



## Dear Provider Community

### Cross Divisional

#### [Developmental Disabilities Champions Workgroup Quarterly Meeting](#)

The ACS Developmental Disabilities Unit will host our quarterly Developmental Disabilities Champions Workgroup. The theme of this workgroup will be building healthy relationships.

We are extremely fortunate to have Bobra Fyne, CSW from YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities conduct a highly interactive workgroup entitled "**How to Educate People with Developmental Disabilities About Social-Sexual Relationships**"

**When:** April 16, 2015, 10:00am-1:00pm

**Where:** 150 William Street, 8th Floor- Room 8A1, New York, NY 10038

**Registration:** Contact Nicole Hechme at [Nicole.Hechme@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Nicole.Hechme@acs.nyc.gov) or (212) 676-9072.

#### [Early Education Connection Information Sessions](#)

##### Early Education Connection Information Sessions

Pre-k applications are due April 24, 2015. All children born in 2011 who live in the City of New York are eligible for free pre-k in public schools and community-based organizations in September 2015. The Office of Education Support and Policy Planning is offering free early education connection information sessions. Stop in to receive individualized information and application assistance for early education options for children 0-5 years old at the following sessions:

##### Queens

**April 16, 4 - 7 pm**

SCO Family Services  
89-31 161 Street, 6th floor  
Jamaica, NY 11432

##### Manhattan

**April 17, 3 - 6:30 pm**

ACS Manhattan Field Office  
55 West 125th Street  
NYC, NY 10027

Sessions have already been held in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island. If you need more information, please call 212-341-0977. [Download the flyer.](#)

#### [Notice To All ACS Contractors Regarding Subcontracting](#)

**Identification of a Subcontractor.** This is a reminder that for subcontracts with annual values of over Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), ACS contractors must conduct a solicitation by obtaining at least three (3) written estimates from potential vendors prior to selecting a subcontractor. While it is not necessary for your organization to perform a solicitation in connection with subcontracts with annual amounts between Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), you must conduct sufficient market research and/or competition to support your determination that the price of the subcontract is reasonable. **All subcontractors with subcontracts above Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per year must be approved by ACS prior to the subcontractor commencing work.**

**Preliminary Approval of Subcontractor.** Upon identifying a subcontractor, your organization shall submit a written request to ACS for preliminary approval of the subcontractor. ACS at its discretion may grant or deny preliminary approval of the proposed subcontractor. ACS shall notify you in writing within thirty (30) days as to whether preliminary approval has been granted. If preliminary approval is granted, you must provide documentation as requested by ACS to demonstrate the proposed subcontractor has the necessary facilities, skills, integrity, past experience and financial resources to perform the required work.

**Approval of Subcontractor.** Once all the relevant subcontractor documentation is received, ACS shall notify you in writing as to whether the proposed subcontractor is approved. No subcontractor shall be permitted to perform work unless approved by ACS. If the proposed subcontractor is not approved, you may request approval for an alternate proposed subcontractor. For proposed subcontracts that do not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) per year, ACS' approval of the subcontractor shall be deemed granted if ACS does not disapproval of the proposed subcontract in writing within forty-five (45) days of ACS' preliminary approval of the subcontractor or, if applicable, within forty-five (45) days of ACS' receipt of ACS's acknowledged receipt of the subcontractor's completed VENDEX Questionnaires. ACS' approval of a subcontractor does not

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### [Bronx Father's Resource Fair](#)

ACS Bronx Borough Offices of the Division of Child Protection, New York City Housing Authority's Family Services & The Bronx Vision Presents

The 4th Annual Father's Resource Fair

Friday, April 17, 2015, 10 am to 3pm  
1200 Waters Place, 2nd floor  
Bronx, New York 10461

For more information contact:  
Shelanie Brown at 718-933-5352, Kathy Blount at 718-822-3390, Rosario Biondo at 718-319-7240, or Dr. Gordon M. Jones Sr. at 718-409-8693

