



## The Office of Community Partnerships and Advocacy

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### Community Partnerships

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The Community Partnerships Program (CPP) are coalitions operating in 11 communities throughout the five boroughs. Created by the Administration for Children Services (<http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/html/home/home.shtml>) partnerships involve the community's voice in the child welfare system and are comprised of families, concerned community residents, community-based organizations, ACS provider agencies and other stakeholders, who design community-based strategies that support child safety, permanency and well-being. The CPP was largely modeled after the Family to Family initiative spearheaded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. In 2007, former ACS Commissioner John B. Mattingly introduced the model, incorporated it into ACS' structure and created a funding stream to support local organizations who lead this work.

Family to Family applies four basic principles: **A child's safety is paramount; Children belong in families; Families need strong communities; and Public child welfare systems need partnerships with the community and with other systems to achieve strong outcomes for children.**

To read *The Story of Family to Family* click on:

<http://www.aecf.org/~media/PublicationFiles/F2F%20Book%20layout%20DRAFT%209%2012.pdf>

### Educating the Community

Since 2006, The Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) has led a cross-divisional community educational program entitled, 'Demystifying ACS.' Its purpose is to increase awareness and understanding of Children's Services across a wide spectrum of stakeholders: families, youth, community constituents, faith-based leaders, non-profit and other governmental agencies. The need was initially identified by members of the CRADLE (an ACS child safety initiative that was piloted in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn) who were concerned about the agency's reputation as being unresponsive and inaccessible to the community. Providers wanted information about ACS' services and resources so that they could educate their clients while at the same time, learn about ACS' policies and procedures themselves.

Based on participants' feedback, we know that the workshops are helping to shift the public's perception of ACS so that today we are viewed less as "baby-snatchers" but as a system that includes the community's voice. While a negative image still exists in the minds of many, more families know for example, that preventive services are in place so that families can avoid coming into contact with Child Protection and that the Partnerships recruit members of the community to support them through the child safety conference process.

The workshop provides a general overview of the "life" of a child protective case, followed by a presentation about key areas of the agency. Participants usually include staff from the following program Divisions: *Child Care/Head Start, Child Protection, Family Court Legal Services, Family Support Services, Family Permanency Services and the Office of Community Partnerships and Advocacy.*

Recently, OCP organized a 'Demystifying ACS' workshop at Count Basie Middle School forum in Jamaica, Queens. In the audience were school personnel and members of the community. Harvey Kaplan, the Department of Education's Attendance Specialist wrote in a thank you letter: "The participants shared with me that they have a greater understanding of the role that ACS can play in supporting their work and the services that we are supplying to our students, parents and guardians. Once again, we appreciate your support and look forward to our continued collaboration."

For more information about scheduling a workshop, please contact Alba Valencia: 341-3168 / [Alba.Valencia@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Alba.Valencia@dfa.state.ny.us)

## Office of Advocacy



Some of the staff on Employee Recognition Day: May 25th, 2011

The mission of the Office of Advocacy is to support the safety, permanency and well being of all children and families involved with the child welfare system. Our job is to ensure that clients have a voice and are listened to when they feel they are not being heard and ensure that they are aware of their rights and responsibilities. You might also see Advocacy staff out in the community. Parents as Partners regularly makes presentations to Family Court Legal Services attorneys and new Child Protective Services trainees, as well as to parenting groups throughout the city. Parents and Children's Rights Ombudsman and Independent Review staff often make presentations at community events including parenting groups, foster

parent training, incarcerated parent forums and at events organized by other ACS divisions. Our four units include the following:

### Parents' and Children's Rights Ombudsman

This unit receives calls, in-person inquiries, and written correspondence from parents, foster parents, youth, concerned parties, and members of the public regarding child welfare issues. Staff makes sure that these concerns are heard and addressed by contacting the appropriate partner agency or Children's Services staff to achieve resolution. The unit also handles related inquiries received by the Commissioner's Office or elected officials.

### Parents as Partners

Parents as Partners is staffed by Family Specialists (parents who once had children in foster care and successfully achieved reunification), who assist parents that are experiencing difficulties with their case or who need help understanding child welfare policies and procedures, to navigate the system. Family Specialists support families by emphasizing the importance of participation in the Service Plan and at times support parents at conferences and visits.

