



Dear Provider Community:

Last Monday evening, I joined the Mayor at Stonewall Inn to pay tribute to the victims of the horrific mass shooting in Orlando and stand in solidarity with our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning/Queer (LGBTQ) community. As painful as the Orlando massacre is, we recognize that we are all stronger when our society embraces everyone for who they are. We cannot allow senseless acts of violence tear us apart or less determined to show our pride.

In that spirit, ACS joins the city and the country during LGBT Pride Month to acknowledge the struggles and contributions of LGBTQ individuals and communities. I am pleased that since the last Pride Month, the City has issued one of the country's [strongest protections](#) for transgender and gender non-conforming New Yorkers, including the [right to use restrooms](#) that are consistent with one's gender identity.

At ACS, we are committed to ensuring that we provide services affirming of our LGBTQ youth, families and communities, and fostering an inclusive workplace environment.

In honor of the month, our Office of LGBTQ Policy & Practice is hosting events and volunteer opportunities, including ACS' participation in Pride celebrations across the city, with the goal of reaching out to prospective foster and adoptive parents. [Click here](#) for a calendar of events and volunteer opportunities throughout the summer.

I encourage you to join us at the NYC Pride March this Sunday, the 26th from 11am-3pm—it should be the largest ever, in solidarity with Orlando. To learn more and sign up, e-mail shaquana.green@acs.nyc.gov.

I am also pleased to welcome back Lisa Parrish to ACS as our Senior Advisor for LGBTQ Policy & Practice. Succeeding Rhodes Perry, Lisa will guide our efforts to strengthen services and supports for LGBTQ children, young people and adults in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Denise Niewinski will continue to serve as the Office's Deputy Director, along with Shaquana Green as Community Liaison.

For more information about our policies and resources for youth, families and practitioners, please visit our LGBTQ website : www.nyc.gov/acs/lgbtq.

Gladys Carrión Esq.
Commissioner

Cross Divisional

[Bronx DCP North Fathers Resource Fair](#)

ACS Division of Child Protection Bronx North Bronx Vision Fatherhood Initiative and the Edenwald Community Center are hosting the 5th Annual Fathers Resources Fair filled with information, resources, and referrals for men.

When: July 13, 2016, 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Where: 1150 East 229th Street, Bronx, NY 10466

All are invited. Please share this information with men and families. **If you would like to table information at this fair,** contact Lisa Bolling, Bronx DCP North Borough Commissioner at Lisa.Bolling@acs.nyc.gov. [Download the event flyer.](#)

[The Impact of Social Media on Vulnerable Youth](#)

The ACS Office of Clinical Practice, Policy & Support invites you to join a special forum on *The Impact of Social Media on Vulnerable Youth*, moderated by CNN Editor-at-Large Family Reporter, Kelly Wallace with panelists:

Frederick Lane, Author of "Cybertraps for Youth" & "Cybertraps for Educators"

Dr. Matthew Oransky, *Psychologist, Mt. Sinai Child & Adolescent Clinic*

LaNeeka Ross, *TFFC Director, Graham-Windham*

When: Friday, June 24, 2016, 9 am – 12 pm

Where: 150 William Street, 19th Floor, Manhattan Room

Learn about the landscape of social media, how kids use various platforms, the impact of social media on mental health, and how child welfare professionals can use social media to reach vulnerable youth. Please register with Dionne Ellis, Dionne.Ellis@acs.nyc.gov. Limited seating available so register today! [Download the event flyer.](#)

Foster Care

[OCFS RFP to Fund Regional Permanency Centers](#)

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is seeking to fund up to three Regional Permanency

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Better Together: A Celebration of Families](#)



Date: Saturday – June 25, 2016
Time: 11AM - 3PM
Location: Children's Museum of Manhattan
212 West 83rd Street
New York, NY 10024



[BedStuy Community Partnerships Events](#)

June 25, 2016

11am to 2pm

BedStuy CPP & Emblem Health Presents the Women's Empowerment Event
1958 Fulton Street (Off Ralph Avenue) 5th Floor

[Event flyer](#)

June 28, 2016

12 noon

BedStuy CPP & Gotham Academy of Performing Arts High School
"Family Day: Appreciating Dads"
Lunch & Presentation for Fathers!

July 9, 2016

11am to 6pm

BedStuy CPP & Hart Street Block Association Block Party
& Community Resource Fair
Hart Street (Btwn. Nostrand and Marcy Avenues)

[Event flyer](#)

[Home Care Services Forum](#)

The Office of Family Home Care, under the Division of Preventive Services,

Get information on home care services, eligibility requirements, and the process for accessing home care services.

