

### **Purpose**

A majority of ACS' foster care and prevention service contracts are scheduled to expire in June 2020. The Child Welfare 20/21 project is a cross-divisional effort at ACS to plan for the future of child welfare in advance of this new procurement. As part of this effort, ACS is convening a Provider Advisory Committee to help frame and provide feedback on service content and implementation for the future of foster care and prevention services. This Committee is just one of many efforts ACS will be making in the coming months to gather stakeholder feedback.

The Provider Advisory Committee is grounded in information sharing to ensure transparency between our service providers and the communities that we serve. The Advisory Committee will play a key role in helping to ensure that the experiences, needs and voices of all providers inform the planning process. Any information collected through the Committee may assist ACS' implementation team in its evaluation of contracted Child Welfare Services and planning for future solicitations.

### **Composition and Operations**

The Committee consists of twelve ACS contracted providers and two community coalition groups which together represent a cross-section of provider agencies from both the Foster Care and Prevention Services continuums. To ensure that the committee will meet the needs of the diverse network of providers, ACS took into consideration several factors, including agency size, contract service area, Prevention and Foster Care services array, variations in programs offered and populations served.

To fulfil its responsibilities and duties, the Provider Advisory Committee will:

1. Meet at least four times in the month of July 2018, and at least once in September 2018, with the ACS Child Welfare 20/21 team, to discuss child welfare program needs in New York City.
2. Meetings will be scheduled for two hours and these meetings will start on time.
3. Members will review and comment on all relevant prepared materials, and complete any assigned collaborative work in preparation for the Committee meetings. Participants are invited to ask questions about any materials presented.
4. Our values and goals, listed below, will inform our process.
5. Committee members are serving as ambassadors to the entire provider community and will share all information received. Committee members will engage not only with their own agency, but with all ACS contracted providers, to gather feedback, suggestions, and ideas.

Serving as a Committee member is not a guarantee in any way of selection for a contract award in any subsequent solicitation, nor does it preclude any organization from responding to future procurement opportunities. Any information shared and discussed during these sessions will be posted on ACS' public website for review and will be attached as an appendix as part of the concept paper.

### **Guiding Values**

The work of the Advisory Committee is guided by the following values:

1. Delivering high-quality foster care and prevention services that are effective in achieving our goals of safety, permanency and well-being for children and families;
2. Addressing gaps in our prevention and foster care service array;
3. Incorporating family, youth and community perspective in the planning and designing of child welfare services;

4. Improving the alignment of financial and contract structures of the system;
5. Increasing cross system collaboration, particularly as our families transition to services in the community;
6. Ensuring access to the entire child welfare (foster care and prevention) continuum in every community;
7. Integrating language access, equity, cultural competence, and attention to the emerging populations in all of this work;
8. Keeping a lens on provider agency organizational health and organizational capacity;
9. Exploring the concept of wellbeing to include critical indicators such as educational success and economic empowerment;
10. Being mindful of the supports offered to children, youth and families during transitions, and planning for their success in their communities.

**Agency Members**

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