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**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNOUNCES \$250K GRANT AWARDED TO NEW YORKERS FOR CHILDREN FROM THE NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST, PROVIDING RELIEF TO ACS-INVOLVED CHILDREN & FAMILIES DURING COVID-19 CRISIS**

*Funding Will Help ACS Children, Youth and Families in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice System During COVID-19 Pandemic*

**NEW YORK, NY** – Today, Administration for Children's Services (ACS) Commissioner David A. Hansell announced that the NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund at the New York Community Trust has awarded New Yorkers For Children (NYFC) a \$250,000 grant to address the growing needs among children and families engaged in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems due to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

While ACS is taking aggressive action to connect families to citywide resources during the pandemic, these funds represent an important collaboration with leading New York-based foundations to help put critical resources directly into the hands of children and youth in foster care and detention, as well as ACS-involved families in the community.

"As New York City comes together during this challenging time, ACS is working closely with community partners to ensure that children and families have the supports they need to cope through this crisis, **said ACS Commissioner David A. Hansell.** "I applaud the New York Community Trust and the many funders that have contributed to the COVID Response and Impact Fund for providing ACS and New Yorkers For Children with this award as it will help us put critical resources directly into the hands of children and families in need."

"On behalf of NYFC and our colleagues at ACS, I want to express our immense gratitude for the very generous support of New York Community Trust and the coalition of foundations that stepped up to make this support possible. This grant will allow NYFC and ACS to swiftly respond to the overwhelming needs across several areas within the child welfare community as a result of the COVID-19 crises," **said Executive Director of New Yorkers For Children, Saroya Friedman-Gonzalez.**

"Our most vulnerable children and families have been among the hardest hit by this crisis, so we are proud to be a part of this philanthropic partnership, which really represents New York at its best and has been able to quickly get help to where it is most needed," **said President of the New York Community Trust, Lorie Slutsky.**

Through the partnership, ACS and New Yorkers For Children will use the funds to deliver the following:

- **Financial Support for Older Youth in Foster Care, Foster Youth in College and Youth Who Have Aged Out of Foster Care:** Funding will be used towards household needs, food, laptops, phones, tutoring support to replace school closures, and rent or bill arrears.
- **Technology Tools and Programming for Youth in Foster Care and Juvenile Detention:** Funding will provide youth in foster care and juvenile detention with additional technological tools they need for tele-visiting, education, recreation and mental health services.
- **Extra Support for ACS-Involved Families:** Families and LGBTQ youth that are connected to ACS will be provided with extra support to help improve their day-to-day during this crisis, including but not limited to: cleaning supplies, diapers, wipes, hygiene/sanitary products, computer printers, headphones, lap desks, lamps and childcare support for working parents.

For more information on citywide resources available to families, please visit the new ACS “Coping Through COVID” webpage [here](#).

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