

Children's Services Update

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Children's Services Honors Child Safety Advocates for Helping to Protect NYC's Children

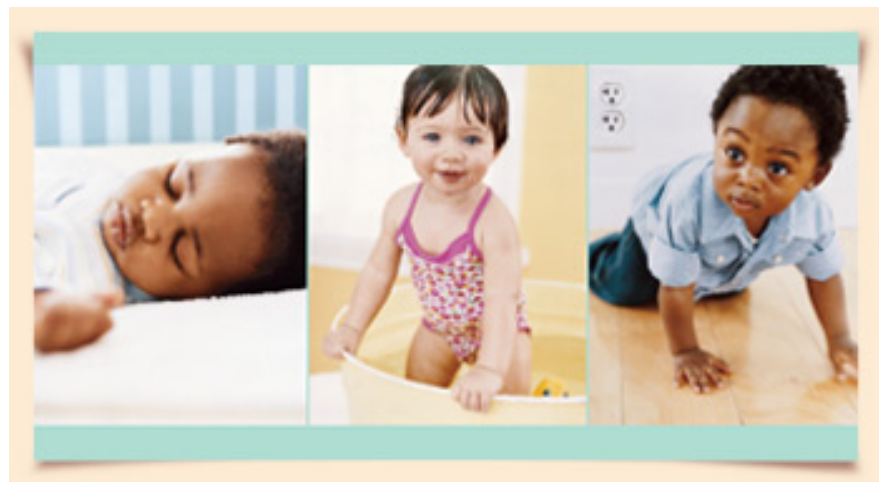
The honorees are: The Chinese American Planning Council (CPC); Marjorie Marciano, Deputy Director of NYC's Department of Transportation (DOT) Safety Education Division; Marion White, founder and Executive Director of the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP); Sgt. Stephen Giuntini, of the NYPD Child Abuse Squad; and Rachel Lloyd, Executive Director of Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS).

“The Commissioner’s Child Advocacy Awards is the honor we give to those who go above and beyond to help ACS protect vulnerable children and families in our City,” said ACS Commissioner John Mattingly. “We could not reach as many children without our community partners and individuals like you, and I thank you.”

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ACS Urges Parents To Carefully Choose Their Caregivers

New York – Administration for Children’s Services Commissioner John Mattingly today expressed very serious concern about the significant number of recent child fatalities in New York City in which very young children and babies were allegedly killed by their fathers or by a companion or boyfriend of the child’s mother. He urges all parents to use extreme caution when choosing their partners and anyone they leave to care for their children.



Since March 2010, six New York City children under age two lost their lives, allegedly at the hands of children’s fathers or their mothers’ companions; a seventh child was allegedly killed by a babysitter. There have been murder charges filed by District Attorneys in all cases. The New York City Office of the

Chief Medical Examiner has reached a finding of homicide in six of these seven cases, in some instances determining there was Shaken Baby Syndrome; in other cases, there were findings of blunt force injuries to the head and internal injuries. In the most recent fatality, of a seven-month-old boy from Queens on Wednesday, the Medical Examiner has not yet determined the official cause of death. The child’s father was charged with murder, allegedly for punching the baby in the chest. Four of these recent cases were in Queens.

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