

ELNYC HootMail

Submit Your Photos!

If your programs has recently received a vinyl banner along with other recruitment materials, please send in a photo of your new banner to [Nikki Lee](#).

Please submit to be featured in next week's HootMail.



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RESOURCES FOR PROGRAMS

Insurance Question and Answer Breakfast

When and Where: Tuesday, August 20
Patsy's – 21-64 Utopia Parkway in Whitestone, NY
9:00 a.m. - Sign In
9:30 – 11:00 a.m. - Breakfast and Q & A

In response to the NYC Central Insurance Program (CIP) transition due to go into effect on November 1, Omni Insurance, an Essensa vendor, will host a breakfast forum to answer questions about insurance requirements and present their exclusive workers' compensation program. Omni has negotiated an exclusive agreement with a workers' compensation "safety group" that offers up to 25% upfront savings, with the potential for premium dividends for qualified agencies! Omni and "safety group" representatives will be there to explain how the program works and how they can assist in making the CIP transition seamless.

Come meet the Omni team and enjoy a complimentary breakfast at the world-famous Patsy's. We've chosen a location on the Queens - Bronx border with sufficient parking.

RSVP to Esti Heschel at: estih@theomniagency.com

[Back to School Summit](#)

NEW! FACILITY CORNER

Interior Doors

All doors that open to a corridor must have a “self-closer” and be kept closed; there are no exceptions to this. This is a New York City Fire Department regulation. The kitchen door is especially important since there is more likelihood of a fire breaking out there, though fire could break out anywhere.

Your corridors and stairwells are your safe passage when the building fills up with smoke in a fire. If a fire breaks out in a room where the door is open, your “safe passage” is seriously compromised--the hallway quickly fills up with smoke.

Secondarily, but important to your facility and your budget, if you prop open a self-closing door with a block of wood on the side where the hinges are, the hinges will inevitably give way and your door will no longer close properly. This will cause a repair or replacement cost from your budget and compromise the fire safety of the building.

Doors that are not on fire egress corridors or stairwells (e.g., in office suites or closet doors in classrooms) should not have self-closers.

Pantry doors must also remain closed to maintain the proper storage temperature.

The next time you or your staff thinks about propping open a corridor, stairwell, or kitchen door, ask yourself this question: “Am I Feeling Lucky?” The life you save by keeping it shut may be your children's, your staff's, and your own!

Please forward this to your site directors. If you have questions or concerns email earlyfacilities@acs.nyc.gov or call the EarlyLearn Facilities Help Desk at 212-453-0945.

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Parents Losing Jobs a Hidden Cost to Head Start Costs

Link: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-08-12/parents-losing-jobs-a-hidden-cost-to-u-s-head-start-budget-cuts.html>

Source: Bloomberg

Summary: This article tells a story of a single mother, Kelly Burford and how the recent Head Start cuts have affected her. With the help of Head Start, Kelly was able to get a \$7.25/hour job at a local department store, while her son Bradyn was at school learning with his friends and teachers. But all of this was suddenly taken away as Bradyn's school had to close due to recent budget cuts. Follow this story to read more about Kelly's story and how the budget cuts are affecting families all over the country.

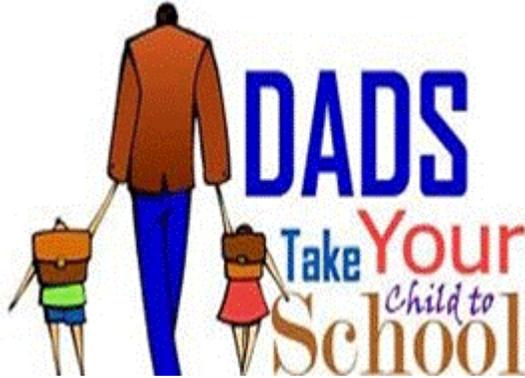
NEW! Reminders

Send in Your Comments on the HootMail!

If you had issues in the past accessing HootMail or would like to see more specific topics dealt with, this is your chance to send in your opinions, comments, and issues you've had with HootMail. In efforts to make HootMail more accessible and a better resource, we would like to know your thoughts on the HootMail. Participate in this confidential survey to voice your concerns, praises, and suggestions.

To participate in the survey, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V5K9DDK>

DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL



Dad's Take your Child to School (DTYCTS) is an event that promotes father involvement by encouraging fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, godfathers, and other significant male caregivers to take their children to their school or Head Start program. Visit the [DTYCTS website](#) to learn more about organizing your own DTYCTS event.

Date: Tuesday, September 17th 2013

NYSHSA Scholarship

The New York State Head Start Association is giving out three \$500 awards each to a current staff member, a current parent and a "graduate" of a Head Start Program. To receive the scholarship that will be distributed on May 2014, you must submit an application by November 15, 2013. Attached you will find more information on how to apply and the application itself.

Preparation for Adults Through Training and Higher Education

Bronx Community College's CUNY CareerPath Program is now accepting applications for its Teacher Assistant training program. We are currently recruiting candidates who are interested in working as an Early Childhood Assistant Teacher. The program offers:

- Up to 12 college credits at no cost to the student
- Participate and earn a Child Development Associates (CDA) credential (students are responsible for paying application fee's totaling \$500). All course work, observations and assessment of portfolio work is provided by the program.

- Assistance with job placement with partnering Head Start programs of Early Childhood agencies.

All candidates should have a minimum of a High School diploma or a G.E.D and be able to pass the TABE pre-registration placement. Pre-registration will close by AUGUST 23rd, 2013. Seats are limited. If interested please contact

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