



HOOTMAIL

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE NYC EARLYLEARN COMMUNITY

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FIRST THINGS FIRST...

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPK SOLICITATION

The Department of Education is inviting Community-Based Early Childhood Centers that wish to provide full-day Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) in September 2014 to submit an application.

Applications are due back to DOE via email by **5 p.m. Friday, May 16** to the applicable borough office email address(es) listed on page 13 of the application. The DOE engages in an extensive review process to ensure that all students will receive a high-quality pre-kindergarten education in a safe, secure environment.

For more information, please visit the DOE website: <http://schools.nyc.gov/Academics/EarlyChildhood/default.htm>.

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IMPORTANT DATES

5/14	Community Partnerships and Referral Training
5/15	Safe Kids Healthy Family
5/16	Dad Matters Awards Deadline
5/16	DOE UPK Solicitation Due
6/21	South Bronx Rising Together, Friends of Crotona Park Family Day
6/30	Psychological Maltreatment Webcast

REMINDERS...



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND REFERRALS TRAINING, MAY 14

There will be a training session on Community Partnerships and Referrals on May 14 from 9:30 to 1 at the ACS Children's Center: 492 First Avenue | New York, NY 10016.

It will provide the following:

- Panel of representatives from ACS/ECE Community Partners who will describe services which are available to contracted agencies (Cool Culture, CPPs, Food Bank, etc.)
- Strategies for identifying and developing Community Partnerships
- "Nuts and Bolts" of making referrals including how to deal with challenges

This training is for Family Service Coordinators and Directors of EarlyLearn programs.

Pre-registration is required: <http://acselnyc-engnet-commpart.eventbrite.com>

SAFE KIDS HEALTHY FAMILIES, MAY 15

On May 15, Safe Kids New York City is presenting a one-day injury prevention conference, "Safe Kids Healthy Families." The information provided at the conference will help your staff more effectively reach high-risk families with strategies to reduce unintentional injuries in the home, at school, after school or daycare, on the road and at play. Please see the Hoot Attachments for more information.



INFO FOR THE ENTIRE EARLYLEARN COMMUNITY



SHOW US YOUR PRIDE!

MARC Academy and Family Center and Belmont Day Care have sent us pictures from their events. To be featured in an upcoming Hootmail, send your pictures to [Okolo Jacobs](#) along with a brief description.



MARC Academy and Family Center was joined by its community partners, South Bronx Job Corps, Community Board 5, and the NYC Department of Sanitation in a community clean up as part of its Earth Day celebration.



Belmont Month of the Young Child

Belmont Professional Development

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THE 4TH ANNUAL NYC DADS MATTER AWARDS

The New York Fatherhood Initiative is presenting their Fourth Annual NYC Dads Matter Awards in June. These awards will recognize ten fathers from across the City who have overcome challenges to become positive and consistent forces in the lives of their children. Please check the Hoot Attachments for more information and the nomination form.



Send all required materials to nycdadsmatter@cityhall.nyc.gov by Friday, May, 16, 2014.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PSYCHOLOGICAL MALTREATMENT:

DEFINITION, ASSESSMENT, INCIDENCE AND IMPACT, JUNE 20

The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children-New York (APSAC-NY) and The Child Abuse Medical Provider Program (CHAMP) will be hosting a webcast titled the **Everything You Need to Know about Psychological Maltreatment: Definition, Assessment, Incidence and Impact** on Friday, June 20, 2014. This webcast will present the consensus definition of psychological maltreatment endorsed by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) along with detailed examples of the various expressions of parental/caregiving behaviors that constitute psychological maltreatment. Dr. Amy J. L. Baker, Research Director at New York Foundling's Vincent J. Fontana Center for Child Protection, will be the webcast speaker. Completed registration form should be returned to: MarkellL@upstate.edu.

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UPK IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IN WES

Programs will now be able to view, enter, and edit an UPK child's student identification number on the Attendance roster in WES. This nine-digit number, also known as the OSIS number, is supplied by the Department of Education when an UPK child is entered and approved in DOE's PreKIDS system. A preliminary match was done by ACS and DOE and matched OSIS numbers were added to children's records in WES. Please review these numbers with April attendance. Programs need to add any OSIS numbers that are currently missing for any of their UPK children. (Add or edit number within OSIS field and remember to SAVE the page when done with changes.)

ADDITIONAL FIELDS IN WES FOR CONTRACTOR AND PROGRAMS

Additional contact and information fields have been added in WES for Contractor and Program profiles. Simply click on "Contractor Profile" (if Super User) and/or "Program Profile", from the drop-down menu and select "details". Additional information in the profile can now be added, edited and saved. Please take a moment to review, correct, and complete this information so that the system accurately reflects contact information (including email addresses!) for Board Chair, Program Directors, and emergency contact. Additionally, you should update information such as program's hours of operations, nearby transportation and languages spoken.

SOUTH BRONX RISING TOGETHER, FRIENDS OF CROTONA PARK FAMILY DAY, JUNE 21

The community Launch of South Bronx Rising Together will be on Saturday, June 21st at the Friends of Crotona Park Family Day. This event will feature lots of fun kids' activities, performances, health resources and we will be giving away a Summer Learning Kit for kids. Over 1000 people attend each summer, and they are looking forward to you being a part of it! You can participate in a few ways:

1. Does your organization want to have a table at the event? The themes are health and education, so if you have resources to offer families, please consider hosting a table. If so, please contact the Family Day Committee at (917) 243-7060 by Thursday, May 15th.
2. Please *spread the word* (see the Hoot Attachment for flyer) to your networks, schools and community groups. If you know of a group planning to attend, please contact the Family Day Committee by May 23rd.
3. Finally, we want to see you there, please come with your family and enjoy the beginning of summer in Crotona Park!

HEAD START

PROGRAM INFORMATION REPORT 2012—2013

The Program Information Report (PIR) is an annual federal report that collects program level data describing children and families enrolled in Head Start and the services provided including information on staff, characteristics of enrolled children and families, health services (medical, dental, mental health), services to children with disabilities, and family services. The 2012-2013 PIR covers a period coinciding with the first 9 months of *EarlyLearn NYC*. Programs reporting were those with Head Start and/or Dual models. A one page fact sheet is included in the Hoot Attachments, and the full analysis can be found at http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/html/child_care/for_programs.shtml. Contact Judy Perry at 212-393-5155 or Judy.Perry@acs.nyc.gov for more information or if you have any questions.

Reporting for the 2013-2014 period will begin in June. More information will follow.

