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[Dads Take Your Child To School \(DTYCTS\) Day, September 22!](#)

Spread the word! Join the Responsible Fatherhood Coalition, New York City and state officials and community leaders and take your child to school this Dads Take Your Child to School (DTYCTS) Day, Tuesday September 22, 2015.

For more information, contact Melvin Alston, at Melvin.alston@acs.nyc.gov or call (212) 341-3162. Download the flyer in [English](#) & [Spanish!](#)

[September is Recovery Month](#)

Once again ACS joins the nation in celebrating Recovery Month this September. Approximately 12% of New York State residents age 12 and older have a substance use disorder. Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders, celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover.

"Join the Voices for Recovery; Speak Up, Reach Out". We ask that you all join the voices of recovery & speak up and reach out to anyone who may be in need of treatment.

Recovery Month Events

Video Presentation Entitled: **Moment to Moment**

A new video describing the presentation and issues concerning the lives of individuals affected with Fetal Alcohol SPECTRUM Disorder. There will be presentations on Medication Assisted Treatment Issues for individuals affected by heroin and other opioid individuals.

You are invited to view the video on the following days and times:

Manhattan

When: September 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where: 150 William Street, 19th floor, Bronx Room.

Bronx

When: September 30, 2015, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: 1200 Waters Place, 3rd Floor

Overdose Prevention Training and NYC DOHMH Certification

When: September 22, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where: 185 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 2nd floor, Room #225

To register and for more information, contact the ACS Substance Use Disorder unit for registration at Shernet.neufville-gray@acs.nyc.gov, or the ACS Clinical Consultation Program at Michael.hernandez@acs.nyc.gov.

ALL ARE INVITED! [Download the flyer for information on events during the month.](#)

[Civil Service Pathways for Youth Program Applications Now Open](#)

The Civil Service Pathways for Youth Program is an opportunity for youth in care to learn about careers in City government, the civil service process, benefits of becoming a city employee and gain employability skills. The following **two options** are open to youth in care:

OPTION I

Enroll Now!

ACS is excited about Cycle III! The program is expected to start Tuesday, October 13, 2015 and will run for 5 weeks. It will include DCAS trainings, ACS facilitated workshops, career exploration and scheduled exam days. The DCAS trainings will cover topics such as action grammar, business math, resume and cover letter writing, and Civil Service 101. ACS will hold a networking luncheon where youth will have the opportunity to meet with professionals from different fields. ACS will continue to engage youth and provide ongoing civil service exam support to them following the conclusion of the program.

OPTION II

Drop In Week! Civil Service Exam

During the week of **September 21-25, 2015**, the Office of Child and Youth Initiatives will conduct a special recruitment and assist youth in care that are not able to participate in the program but are interested and qualified to take civil service exams. During drop-in hours, staff will be available to answer questions, assist with the online applications, and provide incentives for the youth that complete the walk-in exams.

Option I and II- Eligibility Requirements:

Must be a youth in foster care or justice-involved between the ages of 17.5 and 21

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent](#)

You are invited to attend the next Recruitment Forum:

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

5:30pm -7:00pm

ACS, 150 William Street – 19th Floor – Manhattan Room,

New York, NY 10038

[Download the flyer](#)

[Teen Specialist Unit Co-Parenting Workshop](#)

September 29, 2015 - November 17, 2015,

Tuesdays, 5:00pm-7:00pm

150 William Street, New York, NY 10038

Metro Card, light refreshments, and on-site child care provided.

For more information, contact James Brock Harris Director, TSU at 212-513-7765 or Vicki Mitchell Program Supervisor, at 212-676-6001.

[Download event flyer](#)

[Save the Date!](#)

The Office of Education Support and Policy Planning is hosting an

Education Resources Fair!

Tuesday, October 20

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

150 William Street, 19th Floor

Questions? E-mail education_unit@acs.nyc.gov

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Archived Bulletins



- High School Senior **OR**
- Attending an educational program to obtain your high school equivalency **OR**
- Have a High School Diploma or High School Equivalency **OR**
- Be a College Student
- Unemployed **OR** able to commit to attending daytime workshops for 5 consecutive weeks
- Interested in taking one or more of the following exams:
 - School Safety Agent
 - Traffic Enforcement Agent
 - Environmental Police Officer
 - Correction Officer
 - CUNY Office Assistant
 - Police Communication Technician
 - Police Officer
 - Conductor
- Must be available during the hours of 9am-5pm and 5pm to 7pm
- Must have copies of required documents

Youth who participate in cycle II program, will receive stipends of **up to \$600.00** for attendance, participation and completion of the program. Participants for option I and option II, will receive incentives for taking civil service exams and attending workshops. Metro cards and lunch will be provided for cycle II program participants.

