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Brooklyn NFP Clients Enjoy a Day of Fun and Pampering

On June 17, Team 2 of NYC NFP's Brooklyn site, which is run by SCO Family of Services under contract with the Health Department, held a Parents' Day event to bring mothers, fathers, children and those who support them together to be pampered, have fun and celebrate. The 19 participating families enjoyed an abundance of food and an afternoon of activities. There was a photo booth, where families posed "inside" a large gilded frame suspended from the ceiling—using props such as fake mustaches and silly hats to add to the fun. A hand- and footprint station gave parents and children an opportunity to make art together.



Brooklyn NFP client Eve Bodden gets into the spirit of fun and frivolity with daughter Grace at the site's Parents' Day event held earlier this month.

And then came the pampering stations. Using the right balance of loving kindness and laughter, SCO nurses and staff scrubbed, massaged and applied lotion to clients' hands, and provided them with colorful manicures. While the moms enjoyed being pampered, nurses

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Nurse Home Visitor,
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Nurse Home Visitor, TCI:
Job ID 229849

and staff joined the dads to play with the children. The dads, too, enjoyed some father-focused time. Keston Jones, from Healthy Start Brooklyn's Fatherhood Initiative, engaged them in discussing their experiences as fathers, and informed them of useful resources available to them.



Veteran baby-foot painter nurse Karen Holton expertly assists Amanda Ferrer and daughter Aurelia in making a one-of-a-kind art piece.

We are confident that all the families who attended Parents' Day felt special and celebrated. Thank you to our Brooklyn team for doing its utmost to make this happen!

Spring Brings Graduation for Brooklyn Clients

As most of our readers know, clients graduate from the NFP program when their children turn two years old, and ceremonies are held to bring the moms together with their nurses and families to celebrate their accomplishments. NYC NFP's Brooklyn site holds graduations in both spring and fall, and this year's spring event took place on May 18 at Restoration Plaza in Bedford-Stuyvesant, where the site's Team 1 had recently moved its office. The new venue was bright and cheery, and—with play space for the many toddlers in attendance—helped make the day an unqualified success.

Staten Island NFP has several open positions, including for bilingual English/Spanish nurses. For more information or to apply, [email Program Director Jo-Ellen Brannigan](#). For **Northern Queens** and **Brooklyn**, search for "Nurse Home Visitor" on the [Public Health Solutions](#) and [SCO Family of Services](#) websites, respectively.



Kepha Beaubrun and daughter London enjoy drawing together at Brooklyn NFP's spring 2016 graduation.

Fourteen of the 36 graduating families were in attendance, as were Laurel West and Rebecca Noriega of NYC NFP's nonprofit partner, Good+ Foundation (formerly Baby Buggy).



2016 graduates Kerrianna Stanislas and son Kaiden show off their Brooklyn NFP pride.

After staff served lunch to guests, the formal program began. Brooklyn NFP Director Maggie Petrosky offered welcoming remarks, and Parent-Child Home Supervisor Quincy Adams entertained and engaged the crowd by leading rounds of singing and clapping, providing a joyful experience for adults and children alike.



Newly minted Brooklyn NFP grad Maria Solorzano and daughter Chrystie enjoy a tender moment at the site's graduation ceremony in May.

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The ceremony followed, with each nurse calling her graduating clients to the podium one by one to receive their certificates. Several graduates—including one dad, because the mom had to work that afternoon—also took to the microphone to share heartfelt words about the program and the positive ways in which it had impacted their lives.



Lisa Adams and son Omar are proud to accept their graduation certificate from their NFP nurse, Maria Otero.

In addition, clients were offered an opportunity to write farewell notes to their nurses. Some messages were read aloud by the graduate, others by her nurse's supervisor on the graduates' behalf. While each client's words were unique, the thread running through all of them was an expression of deep gratitude to their nurses for supporting and caring for them at a time when it meant the most.

Please join us in congratulating our newest Brooklyn grads on their many achievements—including becoming great moms—and wishing them all the best for their very bright futures!

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Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is an evidence-based nationwide nurse home visiting program committed to improving the health, well-being and self-sufficiency of low-income first-time mothers and their children ([national NFP website](#)). The program is voluntary and there is no cost to the client. NYC NFP is the largest urban program in the country, having served more than 13,000 clients since its inception in 2003 and currently serving approximately 1,700 clients across all five boroughs.



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