



# ACS Provider Bulletin



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## Dear Provider Community:

### Recognizing our Social Workers as Solution Seekers

Each March during National Social Work Month, we are proud to acknowledge the dedication, talent and tenacity of our social workers at ACS, our provider partners, and throughout the city.

As an agency with thousands of staff and provider partner staff in the social work profession, our work is embodied in this year's National Association of Social Work theme, "Forging Solutions out of Challenges." Every day social workers lift up the strengths of our children, families and communities, and forge solutions. They help New Yorkers reach their full potential and make our city a better, more equitable place to live.

The contributions social workers make are invaluable. Social workers work tirelessly to make sure that our children are safe and well, partner with parents to provide support in the community, make the connections so our youth can follow their own paths to success, and promote an understanding of the impact of trauma and other stresses on our communities. As creative solution seekers, social workers are leaders across our organizations in positions as diverse as finance, policy, administration and community partnerships.

As social workers help others reach their full potential, it is important that we invest in the professional development and well-being of our social work professionals. I am very pleased that we have launched the ACS Workforce Institute in partnership with CUNY's School of Professional Studies to provide staff with state-of-the-art continuing education opportunities to support career advancement and professionalism in social work. I encourage you to [learn more about the Institute](#) and look out for more information on training opportunities.

Please know that while we focus on the contributions of social workers during this month, you always have my support, and my gratitude.

Gladys Carrión, Esq.,  
Commissioner

## Cross Divisional

### [The Casey Foundation Invites You to a Webinar](#)

#### Addressing Racial Disparities: Data Strategies as Child Welfare Change Agents 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. EST, April 5, 2016

Agency leaders, managers and data staff will learn to identify the decision points at which children of different races experience inequitable outcomes — then measure the effectiveness of improvement efforts. [REGISTER NOW](#)

#### Save the Date for a Related Webinar:

#### Getting to Permanency: The Practices of High-Performing Child Welfare Agencies 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. EST, June 23

For more than two decades, the Annie E. Casey Foundation has worked with child welfare agencies to test and implement effective child welfare practices and improve outcomes for children and families. How do the most effective agencies make family relationships and permanence the focus of casework? The webinar will feature a close-up look at practices that improve and build family relationships for all children who come to your agency's attention. Stay tuned for registration information. For a preview of related material, download Casey's new publication, [A Child Welfare Leader's Desk Guide to building a High-Performing Agency](#)

### [NYC to hire 95 LMSWs as part of Mental Health Service Corps](#)

The NYC Mental Health Service Corps (MHSC) is part of ThriveNYC, the mayor's Mental Health Roadmap. The MHSC will vastly increase the number of diverse, qualified mental health clinicians providing evidence-based practices in NYC communities, across various clinical settings. The MHSC comprises mental health professionals (MD/psychiatrist, clinical psychology PhD/PsyD, Master in Social Work) willing to commit to work in high-need communities with limited access to mental health care and seeking to gain clinical experience which, in some cases may support their licensure.

Community-based Social Workers will be oriented, trained, encouraged, and properly supervised to deliver evidence-based practices appropriate to their practice setting. Upon completion of this prestigious period of service, they will have made an important contribution to the mental health of New Yorkers and, depending on the profession, earned the clinical practice and supervision hours necessary to obtain clinical licensure. Clinicians will serve in the MHSC for one to three years, depending upon their discipline and the hours of clinical experience accumulated in one of three service settings.

[Click here for the full job description and information on how to apply](#)

## Foster Care

### [SAVE THE DATE: Open Adoption Forum](#)

The Division of Family Permanency Services invites you to attend [Exploring Open Adoption: A Forum about the](#)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### [Reminder: 2016 Annual Education Fair](#)

The ACS Early Care and Education and Head Start Policy Council 2016 Annual Education Fair

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**  
**9:30am to 1:00pm.**  
**150 Williams Street,**  
**New York, NY 10038**  
**Manhattan Room from**

CUNY and other educational intuitions will provide information and speak with attendees about their educational goals.

For more information, contact Director of Family and Community Engagement, Diane Black-Green at [diane.greene@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:diane.greene@acs.nyc.gov).  
[Please share the flyer with families.](#)

### [Pre-K for All Enrollment Training Webinar](#)

EarlyLearn Pre-K Providers are invited to attend a Pre-K Enrollment Training webinar led by the NYC DOE Office of Student Enrollment on **Friday, April 15, 2016**. Please [click here to RSVP](#) by April 8, 2016.

To join the webinar, you must dial in to a conference line on your phone and also open the conference webpage on your computer.

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**Benefits and Realities**, a dynamic discussion about open adoption and the real world opportunities and challenges for children, families and professionals in the foster care system. Featured speakers at the forum include:

- Youth, families and professionals discussing their experiences with open adoption
- ACS Commissioner Gladys Carrión, Esq.
- New York City Family Court Administrative Judge, Hon. Jeanette Ruiz
- April Dinwoodie, Chief Executive, Donaldson Adoption Institute
- Barry Chaffkin, CEO, Fostering Change for Children

**When:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Where:** ACS Nicholas Scoppetta Children's Center, 492 First Ave., New York, NY 10016

In 2016 and 2017, ACS will sponsor open adoption learning sessions for all foster care agencies, legal organizations, the Family Court and other key stakeholders. This work is one piece of ACS' "No Time to Wait" initiative to accelerate permanency through reunification, kinship guardianship and adoption.

Please click [here](#) to RSVP and reserve your seat.

### **[ACS Annual College Tour](#)**

The ACS Annual College Tour gives students in foster care and juvenile justice an in-depth look at college life in New York City. Participants learn about the application process, financial aid and living on a college campus, and services that are available to **youth who are in ACS care**. [Please share the flyer](#) with your program staff and more importantly, the youth and families you serve.