### Independent Review

This unit is responsible for conducting administrative conferences in accordance with New York State Social Services Regulation 443.5, in instances when there is a proposal to remove a child from a foster home if there is no safety related investigation. At the conference, the contract agency presents the reason for removal and the foster parent(s) present their opposition to the removal. The Independent Review Officer reviews all information and renders a determination as to whether or not the removal is justified and/or appropriate.

### Immigrant Services

Immigrant Services is responsible for the implementation of Children's Services language access policy and coordination and oversight of the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status program. Staff provides technical assistance to Children's Services and provider agencies on working with immigrant families, and on ensuring that immigrant families receive culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

## Making Your Life Easier, Part II

The Office of Advocacy's Parent Advisory Work Group (PAWG) is having a forum for parents on how to make their lives easier when working with foster care agencies. The forum is aimed at sharing ideas on how to have better collaboration between the foster care agencies' staff and the parents.

This is a follow up to last year's forum (Make Your Life Easier, Part I), which covered better collaboration between foster parents and birth parents.

PAWG forums create opportunities for learning through discussions about how positive relationships between parents and others involved in decision making and planning can help create an easier transition and an expedited return home.

The event will take place October 14th, 2011 from 8:30am to 2:00pm at the ACS Children's Center, 492 First Ave, New York. For more information, or if you are interested in attending, please call Shelley Shaw at (917) 551-7975 or e-mail her at: [Shelley.Shaw@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Shelley.Shaw@dfa.state.ny.us)

## LGBTQ FOSTER PARENT INFORMATIONAL FORUM

On June 13th, 2011, the Administration for Children’s Services (OCP and PSR), in partnership with the LGBTQ Foster Care Project and the Elmhurst Community Partnership, held an LGBTQ Foster Parent Informational Forum in Jackson Heights, Queens. Co-sponsored by Council Member Danny Dromm (D) 25th District, the recruitment event brought together prospective foster and adoptive parents from the LGBTQ community, as well as prospective affirming foster parents.

The evening was filled with excitement as individuals and couples alike, listened with interest about the possibility of becoming foster or adoptive parents. Passionate testimonials were shared by the speakers who included: Peterson Rodriguez and Aaron Morancie (Youth Advocates) and Janee Harvey, Eshey Scarborough and Paris Harris (foster and adoptive parents). Attendees heard from Adoption Attorney, Cliff Greenberg, who spoke about the range of adoption resources available to assist interested individuals.

**For more information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please call: 212 676-WISH (9474).**



Eshey Scarborough and Paris Harris brought levity to the evening by sharing their positive experiences as foster and adoptive parents.



From left to right: Dale Joseph, Alba Valencia, Tracey Little, Council member Danny Dromm, former ACS Commissioner John B. Mattingly, Shannon Mancuso, Jessica Chacha and Sandra Davidson.

The event was organized by ACS in collaboration with Council Member Danny Dromm (D) 25th District, the LGBTQ Foster Care Project and the Elmhurst Community Partnership. The main organizers included: Michael Mallon the LGBTQ Liaison from Danny Dromm’s office, Tracey Little from the LGBTQ Foster Care Project, Felicia Leary and Marilyn Brown from the Parent Support and Recruitment and Deidra Sutton and Alba Valencia from the Office of Community Partnership, both ACS divisions, and Shannon Mancuso from the Elmhurst Community Partnership. The event couldn’t have taken place without the staff from Parent Support and Recruitment, as well as representatives from foster care agencies interested in recruiting foster parents from the LGBTQ community. Sandra Davidson, Deputy Director for Zone B and Leslie Medley, CPM, both from the Queens Borough Office assisted in the distribution of flyers and spreading the word about the event, and Jessica Chacha, Assistant to the Elmhurst Partnership was instrumental in supporting the event. Many thanks to others who also helped, especially the speakers who shared their most intimate feelings and to the attendees who took their time to come because they care and are interested in the well being of our children.

