



## Cross Divisional

### [Summer Youth Employment Program](#)

Please encourage youth to [apply for the DYCD Summer Youth Employment program](#)

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) provides New York City youth between the ages of 14 and 24 with paid summer employment for up to six weeks in July and August. Participants work in a variety of entry-level jobs including:

- Government Agencies
- Hospitals
- Summer Camps
- Non-Profits
- Small Businesses
- Law Firms
- Museums
- Sports Enterprises
- Retail Organizations

SYEP also provides workshops on job readiness, career exploration, financial literacy and opportunities to continue education and social growth. Programs are located in community-based organizations in all five boroughs of New York City. Youth can apply for the program online or at a community-based organization during the application period. Participants are selected by lottery for the program. Specialized programming for disabled, foster care, runaway/homeless and court-involved youth are also available. [▶ APPLY ONLINE NOW](#)

### [OESPP Education Forum](#)

The next Education Forum will take place on Thursday, April 21st from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the 13th floor Training Center at 150 William Street. The forum will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Parents who are caring for a child with significant medical and/or developmental delays are often faced with the task of navigating various systems to meet their child's needs. Many of these children and youth will require supportive services for the rest of their lives. The **ACS Office of Developmental Disabilities (DD)** is available to provide guidance to ACS and provider agency case planning staff on how to connect families to the appropriate services.

This month the DD unit will be our guest speaker at the next Education Forum. We will learn how their office can be a resource to staff, share tips on how to effectively navigate the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and discuss initiatives that will impact this vulnerable population.

**For those foster care agencies involved in Project School Success**—there will be a data meeting immediately following the Education Forum

**Video Conferencing of the forum is available at the following locations:**

**BRONX:** 2501 Grand Concourse & 1200 Waters Place  
**BROOKLYN:** 404 Pine St., 1274 Bedford Ave. & 185 Marcy Avenue  
**MANHATTAN:** 55 W. 125th St. & 110 William St.  
**QUEENS:** 165-15 Archer Ave.  
**STATEN ISLAND:** 350 St. Mark's Place

**For addition information about the forum please contact the ACS Office of Education Support and Policy Planning:** [education.unit@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:education.unit@acs.nyc.gov)

### [Domestic Violence and Child Welfare Initiative Conference](#)

The Domestic Violence and Child Welfare Initiative is pleased to announce our next conference, "Culture, Diversity and Domestic Violence."

**When:** Thursday, May 9 2016.

**Where:** ACS Nicholas Scoppetta Children's Center at 492 First Avenue in Manhattan.

An online registration link will be sent out shortly. [See the flyer for additional information.](#) This conference is free for preventive and foster care staff.

## Foster Care

### [Become a Foster /Adoptive Parent – Find out How at a Recruitment Forum](#)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### [Come to the Party for Prevention!](#)



### [Join the Bridge Walk for Prevention](#)



**Tuesday, April 26th**

10am to 2pm

Walk begins in Manhattan and ends at Brooklyn Borough Hall

[Register](#) for more details.

### [Reminder: 2016 Annual Education Fair](#)

The ACS Early Care and Education and Head Start Policy Council 2016 Annual Education Fair

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

9:30am to 1:00pm.

150 Williams Street,

New York, NY 10038

Manhattan Room from

CUNY and other educational institutions will provide information and speak with attendees about their educational goals.

For more information, contact Director of Family and Community Engagement, Diane Black-Green at [diane.greene@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:diane.greene@acs.nyc.gov).

[Please share the flyer with families.](#)

### [Pre-K for All Enrollment Training Webinar](#)

[This Friday!](#)

EarlyLearn Pre-K Providers are invited to attend a Pre-K Enrollment Training webinar

led by the NYC DOE Office of Student Enrollment on **Friday, April 15, 2016.**

Please [click here to RSVP](#) by April 8, 2016.

To join the webinar, you must dial in to a conference line on your phone and also open the conference webpage on your computer.

The ACS Office of Parent Support and Recruitment will host a series of Foster and Adoptive Parent Recruitment Forums as part of National Foster Care Awareness Month. To participate, register through the WISH LINE at 212-676-WISH(9474).

