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[ACS Hosts Municipal IDNYC Pop-Up Enrollment Center](#)

ACS will host an IDNYC Pop-Up Enrollment Center at 150 William Street for foster youth and their family members on Tuesday, May 12th through Friday, May 22nd (excluding weekends) from 1:00pm to 8:40pm, **by appointment only**.

Location: 150 William St. 8th Floor Conference Room (8A1&2)

Date: May 12th to May 22nd

Time: 1:00pm to 8:40pm (**By appointment only!**)

[Read the memo from Deputy Commissioner Benita Miller with more details.](#)

[Study on Immigrant Youth in the Child Welfare System](#)

An article titled [States And Status: A Study Of Geographical Disparities For Immigrant Youth](#) by Laila L. Hlass, a Clinical Associate Professor at Boston University Law School, has been published in the Columbia Human Rights Law Review (46 Colum. Hum. Rts. L. Rev. 266 (2014)). Prof. Hlass examines the legal and practical challenges to full implementation of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), a federal benefit which can serve as a pathway to citizenship and independence for abused, neglected, or abandoned child migrants. While much work remains to assure this protection to all potentially eligible youth, Prof. Hlass reports that immigrant youth in foster care stand a much better chance of attaining SIJS in New York City than in other parts of the nation.

New York City is a leader in this regard largely due to the pioneering work of ACS personnel including Harry Gelb of Family Court Legal Services and Mark Lewis, former Executive Director of the Office of Advocacy, both of whom are cited and recognized in the article. This critical work, which can make a crucial difference in the life of a young person, is currently carried forward by ACS and provider agency staff under the [ACS Policy and Procedure on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Immigration Services](#). For more information about SIJS eligibility please contact Colleen Duffy, ACS Immigrant Services Coordinator, at Colleen.Duffy@acs.nyc.gov or (917) 551-7961.

[Crossover Youth Practice Model Training - Updates!](#)

For June, Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) training will offered **only on June 1**. We strongly encourage you to ensure that your staff are able to participate in this essential training. The CYPM training will provide a better understanding of how to improve the well-being and outcomes of youth that are involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Seats are limited, sign up now.

Your agency coordinator should sign up Case Planners, Supervisors, Directors and Agency Trainers in STARS for these half-day trainings. If you have questions, please reach out to:

Foster Care: Patricia Bassy (212) 513-0343

Preventive: Babette Spain, (212) 341-0985 or Kellian Gould, (212) 227-3497

Juvenile Justice: Sara Hemmeter, (212) 442-6326

Foster Care

[Celebrating National Foster Care Month- Foster and Adoptive Parent Reception](#)

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month. To acknowledge the tremendous work being done to advance safety, permanency and well-being for the city's most vulnerable children, youth and families, ACS is holding its annual **Foster and Adoptive Parent Reception** at Lincoln Center. As partners in this work, we invite you to join us for a panel discussion on the use of evidence-based interventions in child welfare, as well as enjoy an evening of arts and culture!

National Foster Care Awareness Month is also a time to think about how far we still have to go, and how we can do better for our children, youth and families.

This year's event is designed to strengthen our foster parents' knowledge of evidence-based interventions. Following the dinner and panel discussion, Lincoln Center will showcase a performance by the Brazilian ensemble, Nation Beat.

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 9:00.p.m.

Location: Lincoln Center Education, 70 Lincoln Center Plaza, New York, NY

Each agency is asked to invite two newly certified foster parents and two agency representatives. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate children at this training event and reception.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the program will promptly begin at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP your attendance to Ronnel Walker at ronnel.walker@acs.nyc.gov or call (212) 341-3276 no later than Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Looking forward to seeing you on May 26, 2015.