In the Spring of 2011, OCP, the Bedford Stuyvesant, Bushwick and East New York Community Partnerships, in collaboration with ACS' Brooklyn Borough Commissioner, Jacqueline McKnight, organized two Informational Forums to educate both professionals and community residents about Shaken Baby Syndrome. The featured presenter was Dr. Steven Ajl, medical director of the Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center and one of the Commissioner's 2011 Child Advocacy Award honorees. Convened as a result of an increase in the number of infant fatalities in Brooklyn (one of them from Shaken Baby Syndrome), the forums were held at Interfaith Medical Center and Genesis Houses in Brooklyn. Dr. Ajl's presentation was extremely informative as was the ACS Division of Child Protection's overview of the investigation process. The ACS Caregivers Campaign, launched citywide in 2011 to heighten mothers' awareness about "being careful about who cares for their children" was discussed.



Loretta Williams, OCP Facilitator and Nigel Nathaniel, OCP Director, at Interfaith Medical Center.



Raul Rubio, Liaison for Bushwick Partnership and Eva Gordon, Liaison for East New York, at Genesis House.



Loretta Williams and Osman Boakye, OCP Facilitators for Brooklyn Partnerships at Genesis House.

Another similar forum took place in Elmhurst, Queens on April 14th, 2011. In direct response to incidents in the community involving Shaken Baby Syndrome, the forum was organized by Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras (District 21st, Queens), Plaza Del Sol Family Health Center, ACS' OCP and the ACS Elmhurst Community Partnership.

The Jackson Heights Times newspaper covered the event: "Alba Valencia conducted the presentation, saying that children in homes suffering from poverty, domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse, unemployment and other problems were at high risk for abuse. She also stated that the abuse does not necessarily come from cruelty, but from ignorance. She said that children use their crying as a way to communicate and compared a baby's crying to an "immigrant trying to speak to others in an unknown tongue".



Alba Valencia of OCP was joined by Shannon Mancuso and Jessica Chacha of the ACS Elmhurst Community Partnership at a workshop sponsored by City Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras on Shaken Baby Syndrome.

The Office of Community Partnerships is committed to educating the community about ways to prevent child abuse and neglect. OCP staff are available to conduct and/or organize workshops.

**For more information on having a Shaken Baby Syndrome workshop or another type of workshop, please contact Alba Valencia at 212-341-3168.**

## The Community Representatives

### What is a Community Representative?

A Community Representative (Rep) is someone a family can relate to as a member of the community and who can be a support to them at ACS's Child Safety and Family Team Conferences. Community Reps maintain confidentiality, work in partnership with DCP and the family and bring their knowledge of community resources and child welfare to the table. Reps are an integral part of the child welfare community in New York City. Currently, across the 11 CPPs, there are approximately 120 Reps. Between July 2010 and June 2011, Reps participated in over 2,300 conferences.

### THE IMPACT: A Vehicle for Positive Change

The involvement of the Community Representatives is already having a great impact in the community as represented in the following story:

Earlier this year, a Community Representative from the Jamaica Community Partnership attended a Child Safety Conference where he met a mother whose infant was placed in foster care. As sometimes occurs there were some communication challenges and tension between the agency worker and the family. The worker reached out to the Rep for assistance in helping the family understand the need for their cooperation in order to improve the process overall. The Rep met with the family and helped both parents better understand the process and the importance of maintaining communication with the agency and how their behaviors may hinder reunification.

After his intervention, the major roadblocks were resolved and there was marked improvement in the communication between ACS, the foster care agency and the parents. The family was also referred for preventive services to assist with other ongoing issues. The Rep also helped the mother obtain employment.

To find a nearby Community Partnership or to contact an OCP staff member, please visit [www.buildingcpi.org](http://www.buildingcpi.org)

## Meet A...Community Representative



Ed Parker, Community Representative from the Jamaica Community Partnership.

