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Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Dear Provider Community:

This month, ACS joins the nation in celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month to recognize the contributions of LGBT individuals and communities. ACS is committed to ensuring that we provide affirming services and foster a diverse and inclusive workplace.

In honor of the month, our Office of LGBTQ Policy & Practice is hosting events and volunteer opportunities, including ACS' participation in Pride celebrations across the city, with the goal of strengthening our outreach to prospective foster parents.

I welcome all Providers to join us this Sunday, the 28th for the Manhattan Heritage Pride March from 11am-6pm. To RSVP and for more information, please e-mail the Office of LGBTQ Policy & Practice at lgbtq@acs.nyc.gov.

[Click here for a calendar of events](#) and volunteer opportunities that extend through September.

In addition to promoting affirming services, I am proud to recognize LGBTQ people at ACS and among our provider partners who make important contributions in all areas of our work.

From one ally to another, let us all celebrate the collective achievements of LGBTQ communities at our agency and throughout our great city during this month, and let us appreciate the ongoing dedication of our LGBTQ colleagues and partners throughout the year.

For more information about our agency's LGBTQ policies and resources please visit our LGBTQ website: www.nyc.gov/acs/lgbtq.

Sincerely,
Gladys Carrión, Esq.

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[NYC Celebrates the ADA 25th Anniversary](#)

On July 26, 2015 the nation will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This act has provided equal access for the over 800,000 people with disabilities living in NYC and the millions in the US. During July the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) will be celebrating the ADA with many events throughout the city.

Plan to take part in the activities listed below and [visit MOPD for a complete list of events](#).

- **July 1** - A Museum exhibit at the Brooklyn Historical Society
- **July 12** - The Inaugural Disability Pride Parade that will march from Madison Square Park to Union Square Park- **The Grand Marshall will be the Architect of the ADA- Senator Tom Harkin**
- CUNY Lectures Series throughout the Five Boroughs that will touch on Disability and Employment, Disability and Civic Engagement, Disability and Women's Health and more...
- Disability Films and Adaptive Sports & Recreation Clinics at NYC Parks
- DOT Transportation EXPO
- The Annual ADA Awards with Mayor de Blasio
- Learn more (YouTube video)- [ADA25NYC](#)

[Crossover Youth Practice Model Training Dates](#)

Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) training for foster care and preventive providers will be offered on the days listed below. 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.

Foster Care Training will be held on:

July: 14, 21, 31.

Foster Care CYPM trainings are **mandatory**.

Preventive Trainings will be held on

June: 26, 29.

Both morning and afternoon sessions are open

July: 8, 15.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Manhattan Pride March 2015](#)

Join ACS and Partner Agencies
Sunday, June 28, 2015
11 am - 6 pm
36th Street & 5th Avenue

[Download the calendar for events through September.](#)

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Call for Articles – Link Magazine

The next edition of **The Link** to be published in August will focus on the theme "Back to School." Articles and resources will highlight the educational experience at all levels beginning with early care and education through college and beyond. We hope that this edition will assist you in helping children and families get ready to go back to school whether it is their first time, or the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

If you or someone you know would like to submit an article on the topic or an article to highlight a special program at your agency that helps families fulfill their educational goals, here are some guidelines:

Length: 1000 words or less

Format: MS-Word

Font: Verdana 10pt.

Deadline: July 10, 2015

We are also collecting short remembrances, no more than a paragraph in length, about our readers' favorite teachers, past or present. Those paragraphs may be submitted by e-mail to acs.sm.opta.e-magazine@acs.nyc.gov, and may be published without the contributor's name, if requested.

Foster Care

Brooklyn LIU Summer Camp

Looking for the right combination of fun and fitness for your child this summer? Come to LIU Brooklyn for our **Blackbird Sports Camps** in basketball, soccer and swimming. Offering one-week camps in **basketball, soccer and swimming** in our borough's best NCAA Division I athletics facilities, Blackbird Sports Camps are staffed by **LIU coaches** and **NCAA D-I athletes** and provide young athletes ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to excel in specific sports.

