Child Abuse Prevention Month [widgets](#) to your website to help promote the initiative.
- Spread the word with the [online media toolkit](#), which provides traditional and new media strategies to help your organization or community partnerships raise awareness about events, reach potential supporters, and build relationships.

Bookmark the 2014 National Child Abuse Prevention Month website today.

There is a [survey](#) available on the Prevention Month website for you to provide input. For more information on Prevention Month, contact the Child Welfare Information Gateway at 1.800.394.3366 or info@childwelfare.gov.

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- 4/11** Silent Crisis: A Forum on the Impact of Chronic Stress on Early Childhood Learning
- 4/11** Father's Resource Fair
- 4/23** Annual Education Fair
- 9/16** Dads Take Your Child To School



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ACS WEBSITE UPDATES

The provider page on ACS' website was recently updated to include all of the attachments and documents you will need to complete the Self-Assessment process for this year.

The webpage is also regularly updated with archived copies of past issues of Hootmail.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/html/child_care/for_programs.shtml

EDUCATION AND DISABILITIES

Annual Education Fair: April 23

City Wide Head Start Policy Council is holding their Annual Education Fair on Wednesday, April 23 from 10am to 1pm. The fair will be at 150 William Street, 19th Floor – Manhattan Conference Room | New York, NY 10038. Registration is not necessary.

There will be a panel discussion from CUNY college representatives and information provided about education and training programs including COPE (College Opportunity to Prepare for Employment), the new GED, ESL, and computer skills. Attendees will have a chance to inquire about the CUNY admissions process and learn more about support that is available for individuals receiving public assistance.

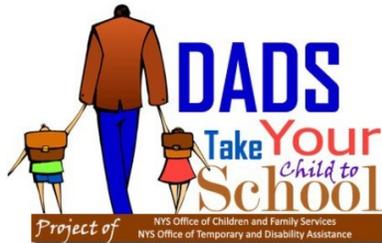
Please share this information with your staff and families. A flyer is included on page 6 of the Hoot Attachments.



FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Father's Resource Fair: April 11

ACS' Bronx Borough Offices and The Bronx Vision will be holding their 3rd Annual Father's Resource Fair on **April 11**. The fair will provide meaningful resources for fathers and community service agencies. Please share the flyer on page 7 in the Hoot Attachments with your families; encourage your staff to attend as well.



Dads Take Your Child to School (DTYCTS)

We're excited to remind you about the statewide collaborative initiative: **Dads Take Your Child to School (DTYCTS)**. This is a campaign to promote father involvement by encouraging fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, godfathers, and other significant male caregivers to take their children to school or Head Start in September and remain involved throughout the year. Last year, over

400 schools and Head Start programs across New York State, numerous community and statewide partners, and thousands of dads participated in this event. This year, **Dads Take Your Child to School** will take place statewide on **Tuesday, September 16, 2014**. If you are interested in participating in **Dads Take Your Child to School 2014**, please contact bronia.ashford@acf.hhs.gov.

Please visit pages 8-33 of the Hoot Attachments for additional information.

Head Start News

ACS City-Wide Head Start Policy Council Installation Ceremony, April 9

Directors of Head Start and Dual Eligible programs are cordially invited to attend the 2014 ACS City-Wide Head Start Policy Council Installation Ceremony. Join us as we install the incoming Policy Council members and award the outgoing Policy Council members for a job well done!

The Installation Ceremony program is the swearing-in of the 2014 City-Wide Policy Council Members and Alternates and the acknowledgement of the outgoing 2013 Members for their accomplishments.

The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. James Forbes who will give words of inspiration, as well as greetings and remarks from the Assistant Commissioners of the Division of Early Care & Education and from a representative from the ACS Governing Board and the Head Start Regional Office. Time will be given for Governing Board members, Directors and friends to give a shout-out to their parent representative on the Policy Council and to give flowers if desired. Lunch will be served.

To RSVP, please register online: <http://acselnyc-hspcinstallation2014.eventbrite.com>. A flyer is included in Hootmail.

RESOURCES / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Free Information Technology Webinars

The New York State Community Action Association is offering several free webinars related to information technology in April and May (Presenting with Prezi, Finding What You Need Fast, MS Word – Table of Contents, MS Word as Image Editor). For more information and to RSVP, please visit their website: <http://nyscommunityaction.org/category/news/event-news/>

Silent Crisis - A Forum on the Impact of Chronic Stress on Early Childhood Learning: April 11

Northern Manhattan Perinatal Partnership and Central Harlem Healthy Start are coming together with Healthy Start-Brooklyn and with Columbia University - Downstate Healthy Start to engage the community in a conversation on the growing body of research on early brain development. Research on brain development finds that trauma and chronic stress can have potential change on the brain's "architecture" and its harmonious evolution. The forum on **Friday, April 11** will bring together a diverse panel of experts, providers and advocates – please encourage your staff to attend.



RSVP online at <https://april11-silentcrisis.eventbrite.com> and see pages 2-5 of the Hoot Attachments for additional information.