**Ed Parker**, a community representative from the Jamaica Community Partnership, has been helping families for the last two years. He has been a staunch advocate for children who are facing removal from their families. Mr. Parker came to this work after seeing a Jamaica CPP ad recruiting Visit Hosts and decided to give it a try. However, when he inquired, he learned that the CPP's big need was for Community Representatives to participate in ACS' Child Safety Conferences. Mr. Parker has been both a Rep and Visit Host (participating in visits between parents and children placed in foster care) and sometimes has stayed in contact with families even after children have been returned home. Mr. Parker has been one of many active community representatives. Because of his experience as a community representative, Mr. Parker has now obtained employment at Queens Family Court assisting families. We wish him great success in his new position.



The Highbridge Community Partnership developed “The Neighborhood Placement Project” through which children in need of temporary foster care placement from Community District (CD) 4 (Highbridge-Concourse) in the Bronx are placed in foster homes in the same CD. In 2010, 4.7% of the New York City foster care population were children from Highbridge. For the past 18 months, the Highbridge Community Partnership has been working in collaboration with ACS and the local foster care agencies in Bronx CD4 to: 1) reduce disruption by keeping Highbridge children placed in foster care in the same neighborhood; and 2) increase the number of available foster homes in Bronx CD4. The CPP is also responsible for supporting existing and foster and adoptive parents to reduce the rate of placement moves.

From May of 2010 to May of 2011, 56 children from Highbridge were placed in foster care. 8 children were placed with kinship, 6 went to restrictive placements and only 10 were placed outside the area. There was a total of 34 children who were able to stay in their neighborhood. Over 65% of the children returned home within a year. This program is evidence that collaboration is a key element when working with children and families.

Partners include: Bridge Builders Community Partnership, ACS Office of Community Partnerships, ACS Office of Placement Administration, and foster care providers: New York Foundling, Graham Windham Services to Families & Children, Good Shepherd Services, Jewish Child Care Association, and Children’s Village.

## Milestones

Congratulations to our colleague, **Darrell Williams**, on reaching 25 years of service at the New York City Administration for Children’s Services. During his years of service, Darrell has worked in different divisions of the agency. He started in the Manhattan Borough Office, in the areas of Family Support Services and Child Protection. He was later transferred to the Office of Case Management - Preventive Services. Additionally, he briefly worked at Emergency Children’s Services. Darrell is the Facilitator for both the Highbridge and Soundview Community Partnerships.



Darrell Williams, OCP Facilitator



Priscilla Harris, Staff Supervisor in Advocacy

Congratulations to **Priscilla Harris**, Staff Supervisor in the Office of Advocacy for receiving the Commissioner’s Child Advocacy Award in July. Priscilla has been an ACS employee for the last 20 years. She has been with Advocacy for about four years, where she has been a true advocate and has shown a great dedication to helping families.

## World Café

On June 17th, Consultant Steve Burghardt of Leadership Transformation Group (LTG), facilitated a half-day planning session with OCP staff and Community Partnership Liaisons. Conversations were engaging and lively using an innovative model — **World Café**.

**World Café** method:

- 1) *Setting*: Create a "special" environment, most often modeled after a café.
- 2) *Welcome and Introduction*: The host begins with a warm welcome and an introduction to the World Café process, setting the context and putting participants at ease.
- 3) *Small Group Rounds*: The process begins with the first of three or more twenty minute rounds of conversation for the small group seated around a table. At the end of the twenty minutes, each member of the group moves to a different new table. They may or may not choose to leave one person as the "table host" for the next round, who welcomes the next group and briefly fills them in on what happened in the previous round.
- 4) *Questions*: each round is prefaced with a **question** designed for the specific context and desired purpose of the session.
- 5) *Harvest*: After the small groups individuals are invited to share insights or other results from their conversations with the rest of the large group.

The session was one of several processes facilitated by Steve in an effort to continue strengthening the partnership model. OCP engaged Steve to conduct an assessment with the CPP Co-Chairs, Liaisons and Facilitators and design a process to help set a strategic direction for the upcoming fiscal year and beyond.



## Meet...The CPP Liaisons



The eleven partnerships each have a full-time Liaison. The liaisons are the “face” of the partnership. They work in collaboration with other members of the partnership, including the co-chairs and the work groups, to ensure that the tasks entrusted to the partnerships are achieved. The partnerships’ Liaisons recruit new members and help them to understand the specific role that they can play in the coalition. ACS thanks the Liaisons for their hard work and dedication.

