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**MAYOR’S OFFICE TO END DOMESTIC AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE TO
OFFER ANTI-STALKING TRAININGS TO ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN’S
SERVICES STAFFERS**

NEW YORK, NY— Today, the Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) and the Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) announced an inter-agency collaboration to offer anti-stalking trainings to ACS staffers. The trainings particularly explore stalking and its impact on people experiencing intimate partner violence. This collaboration was developed within the framework of the NYC Coordinated Approach to Preventing Stalking (CAPS) program, which is a coordinated community response model.

Participants will receive training regarding:

1. Stalking behavior
2. New York State stalking statutes
3. The role of technology in stalking cases;
4. Safety planning and resources for stalking victims.

The skills learned in the training will also help identify intimate partner stalking cases before they escalate to physical injury, serious physical injury, or fatality.

“Domestic Violence and child welfare are intersectional and it is critically important that those doing this important work understand the dynamics of intimate partner stalking and how it impacts families,” said **ENDGBV Commissioner Cecile Noel**. “I commend ACS for their commitment to ensuring their staffers have the tools they need to protect children and their families.”

"Awareness, action and advocacy are essential to prevent stalking and hold stalking offenders accountable," said **ACS Commissioner David A. Hansell**. "Through early intervention and training, the CAPS program will strengthen our work in ensuring stalking victims have access to critical services. I want to thank the Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence for its steadfast partnership and providing our staffers with the resources and skills they need to help keep stalking victims and their families safe."

[About the New York City Coordinated Approach to Preventing Stalking \(CAPS\) Model](#)

The Coordinated Approach to Preventing Stalking (CAPS) program is an initiative of the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV), in collaboration with the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and local District Attorney's offices, to increase the identification and reporting of intimate partner stalking cases, enhance both stalking arrests and prosecutions and link victims to critical services. The CAPS model is a homicide prevention program aimed at identifying intimate partner stalking cases and providing appropriate criminal justice and social services interventions before stalking behavior escalates to physical injury, serious physical injury or fatality. As part of the CAPS program, specialized training is conducted for NYPD police officers, members of the District Attorney's office, and community partners to identify stalking behavior, better understand the New York State stalking statutes, recognize the use of technology in a stalking context, engage in risk assessment and safety planning, and work with victims to document and preserve evidence of stalking incidents.

About the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence

The Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence develops policies and programs, provides training and prevention education, conducts research and evaluations, performs community outreach, and operates the NYC Family Justice Centers. ENDGBV collaborates with City agencies and community stakeholders to ensure access to inclusive services for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence. Learn more at nyc.gov/ENDGBV.

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. For more information about NYC ACS, please visit www.nyc.gov/acs

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