



**NEW YORK CITY HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOST THE FIRST
ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY PICNIC**

***Picnic Celebrates NYC Dads who Participate in Community-Based
Fatherhood Programs***

Human Resources Administration (HRA) Commissioner Robert Doar and Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Commissioner Jeanne Mullgrav are hosting a Father's Day Picnic to celebrate New York City dads who participate in local fatherhood programs promoting the positive effects fathers have on the lives of their children. **The picnic will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2007, from Noon to 3:00 p.m., at KeySpan Park, Coney Island.**

The picnic will include carnival games, lunch and entertainment, with special appearances by Mets mascot "Mr. Met" and former New Jersey Net, Darryl Dawkins. The event is free, but tickets are required. There will be a short program at 1 pm with greetings from Commissioners Doar and Mullgrav and other City officials, highlighting the importance of dads.

WHAT: First Annual NYC Father's Day Picnic

WHEN: Sunday, June 17, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: KeySpan Park, 1904 Surf Avenue, Coney Island, Brooklyn

Mothers and fathers play a critical role in child rearing, child development and ultimately the future of children. Oftentimes, fathers who don't live with their children want to be involved in their kids' lives, but do not have adequate support fulfilling their role. In 2006, the Commission for Economic Opportunity found that while recent labor force participation rates saw the largest increases among single mothers, the employment rate for single men without a high school education, who are often the fathers of these children, remained constant. The Commission recommended increased employment opportunities for non-custodial fathers so they are better equipped to provide financial support to their families.

DYCD currently funds 12 community-based programs throughout New York City that help fathers reconnect with their children, find employment, and provide personal and economic support to their children. On September 1st, the initiative will expand to 18 programs serving

