



Cross Divisional

[Draft Policies for Public Comment](#)

The following policies are being submitted for 30-day public comment. 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.

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](#)

Please submit your comments by 5:00 pm October 20, 2015.

Allowances and Financial Literacy Training for Youth in Juvenile Justice Placement

Every youth placed with the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) in a juvenile justice placement facility shall receive a regular monetary allowance and financial literacy training from his or her assigned provider agency. This applies to youth placed in both non-secure placement (NSP) and limited secure placement (LSP) juvenile justice facilities. While provider agencies have discretion to design their own allowance and financial literacy training programs, all programs shall comply with the requirements of this ACS policy. Furthermore, all agencies shall promote the goal of financial responsibility and independence.

[Read the policy](#)

Please submit your comments by 5:00 pm November 2, 2015.

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

[Immigrant Youth Peer Educator Program](#)

ATLAS: DIY – *Developing Immigrant Youth* is looking for 10 dedicated youth 14-24 years old to join the Immigrant Youth Peer Educator Program (IYPEP). The program trains youth to become advocates for themselves and their community. Deadline for the 2015-2016 application is **October 23, 2015**. [Download the application](#), or [Apply on-line](#).

[High School Goal Weekend Volunteers Wanted](#)

The ACS Office of Education Support and Policy Planning is looking for adult volunteers for High School Goal Weekend, which will be held on Saturday, November 14 and Saturday November 21, 2015. HSGW volunteers help 7th and 8th graders learn about the various High School choices in New York City and guide them in selecting the right high school. You may volunteer for one, or both days!

Mandatory volunteer orientations will be held at ACS Central Office, 150 William Street, 19th Floor, on **Thursday, November 5, 12 - 2 pm and Tuesday, November 10, 4 - 6pm.**

For more information and a volunteer application, please contact Odessa Brown at 212-341-0925 or via email at

HighSchoolGoal@acs.nyc.gov

[Download the flyer](#)

[New Appointments at ACS](#)

ACS welcomes a new Medical Director for Psychiatry, and appointments in the Child Welfare Division. [Read more.](#)

Foster Care

[B2H SED Now Accepting Applications](#)

We are now accepting applications for the B2H SED (Serious Emotional Disabled) waiver, effective October 15, 2015. At the beginning of the year, we notified providers that we had reached our capacity in B2H SED and were forced to implement a waitlist. We are only allowed to maintain 150 children on the waitlist, and since we only have the capacity to serve a predetermined number of children at a time, our waitlist will continue to fluctuate. We will keep you posted periodically as to its status.

The Developmentally Disabled (DD) waiver continues to be closed and not accepting any new referrals.

We currently have vacancies in the Med-f (Medical Fragile) and C2H (Close to Home) waivers, so do not hesitate to send in

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Family Court Teen Days](#)

Bronx

October 15, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Bronx Family Court
960 Sheridan Avenue, 7th Fl.
Bronx, NY 10451
[Download the 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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applications.

We look forward to your referral submissions. All updated forms can be downloaded directly from our website at the following link: www.nyc.gov/acs/b2h. If you have any questions, please email the main B2H mailbox at b2hacs@acs.nyc.gov.

[Developmental Disabilities Champions Workgroup Meeting](#)

The Developmental Disability Unit is featuring a special presentation for the next meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Champions Workgroup. We are extremely fortunate to have Bonnie L. Smith, Child Well-Being Coordinator, from Neurodevelopmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at the Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities at the University of Rochester Medical Center to conduct an interactive workgroup entitled “**Person-Centered Planning in Foster Care for Youth with Developmental Disabilities.**”

When: Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 10 am-1 pm

Where: 150 William Street, New York, NY 10038 on the 8th Floor (8-A1)

To register for this workshop please contact Nicole Hechme at nicole.hechme@acs.nyc.gov or 212-676-9072.

If this is your first time at a Workgroup Meeting, our goal is to have 100% participation from our Foster Care providers. We are close, but not entirely there yet. 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 in further developing/enhancing provider expertise in serving this special population.

Preventive Services

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

Juvenile Justice

[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](#)

Early Care and Education

[EarlyLearn NYC Contractors: Register Now for October and November Directors Meetings!](#)

Thank you to everyone who attended our EarlyLearn and Head Start Directors meetings in September! Remember to register for October and November meetings using the following link: <http://acsecetraining.eventbrite.com>

Citywide Director Meetings: For ALL Directors, at the following locations, 9:30-12:30pm. Please choose one per month:

November 2015

- **November 4, 2015** – Sharon Baptist Head Start, Fathers Training Center, 281 East Burnside Ave, Bronx, NY, corner of Ryer Avenue (2 blocks E of Grand Concourse)
- **November 5, 2015** – Friends of Crown Heights, 671 Prospect Place (Bedford and Franklin), Brooklyn, NY
- **November 9, 2015** – James Satterwhite Academy, 92-31 Union Hall St, 3rd Floor/ Q 3B, Jamaica, NY
- **November 10, 2015** – East Harlem Bilingual Head Start, 440 E 116th St, NY, NY, between 1st and Pleasant Aves.

Head Start Director Only Meetings: All meetings will be held at Hudson Guild, 441 West 26th Street between 9th and 10th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Dan Carpenter Room.

- **Thursday, October 22, 2015** – 10 am - 1pm.

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