

MAYOR'S INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON TRUANCY, CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM AND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

RESOURCES for IMPROVING ATTENDANCE

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Supplemental Educational Services: This is a federally funded program that provides academic tutoring in reading, English language arts, and mathematics, free of charge to eligible students in eligible schools. The tutoring occurs outside the regular school day – before or after school, or on weekends. The list of SES providers is updated annually by the Department of Education.

http://schools.nyc.gov/RulesPolicies/NCLB/SES/Parents/default.htm

Homework Resources: The Department of Education provides links to helpful resources including the New York Public Library's Homework Help website, the UFT's Dial-a-Teacher hotline, the New York Times Learning Network, and much more.

http://schools.nyc.gov/StudentSupport/HomeworkResources/default.htm

AFTER SCHOOL AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Out-of-School Time: The Out-of-School Time (OST) Program provides a mix of academic, recreational and cultural activities for young people (grades K-12) after school, during holidays and in the summer.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/search.shtml?program=Out%20of%20 School%20Time

Beacon: These are school-based community centers serving children, youth, and adults. There are currently 80 Beacons located throughout New York City, operating in the afternoons and evenings, on weekends, during school holidays and vacation periods, and during the summer.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/search.shtml?program=Beacon

Cornerstone: Year-round engaging activities for adults and young people, located at 25 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Community Centers throughout the five boroughs. Cornerstone youth programs are designed to help participants acquire the skills and attitudes they need to graduate from high school, succeed in their chosen career, and give back to the community.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/search.shtml?program=Cornerstone%20Program

Teen ACTION: These programs allow youth between the ages of 13 and 21 to design and implement a meaningful service project that meets a need in their community.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/search.shtml?program=Teen%20Action%20Program

NYC Ladders for Leaders: An innovative program that offers high school and college students the opportunity to participate in summer internships with some of the most dynamic corporations and businesses in New York City.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/jobs/nycladders_for_leaders.shtml

FAITH

Call to Action: Mayor Bloomberg distributed a "Call to Action" toolkit for faith and community leaders. The toolkit includes ideas for community engagement in order to boost attendance, as well as "Ten Things to Say to Parents" about the attendance crisis.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/truancy/downloads/pdf/call_to_action_sept_2010.pdf

FAMILIES IN NEED

Students in Temporary Housing: This unit of the Department of Education is available to answer questions on the rights of students residing in temporary housing situations, and Content Experts are available in each borough to provide technical assistance and to work directly with schools.

http://schools.nyc.gov/StudentSupport/NonAcademicSupport/StudentsinTemporaryHousing/default.htm

GOVERNMENT BENEFITS

ACCESS NYC: This is a free service that identifies and screens for over 30 City, State and Federal human service benefit programs.

https://a858-ihss.nyc.gov/ihss1/en_US/IHSS_homePage.do

HEALTH

Health Families: DYCD's Healthy Families programs provide case management services and referral assistance with issues such as domestic violence prevention, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS support services, and nutrition.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/search.shtml?program=Healthy%20Families

Office of School Health: Services to students include case management of chronic health problems, preventive health screenings, urgent care, medication administration, preventive counseling, health education, referral for care and assurance of ongoing effective treatment.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/scah/scah.shtml

Childhood Asthma Initiative: Run by the Office of School Health, programs include: East Harlem Asthma Center of Excellence (EHACE); Managing Asthma in Schools (MAS); Managing Asthma in Early Childhood Programs; and Community Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM).

http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/asthma/asthma.shtml

BeFitNYC: Run by the Department of Parks, BeFitNYC is a search engine for free and low-cost fitness activities in New York City. It lists programs, classes, facilities, and leagues in the Parks Department's properties as well as those of a number of partner groups.

http://www.nycgovparks.org/befitnyc

Food Stamps: The City's Food Stamp Program provides food support to low-income New Yorkers including working families, the elderly and the disabled to increase their ability to purchase food. Log onto the Human Resource Administration to find out if you are eligible and how to apply.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/directory/food.shtml

Asthma and the EPA: The United States Environmental Protection Agency has compiled asthma resources designed for parents, caregivers and also kids – including brochures and videos on cleaning the air and controlling asthma triggers at home.

http://www.epa.gov/asthma/publications.html#parents

MENTAL HEALTH

School-Based Mental Health (SBMH) Centers: The Department of Education offer a wide range of full, comprehensive mental health services. There are 285 SBMH programs serving NYC schools in all five boroughs.

http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/Health/SBHC/MentalHealth.htm

Mental Health and Social Services for NYC Youth: The Department of Education has also compiled a Mental Health Youth Resource Flyer listing helpful phone numbers and hotlines for families impacted by mental health and behavior disorders.

http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/1DECADE8-E7B2-4454-89AA-9E7B082925F1/87456/Resources810.pdf

PARENTING

Fatherhood Initiative: DYCD's Fatherhood Initiative helps fathers reconnect with their children and develop essential parenting skills.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/afterschool/search.shtml?program=Fatherhood%20Initiative

ARIS Parent Link: The Department of Education's Achievement Reporting and Innovation System (ARIS) provides a single place where parents can find and study important information about their children – so they can work with principals and teachers to help their children learn.

https://arisparentlink.org/parentlink

NYC Family Guide: The Department of Education's Family Guide contains useful information for families about the City's Children First school reforms, what students are learning, and the kinds of services that are available to the City's public school students. It also provides information about how families can get involved in their children's education—and how they can find answers, help, and support.

http://schools.nyc.gov/ParentsFamilies/NYCFamilyGuide.htm

Preventive Services: The Administration for Children's Services offers more information on preventive services including counseling for the family, support groups for parents and youth and help in meeting the developmental needs of children.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/html/support_families/preventive_services.shtml

PERSONAL CARE

Elder Care: Too often, must stay home from school to care for parents and grandparents. However, the City provides home attendant and/or housekeeping services to Medicaid-eligible clients who are having difficulty with at least one or more activities of daily life, such as walking, cooking, cleaning, bathing an d using the bathroom, and who are in stable medical condition. The application form is available on the Human Resource Administration website.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/directory/personal_care.shtml

Day Care: The Department of Health has compiled a directory of group child care services that have been issued permits. The directory is organized by borough and is updated weekly.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/directory/personal_care.shtml

Living for the Young Family through Education (LYFE): The Department of Education's LYFE centers provide day care facilities for the non-school age children of teenage parents who are still attending school or wish to resume their education.

http://www.opt-osfns.org/osfns/meals/lyfe.aspx

SAFETY

Anti-Bullying: The Citywide Standards of Discipline and Intervention Measures prohibit students from bullying other students for any reason. During the City's Respect for All week – Feb. 13 to 17, 2012 –schools will have opportunities to highlight and build upon ongoing diversity programs and curriculum-based instruction. The Department of Education also provides answers to frequently asked questions on bullying and harassment.

http://schools.nyc.gov/RulesPolicies/RespectforAll/default.htm

Prevent Child Abuse: If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call the State Central Register at 1-800-342-3720 or call 311 and ask to be connected to the hotline. And log onto the Administration for Children's Services to learn more about making a report as a mandated reporter, and to learn more about the investigation process when you report a suspected case of child abuse or neglect.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/html/child_safety/child_safety.shtml

TRANSPORTATION

Pupil Transportation: Transportation services offered by the Department of Education include stop-to-school busing, door-to-door busing, student MetroCards for use on NYC Transit subways and buses, and bus service for over 160,000 school field trips every year. Resources and information for parents are made available by the Office of Pupil Transportation.

http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/Transportation/ParentResources/default.htm