#### [FAP Resource Fairs](#)

##### The ACS Family Assessment Program

Children's Aid Society  
New York Foundling – KEYS and  
Catholic Guardian Society

Invite you to attend:

##### **Staten Island**

April 22, 2015, 9:30am  
350 St. Marks Place  
Staten Island, NY 10301

[Download flyer](#)

##### **Manhattan Resource Fair**

April 28, 2015, 9:30am  
Manhattan Family Court  
60 Lafayette Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room  
New York, NY 10013

[Download the event flyer](#)

[Barbara.Hill@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Barbara.Hill@acs.nyc.gov)

#### [ACS Parent Support & Recruitment](#)

##### Foster Parent Recruitment Forums

Thursday, April 30, 2015  
5:30pm – 7:00pm

Langston Hughes Library – Community Cultural Center  
100-01 Northern Boulevard (bet. 100th & 101st Street)

Corona, NY 11368

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Thursday, May 28, 2015  
5:30pm – 7:00pm

ACS, 150 William Street – 19th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

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relieve you of your responsibilities under the ACS contract.

**Written Subcontract.** All subcontracts must be in writing and must contain terms required by Appendix A of your ACS agreement.

**Payee Information Portal.** The ACS contractor must ensure its subcontractor has an account in the City's Payee Information Portal ("PIP"), available at [www.nyc.gov/pip](http://www.nyc.gov/pip) by providing the following information about the subcontractor in PIP: maximum contract value; description of the subcontractor's work; the subcontractor's industry; the start and end date of the subcontract, the contractor is required to report in PIP, all payments made to the subcontractor within thirty (30) days. Failure by the contractor to report in PIP, subcontractor payments, may subject the ACS contractor to liquidated damages.

### [U.S Department of Health and Human Services Releases LGBTQ Study](#)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Mathematica, and the Williams Institute [released a report](#) on low-income and at-risk LGBTQ people and their interactions with human services, particularly services funded by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within HHS. The full report may be found [here](#), and specific policy recommendations may be found for [child welfare programs here](#), and [youth services may be found here](#). The ACS Office of LGBTQ Policy & Practice is leading a number of projects that will help address the identified areas that require further research. I look forward to our ongoing collaborations as we continue to move this critical work forward. If you have any questions about this research, please contact **Rhodes Perry**, Director, Office of LGBTQ Policy & Practice [Rhodes.Perry@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Rhodes.Perry@acs.nyc.gov) or 212-676-7310.

### [New Appointments at ACS](#)

[New staff appointees](#) in the Divisions of Policy, Planning and Measurement, and Communications and Community Affairs.

### [Crossover Youth Practice Model Training](#)

Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) training continues to be offered during April. We encourage you to ensure that your staff are able to participate in this essential training. The CYPM training will provide a better understanding of how to improve the well-being and outcomes of youth that are involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Your agency coordinator should sign up Case Planners, Supervisors, Directors and Agency Trainers in STARS for these half-day trainings. If you have questions, please reach out to:

**Foster Care:** Patricia Bassy (212) 513-0343

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

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

### [Foster Care](#)

### [Summer Opportunities for Children and Youth](#)

#### **Manhattan DA High School Internship Program**

Each summer, the Office offers an intensive six-week program for current sophomores, juniors, and seniors in high school with a strong interest in learning about criminal justice. Applicants must either attend a Manhattan school or reside in Manhattan. For more information, please visit our website at [www.manhattanda.org/high-school-internship](http://www.manhattanda.org/high-school-internship).

#### **Saturday Night Lights Sports**

Weekend Professional Sports Training - Kids Ages 11-18. For information call 212.335.9082, or go to:

[www.manhattanda.org/saturday-night-lights](http://www.manhattanda.org/saturday-night-lights)

[Download the flyer](#)

#### **Young Women's Empowerment Summit**

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office, the Police Athletic League and Girl Be Heard host a day of workshops, music, resources, and lots of fun!