[Foster Parent Recruitment Forums](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[ACS Parent Support & Recruitment](#)

Come celebrate National Foster Care Awareness Month at the next Recruitment Forum on:

**May 19th - Queens – The Rock Church,
5702 Hoffman Drive, Elmhurst, NY 11373**

For more information, call 212-676-WISH (9474)

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Thursday, May 28, 2015

5:30pm – 7:00pm

ACS, 150 William Street – 19th Floor
New York, NY 10038

[Download Invitation](#)

[Save the Date - NYC Identification Card Enrollment Pop Up Center at ACS](#)

May 11th to May 22nd

Administration for Children's Services
150 William St., 8th Floor Conference Rooms
(8A1&2)

Enrollment by appointment only!

[The ACS Family Assessment Program](#)

Community Mediation Services
New York Foundling – KEYS
Safe Space/Sheltering Arms
Child Center of NY
SCO Family of Services

Invite You to

The First Annual Resource Fair

Queens

June 8, 2015

10:00am – 1:00pm

Community Mediation Services
89-64 163rd Street
Jamaica, New York 11433

RSVP by May 20, 2015
(718) 725-3244 /3245 or email
Mary.Richardson@acs.nyc.gov

[Download flyer](#)

[Save the Date – Safe Sleep Symposium](#)

ACS Queens Borough Office of the Division of Child Protection
In collaboration with the Queens Borough Public Library
Presents a

Safe Sleep Symposium
Wednesday, June 10, 2015
10am - 12pm

Queens Borough Public Library (Auditorium)
89-11 Merrick Blvd., Jamaica New York

[For more information, download the event flyer](#)

As part of National Foster Care Month, ACS is hosting 5 recruitment forums for the month of May, starting with our Kick-Off tomorrow at the Langston Hughes Library in Corona, Queens.

Please share the information, and if possible join ACS Parent Support and Recruitment (PSR) and the recruitment team as we work towards increasing awareness of the need for foster parents.

Friday, May 15, 2015 – JCCA Headquarters – Bi-Lingual Presentation
555 Bergen Street – Bronx, NY 10455
10:30am – 12:00pm

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – The Rock Church – Bi-Lingual Presentation
57-02 Hoffman Drive – Queens, NY 11373
5:30pm -7:00pm

Friday, May 22, 2015 – Lenox Road Baptist Church
1356 Nostrand Avenue - Brooklyn, NY 11226
5:30pm –7:00pm

Tuesday, May 26 – Lincoln Center, Manhattan – NEW!
Foster and Adoptive Parent Reception - 5:30 p.m. – 9:00.p.m.
Lincoln Center, 70 Lincoln Center Plaza

This year's event is designed to strengthen our foster parents' knowledge of evidence-based interventions. Foster parents will be eligible to receive one annual training credit for their attendance. Following the dinner and panel discussion, Lincoln Center will showcase a performance by the Brazilian ensemble, Nation Beat.

Thursday, May 28, 2015 – ACS Headquarters
The Manhattan Room, 19th Floor – 150 William Street – NY, NY, 10038
Featuring The Children's Village
5:30pm – 7pm

CUNY Information Sessions for High School Students in Foster Care

Sessions will include an overview of CUNY's undergraduate colleges and range of academic programs, student life activities and services, financial aid and scholarship opportunities and how to apply.

When: Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 3:00 PM & Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 3:00 PM
Where: CUNY Welcome Center, 217 East 42nd Street, between 2nd & 3rd Avenues, Manhattan.

[Download the flyer.](#) For more information, contact the CUNY Office of Admissions at 646-664-3593.

Preventive Services

There are no Preventive Services announcements in this edition.