Some of the Liaisons (left to right): Eva Gordon - East New York; Raul Rubio - Bushwick; Flora Huang - Lower East Side; Karte Mays-Fowler - Soundview; Adinah Ben-Yahuda - Staten Island; Shannon Mancuso from Elmhurst, Brady Funn - Jamaica; and Sweeney Anderson - Mott Haven.

## Father’s Day Celebration at ACS



Organizers of the event. From left to right, Dale Joseph, (OCP), Harriet Nieves (TASA), and Paula Fendall (CHIPP), Not pictured: Paula Moore (OCP) who helped with logistics and planning.

On June 17th, ACS hosted a special Father’s Day breakfast. The Teenage Services Act Program (TASA), Children of Incarcerated Parents Program (CHIPP) and the Office of Community Partnerships and Advocacy joined together to celebrate Father’s Day and recognize all of the fathers and father figures at ACS. The breakfast was well attended with about 60 men sharing conversation and coffee. Commissioner John B. Mattingly spoke about the importance of having his father in his life and remarked that in all his years in child welfare, he had never seen so many men in one place at the same time. As one of the city agencies involved with the Mayor’s Fatherhood Initiative, ACS is doing its part to acknowledge the important role that ACS men play in their children’s lives and in our work to protect the City’s children. Be on the lookout for updates on ACS’s Fatherhood Engagement Plan.



A picture of the men who participated at the Father’s Day breakfast on June 17th.

## Amanda’s Farewell Party



Amanda Agosto, Administrative Assistant for OCP.

Amanda Agosto was OCP’s Administrative Assistant for a number of years. She worked for ACS for fourteen years, and during her time at the agency, Amanda worked in various Divisions. At the end of June, she took on a new challenge at the Department of Transportation where she will continue to serve the City of New York. We are sure that she will have much continued success.

On June 22nd, her friends and colleagues organized a farewell party for her. Amanda was taken by surprise when her husband and brother walked through the door to share in her special moment!



Amanda (2nd from rt.) sitting next to her husband Edwin, Nigel Nathaniel and Dale Joseph, at her farewell party.

**Did you know that The White House has an Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships?**

If you’d like more information, please click on <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ofbnp>

## Summer Summit at Gracie Mansion



On July 20th, the CPPs and the ACS Office of Community Partnerships attended a Summer Summit at Gracie Mansion hosted by the Mayor's Interagency Task Force on Truancy, Chronic Absenteeism and School Engagement. Most of the partnerships have been involved in actively building connections with schools involved with the Task Force. By using strategies such as facilitating referrals between CPP agencies and schools, families whose children are chronically absent or truant receive the support they need to ensure that they are safe in their homes and get access to preventive services.

Eva Gordon and Helen Dluzenski, from the East New York Community Partnership, discussed successful approaches they used in working with these families and their successes. One approach that they have used is conducting workshops at schools to talk about the mental health stigma and where to get help for those who are suffering from mental health problems. They have been able to assist families who are experiencing problems with mental health issues.

Another example of success was presented by the Mott Haven Partnership. A father whose young child was not attending school on a regular basis, was referred to a Preventive Services agency. The case planner identified problems in the father's ability to set boundaries and exercise his authority as a parent. When the child did not want to go to school, the father did not make her get up and get ready for school. He felt sorry for the child because the mother was not involved in her life and didn't establish a regular sleep schedule which caused her to be tired each morning. After the agency's involvement, the father learned how to set boundaries, demonstrate good parenting skills, and as a result the child's attendance improved.

## The Cultural Broker Program

The cultural broker program is a new program created in collaboration with the Office of Advocacy's Immigrant Services Unit, the Office of Community Partnerships and the Division of Child Protection. The program consists of community members from different cultures assisting Child Protective Workers in their investigation of cases involving immigrant families who are not familiar with this country's child welfare laws. These community members are either from that culture or are knowledgeable about the culture's values, beliefs and practices. ACS expects to utilize the cultural brokers program with community members to help minimize the gap between cultures by communicating differences and similarities. The community members were trained by the ACS Immigrant Services Unit, Child Protection Services and the Office of Community Partnerships about rules and regulations, as well as the child protective investigation process.