**When:** Saturday, April 18, 2015, 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Where:** Harlem Police Athletic League (PAL), 441 Manhattan Ave (@119th street), New York, NY 10026.

Numerous women's organizations will be available to provide resources for job readiness, wellness, dance, theatre, music, and more. This event is FREE and open to all young women ages 12-18. Register for the resource fair and workshops at: [www.bit.ly/YWES2015](http://www.bit.ly/YWES2015). Walk-ins are welcomed for the resource fair!

### [Youth Justice Board Membership Opportunity](#)

Youth Justice Board, an exciting after-school program that brings the voices of teens into the policy making process in New York City is **looking for young people ages 14 – 18 that want to make a difference in the lives of New York City teens**. The 10-month program allows young people to learn firsthand how important decisions are made at the city level, providing them with tools and resources to influence local policy and practice. **Members receive a stipend for their participation in the program.**

In 2015-2016, the Board will focus on ways to reduce youth arrest and improve police-youth relations by improving diversion options and police-youth contact. Members of the Board will review recommendations developed by the 2014-2015 Youth Justice Board and work to implement select recommendations. Board members will participate in hands on policy making by developing implementation projects to recommendations from this year's Board. Members will also be able to take advantage of College and future planning component that allows members to visit College campuses, identify vocational options, and have a better understanding of the College application process. Throughout the year, participants enhance their writing, research, teamwork and public speaking skills as they perform meaningful work with real-life impact.

[Learn more about the program.](#) Application materials are available online at [www.courtinnovation.org/yjb](http://www.courtinnovation.org/yjb), or you may [download the application here](#). **The application is due Friday, June 19 (priority deadline) or Friday, July 10 (final deadline).**

For more information, to request hard-copies of application materials, or to hear a short presentation about the program to

[email address](#)

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young people at your organization, please contact Nicholas Chung, Youth Justice Board Program Coordinator at (646) 386-5928, or via email at [yjb@courtinnovation.org](mailto:yjb@courtinnovation.org).

### **[Brooklyn Community Board 14's Eighth Annual Youth Conference](#)**

**When:** Wednesday, April 29, 2015 from 4:00-7:00 PM

**Where:** Brooklyn College Student Center, East 27th Street and Campus Road

This year's event will feature over 50 New York City agencies and community organizations offering summer jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities & great program options for teens 12-19 years old. For a full list of participating organizations, visit [www.cb14brooklyn.com/youth/youth-conference](http://www.cb14brooklyn.com/youth/youth-conference)

Young people will have the opportunity to apply onsite and gather information about jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities, along with a wide variety of career, academic, tech, athletic, cultural and life skills programs and services. In addition to information tables, the event will include workshops on a range of topics geared toward job readiness and other life skills. Students can register at [www.cb14youthconference.nyc](http://www.cb14youthconference.nyc).

Parents, guardians and teachers are encouraged to accompany students to the event.

For more information: Anya Hoyer, 718-859-6357.

### **[Teen Summer Writing Workshop](#)**

Do you know teens who love to write? Who want to be published? Who want to help other teens by telling their personal stories? Please encourage them to apply to the Youth Communication [36th Annual Summer Writing Workshop](#).

**This year's workshop theme is on gender roles and expectations.** No prior journalism experience is required, but teens must commit to a rigorous six-week schedule (July 6 - August 13).

Teens will participate in group activities and write about what it means to be a modern young man or young woman, as well as other topics that are important to them. Participants get a MetroCard and \$5 in lunch money each day. Youth in foster care will also receive a \$600 stipend if they successfully complete the workshop. Workshop alumni have gone on to attend colleges from Hunter to Harvard. Participants' stories will be published in the award-winning *YCteen* and *Represent* magazines.

**The application deadline is May 22!** Please post and distribute the [flyer and application](#). >>Youth may also apply online

Questions? Call Holly St. Lifer at 212-279-0708 x 116 or email [Hstlifer@youthcomm.org](mailto:Hstlifer@youthcomm.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**

There are no Early Care and Education announcements in this edition.

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