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Competency Based Performance Management Training

ACS invites you to a Competency Based Performance Management Training for provider agency managers, supervisors and human resource professionals. Attend the training to gain an understanding of the advantages of a competency-based performance management system, what competencies are, and why they are an important component in performance planning and feedback.

Participants will learn how to engage staff in the development of meaningful "outcome-driven" performance objectives that relate to your agency's strategic plan, and ultimately learn how to engage staff in the preparation of Individual Development Plans as well as learn how to successfully handle the performance evaluation conference. All registration must be done in STARS. [Download training details and the schedule.](#)

Call for Presentations for NASW Conference

The National Association for Social Workers (NASW) NYC Chapter is inviting presentations for the upcoming conference, "Social Work in the City: Dreams and Realities of Life in New York." The conference will take place on April 8, 2015. These presentations should offer perspectives that will encourage participants to engage in mindful, compassionate and effective practice. Through these efforts we hope to draw a wide range of candidates which will enhance the content we offer at the conference. [Download for more details.](#) Please submit all proposals and questions to Sharielle Applewhite at applewhite@naswnyc.org.

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

ACS is requesting the help of provider agencies partners with the production of a video on safe sleep practices. With fatalities from unsafe sleep practices occurring nearly once per week, ACS is developing a multi-part initiative, including the 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 or by e-mail, sam.sills@acs.nyc.gov.

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@acs.nyc.gov.

Preventive Services

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Champions Workgroups Meeting

Thank you for your participation at our previous "DD Champions Workgroups" held earlier this year. 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, MSEd
&

"Language Development in the Young Child: Milestones and Red Flags"
Presenter: Danielle McCormick, MA, CCC-SLP

Bridge Kids of New York, LLC is a multidisciplinary team of professionals who strive to improve the quality of everyday living for the children and families we serve. Through extensive clinical research and experience, they have identified the most effective strategies to support young learners with their varying developmental and learning needs. Bridge Kids believe that meaningful progress is best accomplished through a multidisciplinary approach based on behaviorally-sound principles.

To those who are new to the workgroup, our goal is to have 100% participation from our foster care providers. We are close, but not entirely there yet. 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.

[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
New York, NY 10038

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"Girls Read For Girls"
Sunday, November 16, 2014
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Public Library
Eastern Parkway & Grand Army Plaza

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