**When:** April 25 through April 29, 2016.

**Register:** <https://collegetours.eventbrite.com> for dates, college locations and to register. Space is limited, and students must **register by April 11**.

For more information, contact [CollegeTours@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:CollegeTours@acs.nyc.gov) or call 212-453-9918.

### **[SEEK Sharing What Works Exhibit to Support Students](#)**

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Percy Ellis Sutton (Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge) SEEK program. The program is the NYS higher education opportunity program at CUNY which provides high-potential, low income students with resources and services to help them succeed at the eleven CUNY senior colleges.

As a part of CUNY's semester long celebration, CUNY cordially invites you to attend our Sharing What Works Exhibit: The SEEK Legacy - Student Success in an Urban Setting, which will showcase programs from across the University that offer additional financial, academic, and/or social supports to students. Please share this information with students and families.

**When:** Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 CUNY, 10 am to 2 pm.

**Where:** John Jay College Gymnasium, 899 10th Avenue, New York (bet. 58th and 59th Streets)

Please RSVP at [SharingWhatWorks.attendee@cuny.edu](mailto:SharingWhatWorks.attendee@cuny.edu)

### **[College & Career Corner March 2016 – Now Accepting 10th Grade Students](#)**

The Office of Education Support and Policy Planning has launched the College and Career Corner to connect 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in foster care with a peer mentor, assist with college application completion and offer career advice from peers who have received ACS services. College advisors from the Options Institute will also be available for consultations! Sessions are held twice a month at ACS - 150 William Street.

Sessions for April will be held on **April 6 and 20**, 4pm to 6pm, 150 William Street, 19th Floor, Staten Island Room. Dinner and MetroCards will be provided. For more information contact, Karyn Boutis at [Karyn.Boutis@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Karyn.Boutis@acs.nyc.gov). Please share this information with eligible youth. [Download the flyer](#)

### **[Share Information about Youth Education and Employment Opportunities](#)**

Please feel free to contact Meka Nurse, Assistant Commissioner, ACS Office of Employment and Workforce Development Initiatives with any information on education and employment opportunities or special programs for youth in ACS care: [meka.nurse@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:meka.nurse@acs.nyc.gov).

**Be sure to include:**

- Name of your agency
- Name of Program
- Target Population
- Brief Summary
- Contact Person
- Links to applications or flyers

### **Preventive Services**

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

### **Juvenile Justice**

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### **Early Care and Education**

### **[Citywide EarlyLearn Director Meetings](#)**

We would like to remind you about the upcoming Citywide EarlyLearn Director Meetings. **Please make every attempt to attend these important meetings/trainings every month.**

#### Citywide Director Meetings

For ALL Directors, held at 9:30-12:30pm. **Please choose one per month:**

##### April 2016

- **April 5, 2016** – Friends of Crown Heights, 671 Prospect Place (Bedford and Franklin), Brooklyn, NY
- **April 7, 2016** – East Harlem Bilingual Head Start, 440 E 116th Street (between 1st and Pleasant), New York, NY

##### May 2016

- **May 17, 2016** – Friends of Crown Heights, 671 Prospect Place (Bedford and Franklin), Brooklyn, NY
- **May 19, 2016** – East Harlem Bilingual Head Start, 440 E 116th Street (between 1st and Pleasant), New York, NY

**You can register for each meeting through the following links:**

Brooklyn Meeting: <https://acsece-directormtg-brooklyn.eventbrite.com>

Manhattan Meeting: <https://acsece-directormtg-manhattan.eventbrite.com>

#### Head Start Director Only Meetings

The schedule for the next Head Start Director Meetings is as follows. Head Start and Dual Directors should attend both the borough-based and the Head Start only meetings/trainings. All meetings (except April 14, 2016) will be held at Hudson Guild, 441 West 26th Street between 9th and 10th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Dan Carpenter Room at 9:30-12:30pm. **Please attend all sessions below.**

- **Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the ACS/Nicholas Scoppetta Children's Center, 492 First Avenue at 28th Street**  
(Please note date/location change)
- Wednesday, May 25, 2016
- Thursday, June 16, 2016

**You can register for these meetings through the following link:** <https://acsece-elnyc-headstartdirmtg.eventbrite.com>

If you have any questions regarding the Director Meetings, please contact your team leader. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings. Thank you!

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#### ACS Providers: Pre-K Enrollment Training Webinar

**Date/Time:** Friday, April 15 from 1:00-2:00 pm

**Conference Line:** 646-307-1990

**Meeting Code:** 747.962.244, then press #

**Website:** [join.me/prektraining](http://join.me/prektraining)

**All ACS providers are encouraged to attend this important session** to learn about offers and registration for the 2016-2017 school year. The following topics will be covered:

- Timeline for Pre-K Offers and Registration
- Viewing Your Offer List in SEMS
- Registering Students in Pre-KIDS
- Policies and Procedures
- Round 2 and Waitlists

**Please click here to RSVP** to let us know who will be attending from your site!

If you have any questions, please email [ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov). If you have any questions about Pre-K for All in EarlyLearn, please reach out to Teija Sudol at [teija.sudol@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:teija.sudol@acs.nyc.gov).

#### Raising of America Documentary Series on Better Outcomes for Children

In honor of [Week of the Young Child](#) (April 10-16), National Public Health Week and National Child Abuse Prevention Month, **watch all five episodes of *The Raising of America* FREE, April 1 - 17** and learn how you can help change the conversation about early childhood in America. Go to [www.raisingofamerica.org](http://www.raisingofamerica.org) for more information.

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