Juvenile Justice

FAP Resource Fair for Queens

The ACS Family Assessment Program, in collaboration with Community Mediation Services, New York Foundling – KEYS, Safe Space/Sheltering Arms, Child Center of NY and SCO Family of Services invites you to **The First Annual Resource Fair.**

When: June 8, 2015, 10:00am – 1:00pm
Where: Community Mediation Services, 89-64 163rd Street, Jamaica, New York 11433

RSVP by May 20, 2015 to (718) 725-3244 /3245 or email Mary.Richardson@acs.nyc.gov. Light Refreshments will be served.
[Download event flyer](#)

New Policy on Contraband

The purpose of this policy is to maintain contraband-free programs throughout the juvenile justice placement system by preventing contraband from coming into the program and minimizing access to contraband within the program. [Download the policy.](#)

Draft Policies for Public Comment

Room Isolation in Limited Secure Juvenile Justice Placement

Limited secure juvenile justice placement (LSP) providers may use room isolation to calm and contain the acute physical behavior of a youth only after all approved less restrictive interventions have been exhausted and found to be ineffective. The purpose of room isolation is to protect a youth from harming him/herself or others. This policy provides guidelines staff must follow whenever considering the use of room isolation.

This policy is being submitted for a 30-day review period. Following a review of the submitted comments, this policy will be issued as final and the case practice expectations and requirements articulated within will become effective. [Read the policy](#)

Suicide Prevention and Intervention Policy for Juvenile Justice Placement

The *Suicide Prevention and Intervention Policy for Juvenile Justice Placement* provides guidelines that Administration for Children's Services (ACS) and juvenile justice provider agency staff must follow to minimize suicide risk potential among youth placed in non-secure placement (NSP) and limited secure placement (LSP) facilities.

This policy is being submitted for a 30-day review period. Following a review of the submitted comments, this policy will be issued as final and the case practice expectations and requirements articulated within will become effective. [Read the policy](#)

We value your feedback and welcome your comments on both these policies via email to draft.policy.comments@acs.nyc.gov. Comments can also be sent by mail to:

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ACS Policy Unit
150 William St., 17th Floor, RM H-2
NY, NY 10038

The deadline for submitting comments is 5 pm June 19, 2015.

Early Care and Education

[ECE Trauma Awareness Training Series](#)

ACS' Division of Early Care and Education is currently conducting a *Trauma Awareness Training Series* designed to help the management, teachers, staff, and parents in *EarlyLearn* NYC program understand the impact of trauma. The series is being held as part of activities observing May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Registration is currently open.

Sessions include topics such as: Cultivating a Trauma Informed ECE Agency, Creating Trauma Responsive Classrooms, and Keeping our Children Safe & Secure. Please visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/nyc-childrens-services-division-of-early-care-and-education-1460141944> to sign up for events on Thursday, May 14 and a parent session which will take place Wednesday, May 17.

[Requesting Prior Approval to Enroll Families with Incomes between 100%-130% of FPL](#)

In accordance with the provisions of the Head Start Act of 2007, as well as the Performance Standard 1305.4, *EarlyLearn* NYC Head Start and Dual Eligible programs may enroll a limited number of children from families with incomes between 100% and 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), in addition to the up to 10% over-income families that programs are permitted to serve. The maximum number is equal to 35% of your Head Start funded enrollment (which for Dual Eligible programs is the total of allocated Head Start and Dual Eligible slots).

ACS is requiring any program wishing to take advantage of this "additional allowance" to request prior approval before enrolling and/or serving children. Download the information on [how to submit your request](#), and the necessary documentation. Please share this procedure with staff responsible for eligibility and enrollment.

[The Early Childhood Self-Assessment Tool for Shelters: Success in Practice](#)

The [Early Childhood Self-Assessment Tool for Family Shelters](#), developed by the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is intended to help shelter staff ensure their facilities are safe and appropriate for the development of young children. To support the use of the tool, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) is hosting a webinar -- The Early Childhood Assessment Tool for Shelters: Success in Practice -- on **Thursday, May 21, 2:30 - 3:30 PM ET**. In addition to leaders from HHS and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), community presenters from housing and early childhood will highlight their experiences with joint implementation of the assessment tool and the benefits it has yielded for their shelters in support of the overall goal of ending homelessness among families.

Registration Link [here](#)

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