



Dear Provider Community:

Worker Safety Resources

We were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the horrific workplace killing of a social worker from the Vermont Department of Children & Families, allegedly committed by a parent. This tragedy is a painful reminder of the incredibly challenging work that you do and the conditions our frontline staff face every day.

Below are links to some safety-related materials collected by our child welfare colleagues for you to review and share. For specific concerns about safety and well-being issues in your workplace, we encourage you to talk with your managers and supervisors.

Worker Safety

- [Introduction to Social Work Safety in a Child Welfare Environment: Crisis Intervention Transfer of Learning Tool](#)
- [NASW Guidelines for Social Worker Safety](#)
- [Safety First: Dealing with the Daily Challenges of Child Welfare](#)
- [Social Worker Safety Tips \(New York\)](#)
- [The CPS Worker: Making the Case for Safety](#)
- [Worker Safety - Supporting Staff in the Delivery of Services](#)

Self-care

- [NYC Employee Assistance Program](#)
- [The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children](#)
- [Fostering Perspectives - Self Care](#)
- [Managing Stress as a Child Welfare Caseworker: Caseworker Readiness Activity](#)
- [Social Worker Self-Care - The Overlooked Core Competency](#)
- [Self-Care for New Child Welfare Workers: Social Worker Safety, Stress Management, and Time Management](#)
- [Self-care Starter Kit](#)

Secondary Trauma

- [Addressing Secondary Traumatic Stress Among Child Welfare Staff: A Practice Brief -](#)
- [Organizational Prevention of Vicarious Trauma](#)
- [Planning for Emotional Labor and Secondary Traumatic Stress in Child Welfare Organizations](#)
- [Promoting Resilience and Reducing Secondary Trauma Among Child Welfare Staff: Participant Handbook](#)
- [Secondary Traumatic Stress: NCWWI 1-page Summary](#)
- [Secondary Traumatic Stress: A Fact Sheet for Child-Serving Professionals](#)
- [Secondary Trauma & the Child Welfare Workforce](#)

Cross Divisional

[Manhattan Division of Child Protection Community Back to School Street Fair](#)

The Manhattan Division of Child Protection invites you to the 1st Annual Community Back to School Street Fair. Giveaways of book bags and school supplies while they last, presentations and tables representing health providers, community and provider agencies and organizations including Boys Town, New York Foundling, Harlem Dowling and more!

When: Thursday, August, 20th from 11:00am to 3:00pm

Where: Marcus Garvey Park, located at corner of Madison Ave. and 124th St.

[Download the event flyer](#)

[Volunteer for Dads Take Your Child to School Day](#)

Calling all volunteers! Be an ambassador for change! Join the Responsible Fatherhood Coalition (RFC) in its efforts to work with schools on "Dads Take Your Child to School Day" (DTYCTS), as well as a host of school and family-related activities. RFC partners include city, state and federal agencies, community-based organizations, concerned residents, community leaders and others. Volunteers are needed to partner with Parent Coordinators/Principals in advance of the September 22, 2015 DTYCTS Day activities. Prospective volunteers will participate in a training on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 and a debriefing on Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Volunteers will also lead activities on DTYCTS Day, September 22, 2015. Download [volunteer invitation letter](#) and the [Training Information Flyer](#).

[Draft Policies for Public Comment](#)

The following policy was signed by Commissioner Carrión and is being submitted for public comment over a 30-day period

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[DCP Resource FairS/Back to School Events](#)

Manhattan
Thursday, August 20
11:00am to 3:00pm
Marcus Garvey Park, (corner of Madison Ave. and 124th St).

[Download the event flyer](#)

Brooklyn
August 28, 2015
12 noon – 4 pm
Brooklyn DCP Offices
1274 Bedford Avenue

[Download the event flyer.](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

The New York Foundling
Vincent J. Fontana Center for Child Protection
-proudly presents-
**The 2015 Annual Professional Conference
Evidence-Based Trauma Treatment Interventions
for Children and Families in Child Welfare: What
Works and What Needs to Be Done**

Remarks and Keynote Introduction
Gladys Carrión, Esq., Commissioner
Administration for Children's Services

Keynote Speaker
Lucy Berliner, MSW
Director, Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and
Traumatic Stress

Friday, October 30, 2015
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Baruch College Conference Center, 55 Lexington
Avenue

(Corner of 24th Street and Lexington Avenue

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ending on **September 14, 2015**. Following a review of the submitted comments, these policies will be issued as final and the case practice expectations and requirements articulated within them will become effective.

Revocations

A youth who has been placed with the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) by the Family Court pursuant to a juvenile delinquency case may be released from ACS' physical custody on aftercare status before the expiration of the placement. During the period of release, ACS provides aftercare, which includes therapeutic support services and monitoring of the youth's progress in the community. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines and procedures for staff to follow when ACS seeks to revoke the release of a youth who is on aftercare status prior to the expiration of the youth's placement with ACS. [Read the policy.](#)

Submit your comments via email to draft.policy.comments@acs.nyc.gov no later than September 14, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Comments can also be sent by mail to: ACS Policy Unit, 150 William St., 17th Floor, RM H-2, NY, NY 10038.

[Please go to the ACS website for other policies submitted for public comment.](#)

Foster Care

[B2H DD Waiver Slots Full](#)

The Bridges to Health program (B2H) has reached capacity in the Developmentally Disabled waiver (DD). The DD Slots are full and no more applications will be accepted by ACS at this time.

The Serious Emotionally Disturb waiver (SED) continues to be closed for new referrals. There are still vacancies in the Medically Fragile waiver (Med-F) with no waitlist in this category. As soon as there are vacancies, we will make an announcement. If you have any questions, please email the main B2H mailbox at b2hacs@acs.nyc.gov.

Preventive Services

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

Juvenile Justice

[There are no Juvenile Justice announcements in the edition](#)

Early Care and Education

[Important Reminders about Pre-K for All Registration Process](#)

Dear *EarlyLearn* NYC Providers:

A few brief, but important, reminders as we begin to make final preparations for the 2015-16 school year:

1. Most importantly, please make sure that all your students that were born in 2011 are entered into the DOE's vendor portal as soon as possible. This includes all students that are continuing from your three-year-old program. To access the Vendor Portal please follow this link: <https://vendorportal.nycenet.edu/vendorportal/login.aspx>. If you need technical assistance please call your DOE Operations Analyst.
2. Please double check that your UPK seat target accommodates at least as many students born in 2011 as you expect to have for the upcoming school year. If you need to adjust your 2015-16 seat target, please email Teija Sudol at teija.sudol@acs.nyc.gov.
3. If you have available seats, are willing to accept students that would not normally be eligible for an EarlyLearn program, please contact the Pre-K for All Outreach Team for assistance. Brett Saffer, Outreach Manager, can connect you with an Enrollment Specialist that covers your neighborhood and help direct area families to your site. Contact him at bsaffer3@schools.nyc.gov or (212) 637-8016.

[Changes to Child Care Regulations](#)

All EarlyLearn center-based programs should have already received important new guidelines related to the revised Article 47 requirements from the Bureau of Child Care at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Please view the letter, fact sheet, and guidelines (available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Russian) at nyc.gov/health/childcare by clicking on "[Information for Providers](#)," and the nutrition guidelines for parents are also available in Korean, Bengali, and Haitian-Creole. You may find the full text of the updated [Article 47](#) on this page.

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