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Wednesday, October 15, 2014

## Cross Divisional

### NYCHA/ACS/DHS Application Project Update

ACS has been working collaboratively with NYCHA to afford families who have reunited in shelter through PATH, the opportunity to apply for the public housing priority status (N-0). Historically, only families referred directly through ACS through the Family Unification Program (FUP) where housing was the only identified barrier to reunification were eligible to apply for this status.

- This collaboration allows families on trial discharge in a shelter placement to benefit from priority coding.
- Families requesting shelter reunification will benefit from the broader inclusion offered through this project.
- Families who are NYCHA certified and have been reunified in shelter will not lose their priority assignment.
- There were families that had applied for public housing in the community that were afforded a priority upgrade because of this project.
- Additional families that were not included in the original project group and met the criteria have been added in as DHS referrals.

For further information please reach out to Judi Trotter, the Director of the Housing Support and Services Unit, at [Judi.Trotter@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Judi.Trotter@acs.nyc.gov).

### Looking for Parents for a New Video On Infant Safe Sleep:

ACS requests the help of Provider agencies with the production of a video on safe sleep practices. With a fatality from unsafe sleep environments occurring nearly every week, ACS is developing a multi-part initiative, including a PSA video.

If you provide services to parents who have lost children to unsafe sleep practices, please help us identify suitable candidates for the video. We are looking for parents who are three to six years away from the tragedy, and therefore more likely to be willing and able to share their experiences on camera.

When you have identified potential candidates, please do not contact them yet. We do not want parents to feel any pressure to participate. Please share their names with ACS media producer Sam Sills. He will work with you in devising the best way to approach them. Sam can be reached at 212 676-2652 / [sam.sills@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:sam.sills@acs.nyc.gov). Thank you.

## Foster Care

### RSVP Now for the 2nd Annual Reading Adventure Night For Children 5-13

The NYC Administration for Children's Services cordially invites your families to join us for our **2nd Annual Reading Adventure Night** at Sony Wonder Technology Lab on Monday, November 3, 2014 from 5:30-10:00p.m. (no school the next day!) This fun-filled event is free and open to children between the ages of 5-13 years old. Light refreshments and a gift to promote good reading habits will be provided to the children.

To RSVP, [download the flyer](#) or email [evangelina.moncadapizarro@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:evangelina.moncadapizarro@acs.nyc.gov).

### High School Goal Weekend for 8th & 9th Graders in Foster Care

NYC Administration for Children's Services is hosting a special HIGH SCHOOL GOAL WEEKEND event on **November 15, 2014 from 9am -1pm at ACS, 150 Williams Street, New York, NY 10038**. This event is an opportunity for 8th and 9th graders currently in foster care or recently adopted, who may have missed the annual HSGW held earlier this year, to learn about the High School Admissions process, and receive 1-on-1 attention and assistance with completing the required application due on December 2, 2014! [Apply now \(Youth Application\)!](#)

If you would like to volunteer to assist youth at this event, please [download the volunteer application!](#)

## Job Opportunities for Youth & Families

### New York City Civil Service Exams

We encourage you to share the October civil service exam schedule with the youth and families in your care. [Please click here for the current and upcoming exams.](#)

For more information on job training and employment opportunities for youth in foster care, contact Ronette Short by e-mail: [Ronette.Short@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Ronette.Short@acs.nyc.gov) or call (212) 676-6838.

### Internships for Youth

The U.S. Department of State Pathways Internship Temporary Experience Program (ITEP) is accepting applications for internship with the U.S. Department of State, witnessing and participating in the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy, working closely with the U.S. diplomats and civil servants who carry out America's foreign policy initiatives.

Visit [USAJobs](#) to start the online application process and search for the following vacancy announcement numbers. **Please note the cutoff number for each position**; once the cutoff number of applications has been received, subsequent submissions will not be reviewed. Therefore, timely submission of applications is important.