June 28, 2016

10 am – 1 pm

150 Williams Street, 19th floor, Manhattan Room
New York, NY, 10038

Open to all level staff at provider agencies and ACS.

Register via the STARS Training Liaison at <https://www.hslcnys.org/hslc/>

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Centers (RPC) with the capacity to serve families in at least two boroughs of New York City. The annual budget for each RPC will average \$333,000.

The program must be designed to prevent disruptions by assisting families to maintain children in their home. To qualify for the proposed funding, you must meet the following criteria:

- (i) Community-based, non-profit organization with a Board of Directors comprised of at least three members;
- (ii) Ability to establish partnerships with local offices for the aging, county youth bureaus and adoption competent service providers;
- (iii) Experience working with adoptive and guardianship families;
- (iv) Program coordinator must have a Master of Social Work and at least two (2) years of experience or a Bachelors degree in social work with at least four (4) years experience working with at-risk families;
- (v) Prepared to implement the program within 60 days of the contract start date; and
- (vi) Demonstrate the ability to sustain the program beyond the one-year duration of the contract.

Applicants must be registered with the New York State Grants Gateway System (see RFP for detail). Applications are due by **July 11, 2016 at 3:00pm EST**. The anticipated award date is August 1, 2016 and the contract start date is December 1, 2016.

Please [review this link for additional details](#).

[Bridges to Health Update](#)

At the beginning of last summer, we notified providers that we had reached our capacity in the Bridges to Health (B2H) Developmentally Disabled (DD) waiver and were forced to implement a waitlist. The B2H unit is now accepting application for the DD waiver. Since we only have the capacity to serve a predetermined number of children at a time, our waitlist will continue to fluctuate. Therefore, we will keep you posted periodically as to the status of the waitlist.

Applications are now open for several vacancies in our Med-F (Medical Fragile) and Close to Home (C2H) waivers. Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) slots are limited; however, some are still available.

We look forward to your submission of referrals and have made the process a lot easier by adding our application forms and other necessary documentation to the ACS website. All updated forms can be downloaded directly from the ACS website at the [Bridges to Health page](#).

[Preventive Services](#)

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

[Juvenile Justice](#)

[Draft Policies for Public Comment](#)

The following Draft Policies are available for comment:

Prevention, Detection, and Response to Sexual Misconduct in Limited Secure Juvenile Justice Placement

Employees of the Administration for Children's Services (ACS), Limited Secure Placement (LSP) provider staff, professional and other visitors, volunteers, interns, contractors, staff of city partner agencies and youth may not engage in sexual abuse or sexual harassment of youth in the care and custody of ACS. Individuals covered by this policy must report and engage in appropriate follow-up with respect to allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of youth as required by this policy. Those personnel responsible for the provision of services for youth in LSP must provide alleged victims and youth perpetrators with needed services and supports. ACS employees and LSP provider staff must employ supervision and search practices that minimize the possibility of harm to youth in their care, and must educate youth and staff about their rights and responsibilities under this policy.

[Download Draft Policy](#). Comments should be submitted by **July 11, 2016 close of business**.

Log Books for Juvenile Justice Placement Facilities

The Administration for Children's Services (ACS) requires all juvenile justice placement providers to maintain legible and accurate log books for each facility they operate. These log books must be subject to review by investigative bodies external to ACS. The primary objective of this policy is to standardize practice and enforce uniformity. This policy describes the types of log books that ACS requires, the information providers are responsible for recording, and the length of time providers must store log books.

[Download Draft Policy](#). Comments should be submitted by **July 7, 2016 by close of business**.

We value your feedback and welcome your comments via email to 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, NY, NY 10038. Following a review of the submitted comments, these policies will be issued as final and the case practice expectations and requirements articulated within will become effective.

[Access to Religious Services and Practice for Youth in Juvenile Justice Placement - Final Policy](#)

ACS has issued the final juvenile justice policy, *Access to Religious Services and Practice for Youth in Juvenile Justice Placement*, which was signed and approved by the Commissioner. ACS respects the rights of youth in non-secure juvenile justice placement (NSP) and limited secure juvenile justice placement (LSP) facilities to practice a religion if they so choose. NSP and LSP provider agencies are required to facilitate a youth's access to clergy and to the voluntary practice of religion, subject to limitation only as necessary to maintain a facility's safety, security, and order. Provider agencies are prohibited from compelling any form of religious practice and from discriminating against a youth based on his or her decision to participate in, or not to participate in, any religious practice. All juvenile justice placement providers are required to provide youth with access to religious services in accordance with this policy.

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