



# ACS Provider Bulletin



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Wednesday, January 7, 2015

## Cross Divisional

### Interim Non-Medicaid Reimbursable Treatments & Services Policy in Effect- [Updated!](#)

ACS has issued an interim policy that replaces the previous policy issued September 16, 2014. This policy supports the health and well-being of children in the legal custody of the Administration for Children's Services (ACS), including youth in non-secure and limited secure juvenile justice placement. The policy establishes procedures and standards for approval and reimbursement of medical and mental health treatments and services that are not reimbursable by Medicaid. This policy includes the procedure for requesting gender-affirming health care associated with gender dysphoria, often referred to as "trans-related health care." [Read the interim policy \(corrected link\)](#).

### Children's Services Education Forum

The ACS Office of Education Support and Policy Planning invites you to attend the next **Children's Services Education Forum** focusing on the practices, procedures and rights concerning school-based arrests in NYC DOE schools. Over 5,500 School Safety Officers work in DOE schools and most report to the NYPD. Changes in practice by School Safety Officers have contributed to a dramatic decrease in school-based arrests.

Ramon Garcia, Director of Patrol Operations for the NYPD's School Safety Division, will be speaking on the practices of the NYPD in DOE schools. Nancy Ginsburg, Director of the Adolescent Intervention and Diversion Project in the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Justice Practice, will present on the rights of youth and guardians with respect to school-based arrests.

**When:** Wednesday, January 21st 2015 from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**Where:** 150 William Street, 13th floor Training Room.

Video Conferencing of the forum will be available at the following locations:

**Bronx:** 2501 Grand Concourse, 1200 Waters Place

**Brooklyn:** 404 Pine St., 1274 Bedford Ave., 185 Marcy Avenue

**Manhattan:** 55 W.125th Street, 110 William Street

**Queens:** 165-15 Archer Avenue

**Staten Island:** 350 St. Mark's Place

## Foster Care

### Scholarship Opportunity for Youth

If you have a graduating senior who is interested in pursuing engineering as a college degree, the NY Society of Women Engineering Chapter is offering a \$1000 scholarship to 2 female recipients. The aim of the scholarships is to reward collegiate females for excelling in the field of engineering and encourage them to continue pursuing their goals, despite any hardships they may encounter. **Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2015.**

[Download the scholarship form](#)

## Preventive Services

There are no Preventive Services announcements in this edition.

## Juvenile Justice

There are no Juvenile Justice announcements in this edition.

## Early Care and Education

### Free Workshop on Building an Effective Website for Childcare Providers

The Day Care Council of New York, Inc. will be hosting another free workshop on building an effective website for Child Care providers on **January 16, 2015**. The workshop will cover topics such as:

- What exactly is a website and how difficult are they to build and maintain?
- Is it better to build and manage a website in-house or hire a professional?
- What role does **style-design** play in website development and how much does that cost?
- What role does **social media** play in the context of our website?
- Plus many more useful topics!

To register for this event, please call Hyacinth Barnes at 212-206-7818. [Check out the flyer for more information.](#)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### [ACS Developmental Disabilities Champions Workgroup Meeting](#)

Wednesday, January 21  
10am-1pm  
150 William Street, 8th Floor (8-A1)  
New York, NY 10038

Presentations:

"When a baby is at risk for Autism: What parents need to know about infant social development"  
Dr. Elizabeth Roberts

&

"Medication: Keys to Understanding its uses in the Treatment of Anxiety, Mood and Behavioral Problems"  
Dr. Melissa Nishawala

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To register for this workshop, please contact:

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