## Preventive Services

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### October Citizenship Now! Events

The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) is sponsoring the following Citizenship Now! Application Assistance Event events:

**October 18, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
Hillcrest High School – Gymnasium, 160-05 Highland Ave. Jamaica, NY 11432.

[Get Directions](#)

You must register for the event by calling (212) 788-7654.

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**October 25, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
Sunset Park High School, 153 35th Street Brooklyn, NY 11232.

[Get Directions](#)

You must register for the event by calling (212) 568-4679.

### Competency Based Performance Management Training

For managers, supervisors and human resource professionals  
Learn how to engage staff in the development of meaningful "outcome-driven" performance objectives

**October 21-24, 2014**

Nicholas Scopetta Children's Center  
492 First Avenue,  
New York, NY 10017

All registration must be done in STARS.

[Download training details and the schedule](#)

### ACS Office of Parent Support & Recruitment

### Foster Parent Recruitment Forums

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014**  
**6:00 pm — 8:00 pm**

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc.,  
191 Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Road,  
Old Bethpage, NY 11804

**Thursday, October 23, 2014**  
**6:30pm - 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Lenox Road Baptist Church  
1356 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

**Thursday, December 11, 2014**  
**5:30 pm - 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

150 William Street – 19th Floor, Manhattan Room

**Developmental Disabilities (DD) Champions Workgroups Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 17th from 10am-1pm at 150 William Street on the 8th Floor, in Room 8-A1, and we are fortunate to have two outstanding presentations from Bridge Kids of New York, LLC:

"Understanding and Managing Challenging Behavior"  
Presenters: Peri Vella, Psy. D, BCBA & Ashley Stahl, MEd  
&  
"Language Development in the Young Child: Milestones and Red Flags"  
Presenter: Danielle McCormick, MA, CCC-SLP

The "DD Champions Workgroup" aims to strengthen the partnership between ACS and our contract providers in further developing/enhancing our expertise in serving this special population.

For more information on the ACS Developmental Disabilities Unit, contact Cliff Datys, (212) 341-8902 or [cliff.datys@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:cliff.datys@acs.nyc.gov)

**Juvenile Justice**

**There are no Juvenile Justice announcements in this edition**

**Early Care and Education**

**What Early Care and Education Providers and Families Should Know About Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68)**

The Administration for Children and Families has received questions from Head Start and child care programs about recent news reports of Enterovirus D68 spreading across the country. Infecting about 10 to 15 million Americans each year, enteroviruses are very common, especially during the summer and fall months. Infants and children are more susceptible to infection due to developing immune systems and lack of prior exposure to viruses. Pregnant women also have a greater chance of being infected, but will only develop mild or no symptoms. In fact, most people who acquire enteroviruses do not get sick.

However, EV-D68 can cause mild to severe respiratory illness. Children with asthma may have a higher risk for severe respiratory illness caused by EV-D68 infection.

Similar to the common cold, mild symptoms may include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches. Severe symptoms may include wheezing and difficulty breathing. Some individuals may develop heart or brain infections or even become paralyzed.

You can help prevent yourself from getting and spreading EV-D68 and other respiratory illnesses by following these steps:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact such as kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or shirt sleeve, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs.
- Stay home when you are sick.

For more information please visit: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/safety-injury-prevention/hygiene-sanitation/enterovirus.html>.

**Invitation to Meet with DC 1707 Representatives**

**To EarlyLearn Providers:** The District Council 1707 invites you and your teachers to attend an informational meeting to learn more about benefits available to members and future plans. Please join them on **Wednesday, October 22nd from 1:30-3:30pm** at 150 William Street, 19th Floor in the Manhattan Room.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

"Girls Read For Girls"  
**Sunday, November 16, 2014**  
**1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**  
Brooklyn Public Library  
Eastern Parkway & Grand Army Plaza

[Go to Girls Read for Girls to learn more](#)

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