The deadline to apply is **September 21, 2015**. [Download the application.](#)

For more information on the [Civil Service Pathways for Youth Program](#), visit www.nyc.gov/acs or email program lead, Ericka Williams at civilservicepathways@acs.nyc.gov.

[Community Service Ambassador Corps Opportunity for Youth](#)

The ACS Division of Youth and Family Justice is working closely with NYC Service to recruit 5 Community Service Ambassadors for a 10 month pilot project to help residents in detention and placement design and implement community service projects. Please share this opportunity with young people who are interested in conducting meaningful work with juvenile justice-involved youth. Interested candidates can apply [here](#).

Click on these link for more information:

[City Service Corps Fact Sheet](#)

[Community Service Ambassador Corps Position Description](#)

[Draft Policy for Public Comment](#)

The following policy, *Native Americans in ACS Cases: Required Actions for ACS and Provider Agencies*, is being submitted for 30-day public comment ending October 20, 2015.

Native Americans in ACS Cases: Required Actions for ACS and Provider Agencies

The Administration for Children's Services (ACS) has always required child protective specialists, provider agency case planners, and other service providers to demonstrate respect for the cultures of the people they serve. ACS staff must make efforts to include a family's cultural resources and supportive individuals in all planning and decision-making regarding the family. These principles apply to ACS' work with Native Americans. Additionally, the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 and similar legislation in New York State require child and family service providers to follow special procedures when working with Native Americans. These procedures protect the integrity of both Native American families and the tribal nations to which they belong. These legal mandates also enable tribal nations to retain their traditional sovereignty over families within their jurisdiction. [Read the policy.](#)

We value your feedback and welcome your comments via email to draft.policy.comments@acs.nyc.gov no later than October 20, 2015. Comments can also be sent by mail to:
ACS Policy Unit, 150 William St., 17th Floor, RM H-2, NY, NY 10038.

Following a review of the submitted comments, this policy will be issued as final and the case practice expectations and requirements articulated within will become effective.

[Final FY 16 Methodologies for ACS Preventive and Foster Care Scorecards](#)

ACS' Division of Policy, Planning and Measurement is pleased to release the final FY 16 methodologies for the ACS Preventive and Foster Care Scorecards. These methodologies were developed in close consultation with our provider partners and additional refinements have been made to incorporate suggestions received during the 30 day review period earlier this year. The extensive provider input throughout the development of these documents is sincerely appreciated. Please click on the links below to read the methodologies:

[FY 16 Preventive Scorecard Methodologies](#)

[FY 16 ACS Foster Care Scorecard Methodologies](#)

[Save the Date! OESPP Education Resources Fair - UPDATED](#)

The Office of Education Support and Policy Planning is hosting an Education Resources Fair!

When: Tuesday, October 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: 150 William Street, 19th Floor

Come meet service providers and obtain information on free or low-cost education related services such as GED programs, tutoring services, after school programs, mentoring, etc. For more details, e-mail OESPP at education.unit@acs.nyc.gov.

Foster Care

[To Chief Financial Officers and Chief Executive Officers, Foster Care Provider Agencies Re: SSPS Payments](#)

Due to technical difficulties with the OCFS/IT processing of data from the Benefits Issuance and Control System (BICS), a calculated payment will be issued for your September payment. This will not affect the timeliness of your payment, but may

cause the amount to be different from what you expected. All amounts paid will be reconciled prior to issuance of your October payment. If you have questions, call Ronald Kuch at (212) 676-9130.

[Co-Parenting Workshop](#)

If you work with parenting youth, please encourage them to sign up for the ACS Teen Specialist Unit Co-Parenting Workshop. The 8-session workshop conducted by Claremont Neighborhood Centers, Inc are aimed at promoting positive co-parenting, effective communication, and to enhance the well-being and development of the child.

When: September 29, 2015 - November 17, 2015, every Tuesday 5:00pm-7:00pm

Where: 150 William Street, New York, NY 10038

Metro Card, light refreshments, and on-site child care provided. For more information contact, James Brock Harris, TSU Director, or Vicki Mitchell, Program Supervisor, at 212-676-6001 or 212-513-7765. [Download the flyer.](#)

[B2H DD Waiver Slots Full](#)

The Bridges to Health program (B2H) has reached capacity in the Developmentally Disabled waiver (DD). The DD Slots are full and no more applications will be accepted by ACS at this time.

The Serious Emotionally Disturb waiver (SED) continues to be closed for new referrals. There are still vacancies in the Medically Fragile waiver (Med-F) with no waitlist in this category. As soon as there are vacancies, we will make an announcement. If you have any questions, please email the main B2H mailbox at b2hacs@acs.nyc.gov.

Preventive Services

[There are no Preventive Services announcements in this edition.](#)

Juvenile Justice

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Early Care and Education

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