



Dear Provider Community:

ACS' Division of Policy, Planning and Measurement is pleased to release the draft FY 16 methodologies for the ACS Preventive and Foster Care Scorecards for a 30-day comment period prior to finalization. We are also including the PAMS Case Review Question Definition documents in both PDF and excel for reference. Please submit all comments to Associate Commissioner Brian Clapier at brian.clapier@acs.nyc.gov by close of business on August 7, 2015. Please click on the links below to read the documents.

Our team, led by Associate Commissioners Brian Clapier and Kerri Smith, developed the methodologies in close consultation with our provider partners. The changes have been discussed for some time, yet the full picture emerges only when they are put together into these two documents. With your help, we have placed outcomes at the center of the Scorecard. While practice and process measures remain essential components, we see them mainly as signposts on the path toward positive results for the children and families we serve.

Our overarching goal is straightforward: Process and practice matter most when they are tied to results. We don't want to encourage you or our staff to be so preoccupied with process measures that the true purpose of the work is lost.

On the Foster Care Scorecard, we have incorporated new indicators based on the federal government's measures of maltreatment in care and permanency. This reflects the urgency felt across our system to reduce the number of children spending especially long periods of time in foster care, and dovetails with efforts to strengthen families for reunification, ramp up the use of KinGap, and address many of the hurdles that have slowed adoptions.

This remains a work in progress. We will continue to refine the Scorecard in the coming year. We are assessing process and practice measures to determine which of them most closely correlate with desirable outcomes. And we are developing metrics to help evaluate provider performance related to the physical, cognitive and social-emotional well-being of children, youth and families. I hope many of you will take part in this work.

We look forward to receiving your comments. Thank you for all of your help, and for your invaluable work.

Andrew White
Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Planning & Measurement

Documents

[FY 16 Preventive Scorecard Methodologies](#)
[PAMS Preventive Case Review Questions Definitions \(PDF\)](#)
[PAMS Preventive Case Review Questions Definitions \(Excel\)](#)

[FY 16 Foster Care Scorecard Methodologies](#)
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Cross Divisional

[Bronx South Child Health and Safety Fair](#)

The Bronx Division of Child Protection South Borough Office will hold a child health and safety fair, featuring information on safe sleep, demonstrations on NYPD Operation Safe Child (which provides photo IDs for children), DOE gang prevention and intervention and much more.

When: July 17, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Where: Sotomayor Community Center, 1000 Rosedale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472

Free for the entire family, there will be refreshments, games, raffles and prizes. For more information, contact CPM Josephine Veloz (917) 246-7030 or Deputy Director, Purisima Median (917) 583-4340. [Download event flyer.](#)

[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
July: 8, 15.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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

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

Civil Service Pathways for Youth Program

The Civil Service Pathways for Youth Employment Program was created by the ACS in partnership with the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) to enhance employment services for young adults in foster care as they transition into adulthood. The program provides a series of trainings to young adults aged 17.5-21 years old to better prepare them to explore civil service careers. Please encourage youth to sign up for the training.

Training begins on **Monday, July 13, 2015**, at ACS, 150 William Street, Manhattan Room, 19th Floor, and ends on August 28, 2015. At least 2 days a week, youth will participate in workshops, field visits, mentoring sessions, special trainings and civil service test preparation courses. For more information, contact Ericka Williams, program lead at civilservicepathways@acs.nyc.gov. [Download the program flyer.](#)

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

Prevention, Detection, and Response to Sexual Misconduct in the Division of Youth and Family Justice Detention Services

Commissioner Gladys Carrión approved and signed the policy *Prevention, Detection, and Response to Sexual Misconduct in the Division of Youth and Family Justice Detention Services*, on July 2, 2015. Under the policy guidelines, ACS staff, volunteers, interns, contractors, and youth may not engage in sexual abuse or sexual harassment of youth in the care and custody of ACS. Staff in the ACS Division of Youth and Family Justice (DYFJ) shall report and engage in appropriate follow-up with respect to allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of youth as required by this policy, and shall provide alleged victims and youth perpetrators with needed services and supports. DYFJ shall employ supervision and search practices that minimize the possibility of harm to youth in their care, and shall educate youth and staff about their rights and responsibilities under this policy. [Read the policy.](#)

Early Care and Education

SCO/FirstStepNYC Early Education Leadership Institute

Are you interested in connecting with other early education directors and leaders in the field? Would you like to attend panels, workshops and meetings that will support you to be the best leader you can be? Are you interested in working with a coach or mentor to achieve your professional goals? Would you like to develop an individualized professional development session for your staff that utilizes a high quality demonstration model located in Brownsville, Brooklyn?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you should apply to become a member of the SCO/FirstStepNYC Early Education Leadership Institute. Apply here:

<http://sco.org/firststepnyc/leadership/apply/>, or [fill out the paper application](#).

After you apply for membership, you can fill out a "plan your visit" form to set up professional development for your staff:

<http://sco.org/firststepnyc/plan-your-visit/> and also [here](#).

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