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ACS NAMES LEADING JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVOCATE, NANCY GINSBURG, AS THE NEXT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR THE DIVISION OF YOUTH AND FAMILY JUSTICE

Nancy Ginsburg Will Bring Her Wealth of Experience Working with Youth to ACS to Strengthen Continuum of Services and Supports Aimed at Preventing Justice Involvement and Improving Outcomes for Youth in Detention and Close to Home Placement

NEW YORK, NY – The New York City Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) is naming Nancy Ginsburg as the next Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Youth and Family Justice. This Division oversees a continuum of community-based services aimed at preventing youth from entering the justice system, as well as non-secure detention, ACS’s two secure detention centers, and the Close to Home juvenile justice placement system. Ms. Ginsburg has spent the past 30 years at the Legal Aid Society of New York City where she is currently the Director of the Adolescent Intervention and Diversion Project in the Criminal Practice of the Legal Aid Society. Ms Ginsburg will be starting her new role at ACS on April 18th.

“Bringing Nancy Ginsburg’s wealth of professional experience of working directly with the youth who are in ACS’s juvenile justice programs, will help us to strengthen our programs, ensure our staff and providers have the tools and supports they need, and most vitally improve the life outcomes for the youth we serve,” said **Jess Dannhauser, Commissioner of ACS**. “I am thrilled that Ms. Ginsburg has accepted this important appointment. She believes in our young people and knows first-hand that when we partner with them and their families, providing the right supports and services, there is no limit to the heights of their success.”

“Throughout my career, I have seen that when young people and their families receive the right services, support and mentorship, they can reach their full potential. I am so grateful for the opportunity to come to ACS to use my expertise to expand the menu of services available to our youth to set them on a path of success in the future,” said **Nancy Ginsburg, incoming Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Youth and Family Justice at the ACS**. “I look forward to working with Commissioner Dannhauser, the dedicated staff in the ACS Division of Youth and Family Justice and our non-profit provider partners to continue to strengthen and further develop services in the communities, detention, and the Close to Home placement system.”

About Nancy Ginsburg:

Nancy Ginsburg is currently the Director of the Adolescent Intervention and Diversion Project in the Criminal Practice of the Legal Aid Society in New York City. The project represents adolescents, aged 13-18, who are prosecuted in the five counties of the adult court system, additionally providing advocacy to obtain foster care, mental health and educational services. Ms. Ginsburg has been with the Legal Aid Society for thirty years as an attorney in the Juvenile Rights and Criminal Practices and has represented thousands of children and adolescents in

criminal, juvenile delinquency, child protective, foster care, and educational administrative proceedings. At Legal Aid, she is responsible for supervising and training lawyers in the area of adolescent practice and educational advocacy throughout the five borough offices of the Criminal Practice of The Legal Aid Society. She was co-counsel in JG vs. Mills, a federal lawsuit addressing the school re-entry rights of court-involved youth. She was a member of the New York State Raise the Age Implementation Task Force, the Mayor's Leadership Team on School Climate and Discipline and was a member of the New York City School Justice Partnership Task Force, the New York City Council Gun Violence Task Force and the Task Force on the Future of Probation in New York State. She was the recipient of the Orison S. Marden Award and the New York State Defender Association Wilfred R. O'Connor Award.

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