



# ACS Provider Bulletin



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## Cross Divisional

### Development Disabilities Champions Workgroup Meeting

The next meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Champions workgroup is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-1pm at 150 William Street, New York, NY 10038 on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor (8-A1).

The following outstanding presentations will be featured:

"When a baby is at risk for Autism: What parents need to know about infant social development" (Presenter: Dr. Elizabeth Roberts)

"Medication: Keys to Understanding its uses in the Treatment of Anxiety, Mood and Behavioral Problems" (Presenter: Dr. Melissa Nishawala)

For those of you that are new to the group, the purpose of the "DD Champions Workgroup" is to strengthen the partnership that exists between ACS and our contract providers to further develop expertise serving this special population.

Please contact [cliff.datys@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:cliff.datys@acs.nyc.gov) or [Nicole.hechme@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Nicole.hechme@acs.nyc.gov) to register for this workshop.

### Interim Non-Medicaid Reimbursable Treatments & Services Policy in Effect

ACS has issued an interim policy that replaces the previous policy issued September 16, 2014. This policy supports the health and well-being of children in the legal custody of the Administration for Children's Services (ACS), including youth in non-secure and limited secure juvenile justice placement. The policy establishes procedures and standards for approval and reimbursement of medical and mental health treatments and services that are not reimbursable by Medicaid. This policy includes the procedure for requesting gender-affirming health care associated with gender dysphoria, often referred to as "trans-related health care." [Read the interim policy](#)

### Draft Policy for Comment: Homemaking Services Authorization Procedure

This policy outlines the responsibilities of ACS and provider agency case planning staff, ACS Family Home Care staff, and homemaker contractors regarding the proper submission and processing of homemaking services forms. The procedure must be used for all requests regarding homemaking services which ACS authorizes and oversees.

[Read the draft policy](#)

We value your feedback and welcome your comments via e-mail to [draft.policy.comments@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:draft.policy.comments@acs.nyc.gov)

Comments can also be sent by mail to:

ACS Policy Unit  
150 William St., 17th Floor, RM H-2  
New York, NY 10038

### Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) Training Begins January 2015

Starting January 2015, ACS will be rolling out citywide training on the Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM). The CYPM training will provide a clear understanding in improving the well-being and outcomes of youth that are in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. This training provides an introductory overview that explains the background, goals, core components and target populations of the CYPM. This model is designed to enhance collaboration among multiple systems.

Registration began in STARS on December 7 and your agency is strongly urged to register Case Planners, Supervisors, Directors and agency Trainers for these half (½) day trainings.

If you have questions, please reach out to:

**Foster Care:** Sabine Chery, (212) 676-7025

**Preventive:** Babette Spain, (212) 341-0985 or Kellian Gould, (212) 227-3497

**Juvenile Justice:** Sara Hemmeter, (212) 442-6326

### Making a New Year's Resolution to Volunteer

NYC Service is encouraging all New Yorkers to make volunteering a New Year's resolution for 2015. NYC Service will even help you keep your resolution to volunteer throughout the entire year. Visit [www.nyc.gov/service](http://www.nyc.gov/service) for more information and to register. #ResolVolunteer

### New Appointments

ACS Division of Child Protection  
Natalie Marks— Associate Commissioner  
[Read the announcement](#)

## Foster Care

### Opportunity for Youth: City Seeking Test Monitors

The NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) Bureau of Exams, which administers civil service exams, is seeking NYC residents ages 17 years or older who are interested in serving as exam monitors. Exams will take place on weekends in NYC high schools and other testing locations. **Interested applicants can visit 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 1448, Manhattan on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.** For more information, check out the [flyer](#).

### Internship Opportunity for Youth in Care

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is accepting applications for the 2015 Foster Youth Internship (FYI) program! Please feel free to circulate this opportunity through your networks and to current/former foster youth you believe may be interested in this opportunity.

Each summer, CCAI Foster Youth Interns spend two months in Washington, D.C. interning for a Member of Congress and writing a Congressional policy report. The internship is open to those who have graduated OR are currently enrolled in and

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have completed 4 semesters of college/trade school, have spent at least 24 consecutive months AND/OR 36 total months in the foster care system AND have a desire to use their voice on Capitol Hill. Additionally, interns receive a weekly stipend and housing during their assignment. **The application deadline for this life-changing internship is Friday, January 9, 2015.**

For more information about the program and to access the application form, visit [www.ccaainstitute.org](http://www.ccaainstitute.org).

## Preventive Services

There are no Preventive Services announcements in this edition.

## Juvenile Justice

There are no Juvenile Justice announcements in this edition.

## Early Care and Education

### Free Workshop on Building an Effective Website for Childcare Providers

The Day Care Council of New York, Inc. will be hosting another free workshop on building an effective website for Child Care providers on **January 16, 2015**. The workshop will cover topics such as:

- What exactly is a website and how difficult are they to build and maintain?
- Is it better to build and manage a website in-house or hire a professional?
- What role does **style-design** play in website development and how much does that cost?
- What role does **social media** play in the context of our website?
- Plus many more useful topics!

To register for this event, please call Hyacinth Barnes at 212-206-7818. [Check out the flyer for more information.](#)

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