Space is limited; for more information please call [718-488-1364](tel:718-488-1364) or visit <http://liu.edu/childrensacademy/sports>

Co-Parenting Workshop

Do you work with expecting and parenting teens? The Administration for Children's Services Teen Specialist Unit (TSU) is holding a 6-Session Co-Parenting Workshop.

When: Every Tuesday 5pm-7pm

Phase I: July 7, 2015 - August 11, 2015

Phase II: September 1, 2015 - October 6, 2015

Where: 150 William Street, New York, NY 10038

Metro Cards, on-site child care, light refreshments, provided. For more information, contact TSU James Brock Harris, Director, (212) 513-7765, or Vicki Mitchell, Program Supervisor at (212) 676-6001, or e-mail: acs.sm.tsu@acs.nyc.gov [Download the flyer](#)

Preventive Services

[There are no Preventive announcements in this edition.](#)

Juvenile Justice

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Early Care and Education

Summer 2015 NYC Food Standards Survey

The New York City Food Standards were created with the goal of improving the health of all New Yorkers who are served food by City agencies by ensuring quality nutrition.

To assist with this public health effort and ensure that our children are consistently provided with nourishing food options, each year, the city requests dietary information from all ACS EarlyLearn child care sites in the form of the NYC Food Standards Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/food-survey-2015>

Please be sure to complete the survey no later than Friday, July 3rd as mandated by the city.

Please refer to the following attachments and links for resources to help you to complete the survey:

- [NYC Food Standards](#):
- [Growing Healthy Children](#): A guide to enhancing nutrition and physical activity in NYC group Child Care centers (pages 5 - 7 and the Appendix).
- [How to Use Nutrition Facts Label to Meet the Standards](#)
- [Contracted Agency Food Standards Monitoring Tool](#)
 - NOTE: This is not the survey, only a tool. If you use this tool you still must answer the on-line survey.

Your response to this survey is required as it will provide two crucial pieces of information:

- Whether EarlyLearn NYC center-based programs are in compliance with the NYC Food Standards as required by law
- How ECE can offer additional support to help you implement and operationalize these standards to your program's benefit.

Each year, ACS reports to the Mayor's Office and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH) on the status of ACS' contracted agencies' compliance with the food nutritional standards. Additionally, the information on these NYC Food Standards status reports is also presented to the City Council.

If you have any questions regarding this survey you may send them to joel.kraf@acs.nyc.gov. Thank you for your time and effort in completing this survey.

Attention EarlyLearn NYC Programs: Extension of Pre-K Registration Deadline to Friday, June 26

The pre-registration deadline has been extended to Friday, June 26. Please review the three important things that you need to do this week as a result of the extended deadline.

1. **Please contact all families who have not yet pre-registered** for their offers to your program and invite them to pre-register before Friday, June 26.
2. **All pre-registrations should be entered using the offer list in Pre-KIDS.** Through Friday, June 26, you will only be able to pre-register students who received offers from the NYCDOE.

Updated [pre-registration guidance](#) and step-by-step [instructions for using Pre-KIDS](#) is available for your reference. If you have questions about using Pre-KIDS, please email the Division of Early Childhood Education at EarlyChildhood@schools.nyc.gov.

3. **Please DO NOT MAKE ANY waitlist offers until after the new pre-registration deadline.**

Students are not listed on your Program Candidate List (PCL) in SEMS in the correct waitlist order. You **MUST WAIT** until your official waitlist is available in SEMS on **June 27** to make waitlist offers for available seats. Step-by-step waitlist management instructions will be provided later this week.

We appreciate your cooperation during this historic effort to expand free, full-day, high-quality pre-K to all four-year-olds in New York City. If you have any questions about pre-K admissions, please email the Office of Student Enrollment at ES_Enrollment@schools.nyc.gov.

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