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[First Star CUNY-Staten Island Foster Youth Academy Seeks Director](#)

First Star CUNY-Staten Island Foster Youth Academy, a program to help high school foster youth succeed in college is seeking a Program Director. The program is a collaboration between ACS with City University, *College of Staten Island* (CUNY CSI) and First Star. The successful candidate will be an employee of CUNY/CSI. [Click on this link for more information on the position.](#) Deadline for Application is June 13, 2016

The program a direct service college-preparatory program serving foster youth ages 14 to 18. First Star partners with leading 4 year universities to operate residential Academies for high school students in grades 9 through 12, physically located on college campuses. By providing 'big brother, big sister' undergraduate role models, immersion in campus culture and a focused curriculum that spans academic training and life skills, the University and First Star enable a future of college for the foster youth themselves. This program will serve a cohort of 30 foster youth who are entering the 9th grade and work with them for four years. <https://www.firststar.org/>

[Substance Use Disorder Series for Foster Care and Preventive Staff](#)

Manhattan is one of 8 New York State counties selected as a pilot site for the Statewide System Reform Program (SSRP) beginning in September. As a pilot site, there will be various trainings offered during June and July. ACS staff and contract agency foster care and preventive frontline staff are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday, June 21: Understanding the Science of Addiction and Introduction to Drug Treatment

Mark Leider, Esq., Senior Attorney, Lawyers for Children
Dr. Carolann Slattery EdD, LCSW-R, Assistant Vice President of Outpatient Services, Samaritan Village

Tuesday, July 12: Understanding issues for women in treatment and the Impact of Parental Addiction on Children in the Child Welfare System

Valerie Raine, Esq., Statewide Drug Court Coordinator, OCA?
Naomi Weinstein, VP of Innovations, ICL?

Tuesday, August 9: Relapse and Recovery

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All sessions will take places in Manhattan Family Court, 60 Lafayette Street from 1:00PM - 2:15PM. Everyone must register at: <https://24.selectsurvey.net/nyscourts/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=14K18n74>. CLE and CASAC credits pending approval.

[New Developments in Secondary Trauma: Supporting Professionals who Work with Traumatized Children](#)

Sponsored by The New York Center for Children in association with Prevent Child Abuse America and New York City Administration for Children's Services.

When: Thursday, June 16, 2016, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: The Nicholas Scoppetta Children's Center, 492 First Avenue (at 28th Street)

Register \$75, students \$50. For **group tickets and ACS staff**, please [email Christine Crowther](#) along with a head count for each afternoon session. Conference is free for ACS staff, but everyone must [Register here](#). Please choose a workshop when registering. Up to 5 CEUS for LMSWs/LCSWs are available! [Get more information](#)

[IYLA Global Peace Summit Now Open for Registration – Great Opportunity for Young Leaders!](#)

The Global Peace Foundation (GPF) has announced the upcoming International Young Leaders Assembly (IYLA) at the United Nations on **August 16th!** Please invite any young people (including your own) who might benefit from attending (ages 18-35). This will be a great opportunity to meet and engage with like-minded young leaders, from all over the world, under the theme of "**Moral and Innovative Leadership: Vision, Service and Entrepreneurship**".

When: August 16, 2016 - 9:00AM - 1:00 PM

Where: United Nations General Assembly Hall , 46th Street and 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER!

Registration Site: <https://www.123contactform.com/form-1933291/>

Registration code: 231815

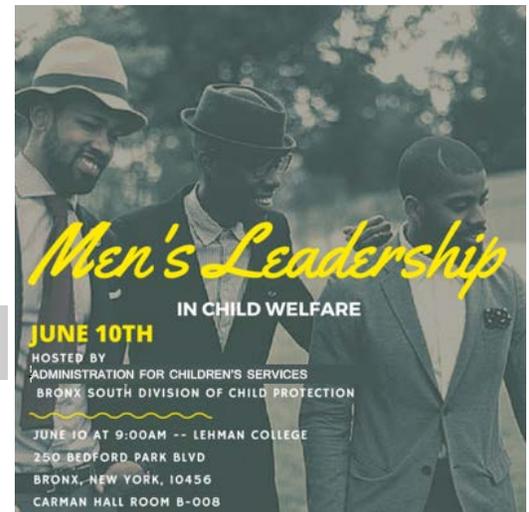
Guest Speaker: UN Secretary General Ban Gi-Moon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Better Together: A Celebration of Families](#)



Date: Saturday – June 25, 2016
Time: 11AM - 3PM
Location: Children's Museum of Manhattan
212 West 83rd Street
New York, NY 10024



The Bronx South Division of Child Protection
Invites you to a
Discussion on the Role of Men in Child Welfare
June 10, 9:00 am
Lehman College
250 Bedford Park Blvd
Bronx, NY 10456
Carman Hall, Room B-008

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Limited space. Registration is REQUIRED.

[Click here](#) for an overview of this year's program, which takes place from August 8-17, 2016 across Washington, DC, Philadelphia and New York.

Free Microsoft Office Download for NYC Students and Families

The New York City Council and the Department of Education have collaborated with Microsoft Corp. to provide New York City students and families with access to Microsoft software. Students and families can download Office 2016, Office for Mac 2016 and the Office 365 mobile apps available for Windows 10 tablets, iPhone, iPad and Android devices. All of these are part of Microsoft's Office 365 Education offering and available to download from the website <https://studentoffice.net/>. There is no cost for up to five (5) downloads on their personal computers, Windows or Mac, up to five (5) tablets and up to five (5) phones. [Get more information.](#)

Community Partnership Events for Children and Families

Please share this information with your communities, organization and clients. All families are invited!!!

