

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES COMMISSIONER DAVID HANSELL UNVEILS NURSERY RENOVATIONS AT ACS BROOKLYN BOROUGH OFFICE

Nursery and nursing stations citywide to provide additional comfort for families receiving ACS services

New York, NY –Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) Commissioner David Hansell today unveiled a newly-renovated nursery and nursing station at ACS Brooklyn Borough Office on Linden Boulevard in Brooklyn.

The newly-renovated nursery will provide children and families who interact with ACS a safe and child-friendly space, one they can enjoy as their families chart their path toward a better future.

“Following our commitment last year, I am pleased to announce that we have opened a new nursery and youth center at our ACS borough office in Ozone Park, a welcoming space to children who are receiving our services,” said **ACS Commissioner David Hansell**. “Roughly 1,800 children per year will receive child care at this location while parents attend child safety conferences or await supervised visitation. This engaging and peaceful space will provide them the opportunity to do homework, watch educational television, read or play board games.”

“This initiative to upgrade ACS nurseries and nursing stations will go a far way in providing a measure of comfort to families receiving ACS services,” said **State Senator Roxanne J. Persaud**. “I commend ACS on these renovations as they will enhance the agency’s ability to protect and promote the safety and well-being of New York City’s children and families.”

Since last year, ACS has been working to upgrade the conditions of the nursery and nursing stations at ACS Borough Offices throughout the five boroughs.

ACS Borough Offices are important spaces for families to access services, come to child safety conferences, and meet with caseworkers. For children who have been removed from their families because of safety concerns, these spaces serve as a place where they are brought to receive medical services and clearances prior to a foster care placement.

As part of the agency’s community-based focus, ACS recently re-launched a citywide Safe Sleep campaign in partnership with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. To date, ACS’ Safe Sleep team has trained over 5,300 fatherhood groups, faith-based organizations, expectant teens, healthcare professionals, formerly-incarcerated mothers, public housing residents, and homeless families in Safe Sleep.



Commissioner David Hansell and ACS staff at the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the ACS Brooklyn Borough Office



ACS staff at the newly-renovated nursery and nursing station at ACS Brooklyn Borough Office



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About the New York City Administration for Children's Services:

The Administration for Children's Services (ACS) protects and promotes safety and well-being of New York City's children and families by providing child welfare, juvenile justice, and early care and education services. In child welfare, ACS contracts with private nonprofit organizations to support and stabilize families at risk of a crisis through preventive services, and provides foster care services for children not able to safely remain at home. ACS is aggressively implementing a [Foster Care Strategic Blueprint](#) to improve outcomes for children in foster care. The most recent status report indicates a 25% increase of children achieving permanency through kinship guardianship and a 5% increase in children adopted from FY 2015 to FY 2016, even as the overall number of children in foster care continued to decline, among other significant progress made to improve case practice and outcomes for children and families in the foster care system. In juvenile justice, ACS manages and funds services including detention and placement, intensive community-based alternatives for youth, and support services for families. In early care and education, ACS coordinates and funds programs and vouchers for close to 100,000 children eligible for subsidized care. For more information, please visit www.nyc.gov/acs