By utilizing members of a client's culture, the CPS worker will be able to help minimize the fear that the family feels when a stranger comes to the home. The cultural broker can assist in properly explaining to the family the process of an investigation. The family will hopefully feel more at ease when a member of their community comes to the home accompanying the CPS worker. The cultural broker is expected to assist the CPS worker in engaging the family in the process, help in making the family understand the need for a child protective investigation and also help the ACS worker understand differences in cultures that might have brought about the need for an investigation.

The partnerships which are participating in this new program are: Lower East Side, Jamaica, East New York, Highbridge and Staten Island.

**Congratulations to Piper Lamelle, on her new position of co-chair for the Mott Haven Community Partnership. Ms. Lamelle was the co-chair for the Family Team Conference Committee for Mott Haven, and she brings experience and vast knowledge to the Partnership. Welcome to the Community Partnership Program; we wish you much success in your new position.**

Did you know that there is a **new discount card** for foster parents or anyone involved in the foster care system? The discount applies to many different items. To enroll please contact: [www.ifoster.org](http://www.ifoster.org).

The New York Foundling Pathways Program has openings for **chemically dependent women and their families**. If you are interested in learning more, click on [http://www.buildingcpi.org/index.php/News/news\\_body/new\\_york\\_foundling\\_pathway\\_program/](http://www.buildingcpi.org/index.php/News/news_body/new_york_foundling_pathway_program/)

**Times Square Ink** and **Dads United for Parenting** is actively recruiting for their Fall cycle. They serve: Non-custodial fathers who are 24 and older; At least 1 of their children does not live with them and must be 18 or younger; Note: they specialize in serving those with criminal histories. If you'd like more information, please click on [http://www.buildingcpi.org/index.php/News/news\\_body/times\\_square\\_ink\\_and\\_dads\\_united\\_for\\_parenting/](http://www.buildingcpi.org/index.php/News/news_body/times_square_ink_and_dads_united_for_parenting/)

The Henry Street Settlement Parent Center has **parenting classes** every month. Please click on [http://www.buildingcpi.org/index.php/News/news\\_body/parenting\\_groups/](http://www.buildingcpi.org/index.php/News/news_body/parenting_groups/) for the contact information.

For information about **statistics** in your community, visit our ACS website [http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/html/statistics/statistics\\_links.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/html/statistics/statistics_links.shtml)

**Visit the CPP website at [www.buildingcpi.org](http://www.buildingcpi.org) for more information and resources.**

## Teach Your Children...

Parents of small children often question themselves and wonder if their children are safe. We teach our children how to stay safe, but are they really listening? Do they follow our teachings? Here are some tips on how to keep your children safe:

- Teach your children their address and telephone number.
- Teach your children how to make a phone call and ask for help.
- Teach your children never to go to somebody else's house without their parents' knowledge. Children should know that parents **MUST** know where their children are at all times.
- Teach your children that if they get lost while they are shopping with you, they **MUST NOT** ask a stranger for help, instead, they must ask the store employee for assistance. Never go to the parking lot alone.
- Tell your children to always walk home from school in groups, never alone. Children are vulnerable when they are alone.
- Tell your children that adults never ask directions from a child, if anyone stops them to ask directions, they should run. Children should never get close to a car.
- Tell your children that if anyone is following them, they should go to a safe place that they know like a store. They should never hide behind trees or in places where they can't be seen.
- Teach your children that nobody has the right to touch them or make them feel uncomfortable, and they should never keep "**secrets**" from you.
- Teach your children that you will never send anyone to pick them up without telling them first and never to follow instructions from a stranger.
- That a stranger is a person that you don't know.
- Teach your children never to give their personal information to anybody.
- Teach your children to yell "**HELP**" in the event that they need help so they can be heard by many people.

It would not be a bad idea to gather a few friends with children and "**test**" them by trying to get someone to ask directions from them, inviting them to go with a stranger, etc. You will be surprised, and at the same time it will be a teaching for them.



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