**Friday, April 29, 2016**

Lenox Road Baptist Church  
1356 Nostrand Avenue (Corner of Lenox)  
Brooklyn, NY 11226  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
[Download the flyer](#)

**Friday, May 13, 2016**

Administration for Children's Services  
150 William Street – 8th Fl. Conf. Room – 8A-1  
New York, NY 10038  
10:00am – 3:00pm  
[Download the flyer.](#)

**Tuesday, May 24, 2016**

Administration for Children's Services  
150 William Street – 19th Floor – Manhattan Room  
New York, NY 10038  
5:30pm – 7:00pm  
[Download the flyer.](#)

**[Queens Family Court Teen Day Event, May 4, 2016](#)**

The Queens Family Court will hold its annual Teen Day event at the courthouse on May 4, 2016 at 2:15PM. Speakers will include Queens Supervising Judge Carol Stokinger, NYC Deputy Administrative Judge Anne-Marie Jolly, and our keynote speaker, Mecca Phinzy, a former foster child who is now an educational and vocational specialist for a local foster care agency. At the event, teens will be provided lunch and have the opportunity to shop for free clothing from Connie's Closet, select free prom dresses, and to speak to representatives from numerous organizations providing services and opportunities to teens and young adults. This includes the Door, Job Corps Academy, NYPD/NYFD, NYC Dept. of Education, ACS, South Bronx Jobs Academy, Safe Space, GEMS, Year Up, The Possibility Project and many, many more.

**Teens from all boroughs are welcome and need not be in foster care to benefit.** For further information on how teen can participate or to donate clothing for the event, please contact Jared Markowitz at Queens FCLS [Jared.Markowitz@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Jared.Markowitz@acs.nyc.gov).

**[SAVE THE DATE: Open Adoption Forum](#)**

The Division of Family Permanency Services invites you to attend [Exploring Open Adoption: A Forum about the Benefits and Realities](#), a dynamic discussion about open adoption and the real world opportunities and challenges for children, families and professionals in the foster care system. Featured speakers at the forum include:

- Youth, families and professionals discussing their experiences with open adoption
- ACS Commissioner Gladys Carrión, Esq.
- New York City Family Court Administrative Judge, Hon. Jeanette Ruiz
- April Dinwoodie, Chief Executive, Donaldson Adoption Institute
- Barry Chaffkin, CEO, Fostering Change for Children

**When:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Where:** ACS Nicholas Scoppetta Children's Center, 492 First Ave., New York, NY 10016

In 2016 and 2017, ACS will sponsor open adoption learning sessions for all foster care agencies, legal organizations, the Family Court and other key stakeholders. This work is one piece of ACS' "No Time to Wait" initiative to accelerate permanency through reunification, kinship guardianship and adoption.

Please click [here](#) to RSVP and reserve your seat.

**[College & Career Corner March 2016 – Now Accepting 10th Grade Students](#)**

The Office of Education Support and Policy Planning has launched the College and Career Corner to connect 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in foster care with a peer mentor, assist with college application completion and offer career advice from peers who have received ACS services. College advisors from the Options Institute will also be available for consultations! Sessions are held twice a month at ACS - 150 William Street.

The final session for April will be held on **April 20**, 4pm to 6pm, 150 William Street, 19th Floor, Staten Island Room. Dinner and MetroCards will be provided. For more information contact, Karyn Boutis at [Karyn.Boutis@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Karyn.Boutis@acs.nyc.gov). Please share this information with eligible youth. [Download the flyer](#)

**[Share Information about Youth Education and Employment Opportunities](#)**

Please feel free to contact Meka Nurse, Assistant Commissioner, ACS Office of Employment and Workforce Development Initiatives with any information on education and employment opportunities or special programs for youth in ACS care: [meke.nurse@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:meke.nurse@acs.nyc.gov).

**Be sure to include:**

- Name of your agency
- Name of Program

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## Preventive Services

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

## Juvenile Justice

### [Queens Family Assessment Program Resource Fair](#)

The Queens Family Assessment Program (FAP) will be hosting their annual resource fair to present information about resources to help families and adolescents dealing with every day challenges and PINS Diversion process.

**When:** June 3, 2016 at 10 am.

**Where:** Community Mediation Services located at 89-64 163rd Street, 1st floor in Jamaica, Queens (between Jamaica Ave. and 89th Avenue.

[For more information, click on this link.](#) If you would like to attend the resource fair and/or present information about your specific program, please contact the Queens FAP Borough Director, Mary Richardson at (718)725-3245 or [Mary.Richardson@acs.nyc.gov](mailto:Mary.Richardson@acs.nyc.gov). [Download the flyer.](#)

## Early Care and Education

### [City's First Reader Bronx Event](#)

City's First Readers, an initiative of the New York City Council, is a collaboration of nonprofit organizations fostering the literacy development of NYC children, ages 0-5. The initiative provides parents, early childcare providers, and teachers with the resources and services needed to ensure children enter school ready to read and achieve educational success. Join them for a First Readers event:

**When:** Saturday, April 16, 2016, 10:30-11:30 am

**Where:** Francis Martin Library, 2150 University Avenue (181th St.) Bronx, NY 10453

**Contact Person:** Marisa Hall Phone: (718) 295-5287.

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