



# ACS Provider Bulletin



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## Cross Divisional

### City Water Safe Campaign

This summer, NYC Parks has launched the Be WaterSafe campaign to promote the importance of water safety to all New Yorkers, and to urge young adults and parents of young children to exercise caution in and near pools and natural bodies of water.

New York City has over 17,000 acres of waterfront park along 155 miles of the City's 520-mile coastline. In recent years, New Yorkers' relationship with the waterfront has changed, with increased access and new types of interaction at sites citywide. With this in mind, NYC Parks offers swim lessons to more than 35,000 people each year, has implemented new policies to help keep park visitors safe, and will be launching a marketing campaign to educate the public on the importance of water safety.

The Be WaterSafe campaign will continue throughout the summer, with the biggest push taking place in the weeks after school lets out in late June. Be WaterSafe includes an out-of-home media campaign in subways, buses, and ferry terminals, as well as posters, safety tip cards, and other outreach materials at NYC Parks and partner facilities. To ensure a broad reach, NYC Parks will also make campaign materials available through other city agencies, providers, and programming sites.

[Get Water Safety Tips and download posters from the campaign.](#)

## Foster Care

### Bridges to Health Waitlist Update

The Bridges to Health (B2H) SED slots continue to be full and our waitlist is at max capacity, therefore we are still not accepting any new referrals at this time. There are vacancies in the Developmentally Disabled Waiver (DD) and Medically Fragile (MedF) category of B2H with no waitlist.

The SED waiver wait list is temporary; as soon as there are vacancies, we will make an announcement in the Provider Bulletin. If you have any questions, please email the main B2H mailbox at [b2hacs@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:b2hacs@acs.nyc.gov).

### Parent-Toddler Dance Classes for Parenting Youth

The Division of Family Permanency Services - Teen Specialist Unit (TSU) is pleased to announce that for a second year, we have partnered with Mark Morris Dance Center to provide classes for parenting youth to participate in their adult programs as well as the parent-toddler dance classes with their child who are between the ages of 18 months and four years of age. The parent-toddler classes will begin on June 11 from 4-5pm for 6 weeks (June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16).

Mark Morris Dance Center is at 3 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. We need your assistance to identify parenting youth who are willing to participate in the classes. We would like to begin the classes by June 1, 2015.

Slots are limited. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Vicki Mitchell at [acs.sm.tsu@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:acs.sm.tsu@acs.nyc.gov) or [Vicki.mitchell@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Vicki.mitchell@acs.nyc.gov) (212) 513-7765.

[Download the Parent and Toddler Class Flyer](#)  
[Download the Adult Class Flyer](#)

## Education and Training Opportunities

### NAACP Scholarships

NAACP-LDF announces new \$30,000 Racial Justice Scholarship for law students and revamped scholarship for undergraduates. [Learn more.](#)

### Girls for Gender Equity - Sisters in Strength Youth Organizing Program

Girls for Gender Equity is currently looking for applicants to join our 2015 - 2017 Sisters in Strength (SIS) youth organizing program! Girls for Gender Equity an intergenerational organization committed to the physical, psychological, social, and economic development of girls and women. Through education, organizing and physical fitness, GGE encourages communities to remove barriers and create opportunities for girls and women to live self-determined lives. [Apply.](#)

## Preventive Services

### Crossover Youth Practice Model Training Dates- Updates!

For June, Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) training for preventive providers will be offered on the days listed below. 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ACS Parent Support & Recruitment

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

Thursday, May 28, 2015

5:30pm – 7:00pm

ACS, 150 William Street – 19th Floor

New York, NY 10038

[Download Invitation](#)

### 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](mailto: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](#)

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

## Juvenile Justice

There are no Juvenile Justice announcements in this edition.

## Early Care and Education

### **[Save the Date - New York City Child Care Resource and Referral Consortium \(NYCCRRC\) Training and Technical Assistance Conference](#)**

The New York City Infant Toddler Resource Center, a collaborative partnership of the New York City Child Care Resource and Referral Consortium (NYCCRRC) is hosting its 12th annual full-day training and technical assistance conference “**It’s a Small World After All: Building Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity in Infant Toddler Teachers & Caregivers**” in New York City on Friday, July 24, 2015. Please save the date!

Additionally, The New York City Child Care Resource and Referral Consortium is seeking conference proposals that include examples of current research, best practices, evidence based strategies and practical applications to foster and support cultural competency and sensitivity for infants, toddlers, teachers, practitioners and their families. Sessions will be 75 minutes in length. [Download the RFP.](#)

### **[EarlyLearn NYC Health Consultants Meeting](#)**

On Friday, June 5th, ACS ECE will be hosting a meeting of ELNYC Health Consultants to provide support, assistance, and guidance in how best to work with our programs. The topics to be discussed will include the following:

- The role of the Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC) in EarlyLearn NYC programs
- What should a CCHC expect from the program, and what the program should expect from a CCHC
- The EarlyLearn NYC monitoring process, and how CCHC’s can assist programs meet standards
- Not enough money and not enough time: how to prioritize
- Key elements of a CHCC/program Agreement

We would like to extend an invitation to all ELNYC programs to attend this seminar. Program Directors and Health Coordinators should find it useful in learning how best to use the expertise of their Health Consultant. For programs who currently do not have a Health Consultant, or do not have a staff member who is a health professional and serves in this capacity, you will have an opportunity to meet area Health Consultants with expertise in ELNYC issues.

[Register for this seminar at Eventbrite.](#)

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