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Friday, August 8, 2014

Dear Provider Community:

Since becoming Commissioner of ACS, I have been working with a team of dedicated staff on reorganizing our resources to ensure the well-being and safety of the children and families we serve. I would like to inform you of organizational changes geared toward better integrating the work of all of our divisions, especially those that directly serve children and families.

I have created the position of Executive Deputy Commissioner of Child Welfare Programs which will oversee all of ACS' child welfare programs and services, including the Divisions of Child Protection (DCP), Family Permanency Services (FPS), and Family Support Services (FSS). I created this role to ensure that all of our child welfare programs and services are fully aligned and have appointed Jacqueline McKnight to fill this role.

The current Division of Family Support Services (FSS) is being renamed Division of Preventive Services and it will be led by Jacqueline Martin as the new Deputy Commissioner. In addition, William Fletcher has been appointed as the new Deputy Commissioner of Child Protection. William, Jacqueline Martin and ACS' Deputy Commissioner of Family Permanency Services, Benita Miller, will work with Executive Deputy Commissioner McKnight in this exciting new effort.

In addition, I have appointed Eden Hauslaib, who served as the Acting Deputy Commissioner of DCP, as my Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives to assist me with several new and ongoing agency-wide efforts. [Please click on this link to read more about these changes.](#)

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming staff to their new roles.

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

Cross Divisional

Register Now to Attend the ACS Back to School Summit

The ACS Office of Education Support & Policy Planning is hosting its annual Back to School Summit on Friday August 15 for ACS and provider agency foster care and preventive case work staff and Education Coordinators/Specialists. This daylong event features speakers from ACS, NYC Department of Education and other community resources with expertise on:

- Disproportionality in Special Education
- Bullying and Harassment
- ACS/DOE Collaborations and other educational updates

You'll also have a chance to choose from workshops featuring:

- Changes to the DOE Promotion Criteria
- Special Education Services: Restrictive Educational Settings
- Early Education Programs (including Child Care)
- School Re-Engagement for Disconnected Youth
- Vocational Education Options

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register, click onto the following link: <http://btssummit2014.eventbrite.com>
[Download the event flyer.](#)

Dads Take Your Child To School (DTYCTS) Day 2014

Help make this the best ever Dads Take Your Child to School (DTYCTS) Day on Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

Volunteer

Become a DTYCTS Day Ambassador -- Register with Nancy Santiago, Education Advocate, ACS Office of Education Support and Policy Planning at Nancy.Santiago@acs.nyc.gov and receive more information on qualifications and commitments.

Additional volunteer training sessions:

When: August 13, 2014. 10-11:30am and 2:00-3:30pm

Where: 150 William Street, 19th Floor, Bronx Room.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Nancy, or contact Melvin Alston, at Melvin.alston@acs.nyc.gov or call 212.341.3162.

Plan Your DTYCTS Day Event

For more information on how to plan your DTYCTS Day event or to register your school, Head Start program or organization, visit the [DTYCTS website](#).

Attend the Kickoff Event

Join New York City and State officials as well as community leaders for the kick-off event for DTYCTS Day.

When: Friday, September 12, 2014, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ACS Office of Education Support & Policy Planning
hosts its annual

[Back to School Summit](#)

Friday, August 15, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
ACS Children's Center
492 First Avenue
New York, NY 10017

[Download the Registration Form](#)

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Where: Children's Aid Society, 14-32 West 118 Street, (Between Lenox & 5th Avenues), New York, NY 10026.

For more information on any of these events and activities, contact Melvin Alston, at Melvin.alston@acs.nyc.gov or call 212.341.3162.

Foster Care

High School Goal Weekend – Register Students and Volunteer

NYC Administration for Children's Services and the NYC Department of Education are hosting High School Goal Weekend. This event is an opportunity for 7th and 8th graders currently in foster care or recently adopted to get VIP access to the Citywide High School Fair, learn about the High School Admissions process, and receive one-on-one attention and assistance with completing the required application due on December 2, 2014! [Students who want to participate must register online at the ACS website.](#)

We are looking for adult volunteers to help 7th and 8th graders learn about the various High School choices in New York City and guide them in selecting the right High Schools for them. Mandatory volunteer orientations will be held at ACS Central Office, 150 William Street, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10038. For more information, please contact Odessa Brown at 212-341-0925 or via email at HighSchoolGoal@acs.nyc.gov. [Click here to download the volunteer application.](#)

Preventive Services

There are no Preventive announcements in this edition.

Juvenile Justice

There are no Juvenile Justice announcements in this edition.

Early Care and Education

Pre-K Target Initiative

As you continue your efforts to manage and reach your assigned pre-k targets, ACS will continue to track progress and provide you with ongoing support via weekly e-bulletins through the end of September. Please have a staff member check the email every Tuesday for the pre-k updates and news.

- ACS has brought on added support to help contact and work with individual agencies. Please look out for any calls and/or emails from Rosa Calderon, our Pre-K Consultant, and her team.
- We want to hear back from you on the following:
 - Are you clear on your pre-k targets for each site? The entire agency?
 - Do you anticipate meeting your assigned pre-k targets for your site(s) and overall agency target?
 - Have you entered all of your eligible children (those born in 2010) into PreKIDS? Remember to ensure that each child is eligible for subsidized child care or Head Start services before you enter each four year old into PreKIDS.
 - What is your current overall enrollment level towards your pre-k target? Are you enrolled at: 50%, 80% or more?
 - What support, if any, do you need to recruit and/or enroll the pre-k children?

[Please click on this link for important information and guidance around the enrollment of four year old children in your EarlyLearn program.](#)

Please use the [UPK Submissions Log](#) as part of your submission of applications for children born in 2010. This will enable the Resource Area to communicate efficiently with your program on the status of these cases.

To provide feedback and send on any questions/concerns, reach out to your Team Leader, Alyson Grant or Ayleen Guzman with your questions and/or concerns at the e-mail addresses below:

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