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Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Dear Provider Community:

Mayor Bill de Blasio has made providing high quality early care and education for New York City's children a top priority. The Division of Early Care and Education (ECE) is supporting this effort through *EarlyLearn NYC* and other early care and education opportunities. We are depending on you, our providers, to ensure that each available seat is filled.

With the 2014-2015 school year quickly approaching, it is imperative that *EarlyLearn NYC* programs to recruit and enroll all ACS eligible pre-k children over the next two weeks. We are including in this bulletin reminders and guidance for *EarlyLearn* centers and Family Child Care Networks to help ensure ACS meets our goal of serving 12,681 eligible four-year olds. ECE staff is here to help you reach your pre-k target by providing support to you and your staff. Please [click here for details](#).

In addition, we pleased to inform you of a new and expedited facilitated enrollment program solely for families who receive our preventive, protective and foster care services. Child welfare workers will be meeting with families who receive ACS child welfare services whose children were born in 2010 to discuss enrollment in an *EarlyLearn NYC* pre-k program. ACS and provider agency staff will work with families to identify convenient *EarlyLearn NYC* centers and to assist with documentation and enrollment. There will be no fees assessed for families with a child enrolled in pre-k through the facilitated enrollment process. Please [click here for more details](#).

We appreciate your support for this important effort.

Gladys Carrión, Esq.
Commissioner

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Child Safety Materials Available

The ACS Office of Communications has child safety materials available including the following posters, pamphlets and brochures:

- [Prevent Child Abuse](#)
- [Babies Sleep Safest Alone](#)
- [Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse](#)

These materials are in English and Spanish with limited availability in Creole, Korean, Russian and Chinese. We encourage child care facilities, child welfare and community organizations to e-mail pressoffice.acs@acs.nyc.gov call 212-341-0999 to request copies.

Foster Care

Emergency Financial Assistance for Foster Care College Students

The **Charles Evans Emergency Educational Fund** is set up to help youth who were formerly involved in the foster care system in New York City, ages 21-25, to complete or further their studies or educational endeavors. The Fund provides *one-time* emergency financial assistance to full/part time college students who are faced with an unexpected financial emergency that would prevent them from continuing their education without interruption. The Fund is not intended to be used for routine expenses or as a consistent supplement to a student's educational funding source. Requests must be urgent in nature. Youth can [click on this link for the application](#) or go to www.newyorkersforchildren.org, or contact Phyllis Brodsky, Office for Child and Youth Initiatives, at (212) 341-3318 or phyllis.brodsky@dfa.state.ny.us.

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 Services announcements in this edition.

Juvenile Justice

[Dads Take Your Child To School \(DTYCTS\) Day Kick-Off](#)

Join the Responsible Fatherhood Coalition, for the kick-off event for

Dads Take Your Child to School (DTYCTS) Day, September 16, 2014.

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

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

For more information, contact Melvin Alston, at Melvin.alston@acs.nyc.gov

[Download the event flyer](#)

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Early Care and Education

UPK Reminder – Week of August 11

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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