Soundview Community Partnerships Fatherhood Family Barbeque – This Saturday

This is a free community event for all fathers (including male mentors, adult figures), children and families. Activities include family games, face painting, arts & craft, music, popcorn, cotton candy, raffles, fatherhood resources and food will be served.

When: Saturday June 11, 11 am – 4 pm.

Where: Soundview Park (Entrance between Morrison Ave and Lafayette Ave)

[Download the flyer.](#) If you are interested in having your organization table or would like to recognize a father at this event, email Dishon Ahing DAhing@LeakeAndWatts.Org.

BedStuy Community Partnerships Events

June 9th, 2016, 6pm to 10pm

BedStuy CPP Celebration and Award Ceremony

@ Masonic Temple 441 Willoughby Ave (Nostrand & Marcy Avenues)

June 25th, 2016, 11am to 2pm

BedStuy CPP & Emblem Health Presents the Women's Empowerment Event

@1958 Fulton Street (Off Ralph Avenue) 5th Floor

[Event flyer](#)

June 28th, 2016, 12 noon

BedStuy CPP & Gotham Academy of Performing Arts High School Presents "Family Day: Appreciating Dads"

Lunch & Presentation for Fathers in BedStuy Community!

July 9th, 2016, 11am to 6pm

BedStuy CPP & Hart Street Block Association Block Party and Community Resource Fair

@ Hart Street Btwn. Nostrand and Marcy Avenues

[Event flyer](#)

Foster Care

Celebrating National Reunification Month – ACS Hosts Family Event at Manhattan Children's Museum

Reunification takes hard work, commitment, and investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, attorneys, courts and the community. Throughout the country during June, communities come together to raise awareness about the importance of family reunification and recognize families and professionals. This June, ACS will celebrate National Reunification month to recognize the important accomplishments of parents in getting their children home safely, and the professionals who support them. We invite you to join us on **Saturday, June 25th at the Children's Museum of Manhattan** for *Better Together: A Celebration of Families*. To RSVP [please click here](#).

Bridges to Health Update

At the beginning of last summer, we notified providers that we had reached our capacity in the Bridges to Health (B2H) Developmentally Disabled (DD) waiver and were forced to implement a waitlist. The B2H unit is now accepting application for the DD waiver. Since we only have the capacity to serve a predetermined number of children at a time, our waitlist will continue to fluctuate. Therefore, we will keep you posted periodically as to the status of the waitlist.

Applications are now open for several vacancies in our Med-F (Medical Fragile) and Close to Home (C2H) waivers. Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) slots are limited; however, some are still available.

We look forward to your submission of referrals and have made the process a lot easier by adding our application forms and other necessary documentation to the ACS website. All updated forms can be downloaded directly from the ACS website at the [Bridges to Health page](#).

College & Career Corner 2016 – Final Session

Please share this information with eligible youth. The Office of Education Support and Policy Planning College and Career Corner connects 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in foster care with a peer mentor, assists with college application completion and offers career advice from peers who have received ACS services. College advisors from the Options Institute are available for consultations!

The final two session for the year will be held **June 15**, 4pm to 6pm, at 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.
[Download the flyer.](#)

Preventive Services

[Home Care Services Forum](#)

The Office of Family Home Care, under the Division of Preventive Services, is hosting a forum to provide updated information on the various home care services available to our families. Please join us in learning more about the eligibility requirements and the process for accessing home care services.

When: June 28, 2016 from 10 am – 1 pm

Where: 150 Williams Street, 19th floor, Manhattan Room, New York, New York 10038

This forum is open to all level staff at provider agencies and at ACS. Register via the STARS Training Liaison at <https://www.hslcnys.org/hslc/> by June 20, 2016.

Juvenile Justice

[Draft Policy for Public Comment- Log Books for Juvenile Justice Placement Facilities](#)

ACS requires all juvenile justice placement providers to maintain legible and accurate log books for each facility they operate. These log books must be subject to review by investigative bodies external to ACS. The primary objective of this policy is to standardize practice and enforce uniformity. This policy describes the types of log books that ACS requires, the information providers are responsible for recording, and the length of time providers must store log books. [Read the policy.](#)

This policy is being submitted for a 30-day review period. We value your feedback and welcome your comments via email to draft.policy.comments@acs.nyc.gov no later than July 7, 2016. Comments can also be sent by mail to:

ACS Policy Unit, 150 William St., 17th Floor, RM H-2, NY, NY 10038.

Following a review of the submitted comments, this policy will be issued as final and the case practice expectations and requirements articulated within will become effective.

Early Care and Education

[EarlyLearn NYC Contract Renewals Update and Line Item Budget Submission Update](#)

- EarlyLearn NYC contracts expire on September 30, 2016 with an option to renew for additional two (2) year term. ACS is pleased to announce that we will exercise the two-year renewal option with an end date of **September 30, 2018**. ACS reserves the right to determine each option to renew, and you will be notified by the Division of Early Care and Education if there are concerns regarding the renewal of your contract.
- The Divisions of Financial Services and Early Care & Education are reviewing Line Item Budget submissions and will be in touch with questions and/or clarifications.

Given the above announcement regarding the contract renewal, the final amount approved for your FY16 Line Item budget will be used as the basis for your FY17 and FY18 initial EarlyLearn operational budget. You will have the opportunity to propose adjustments to your FY17 and FY18 EarlyLearn operational budget after the contract renewal has been executed.

If you have any questions regarding your Line-item Budget, please contact your budget analyst or email ACSFinance@acs.nyc.gov.

[Deadline Extended for Final 2015-2016 Self-Assessment Report Submission](#)

Please be advised, the deadline for the final 2015-2016 Self-Assessment Report submission has been extended from **Friday, June 10 to Thursday, June 30**. This last submission of FY16 is to include: Program Improvement Plans (PIPs), attestations, program profiles, calendars and professional development plans.

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