

Manhattan Community Services

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The staff at Manhattan Community Services is ensuring our community members continue to receive the support, assistance, and up-to-date information through phone, teleconference, text, email blast, radio broadcast, and social media. We hope that you and your family are staying healthy and safe during this pandemic.

Activities and Services in the month of May:

- Provide updates and share resources on Chinese radio, in Cantonese at 2:00 pm on AM1480, and in Mandarin at 7:00 pm on AM1380.
- CPC Day of Action, staff, and community members testified on City Council hearing on NYC FY21 Executive Budget to advocate restoring our human services budget cuts and investing in Asian American, immigrant, and low-income communities.
- Census 2020 outreach through phone, text, virtual meeting, WeChat, WhatsApp, and other social media.
- Cash Assistance Outreach. MCS staff reached out to community members who have been impacted by COVID-19 and check to see if they are eligible for some Cash Assistance Programs. These programs support members who are laid off or have reduced work hours, ineligible for CARES Act stimulus payment or unemployment insurance, lose family member to Covid-19, households with vulnerable family members, community members experiencing an emergency or unexpected need, etc. There are three programs: Robin Hood Foundation's Covid-19 Cash Assistance Program, New York Immigration Coalition's NY United Emergency Cash Assistance Program, and United Neighborhood Houses' Gerstner Family Foundation. Each program has different eligibility requirements.
- Asian Family Services staff follow up on cases from the Administration for Children's Services through teleconference to ensure patents and children are not socially isolated or living in fear, and their needs and issues are addressed.
- Community Health Services (CHS) staff check on the physical and mental well-being of the community members that are living with HIV/AIDS by tele-visit and continue to advocate on Saving Our Summer Youth Programs.
- CHS working with Shuk Cheng of Manhattan Learn and Earn Program conducted a remote workshop on May's Asian and Pacific HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. The workshop had a power point presentation and a quiz to test the youth's knowledge of HIV/AIDS. The participated youth were divided into groups where they created their own idea, artwork, and narrative on how to promote awareness of HIV/AIDS and presented to all the audiences.
- Early Childhood Learning & Wellness (ECLW) staff processed over 560 CARES Child Care Scholarship applications for essential workers who are required to work outside of home and over 2,100 licensed family child care providers who are caring for the children of essential workers
- ECLW processed over 680 CARES Materials Grant applications for child care providers who have remained open and serving families throughout the COVID-19 Crisis. The grant allocated \$600 for PPE and related materials for each licensed provider.

- ECLW Infant Toddler Mental Health Consultant and Program Supervisor Amy Eng hosted a virtual workshop via ECLC’s Learning Café on COVID-19 & Its Impact on the Asian Population. Amy shared the experiences of the Asian population during this public health crisis, the growing xenophobia toward the Asian population, social media’s involvement in the rising the fear, and how self-care helps ourselves to help others.
- Multi-Social Services staff handled over 2000 calls; continue to assist community members on housing, counseling on Medical assistance, Census, and immigration matters, apply for SNAP online and inform members that they can shop for groceries online with their EBT card.

About CPC

The Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC) is the nation’s largest Asian American social services organization. Founded in 1965, CPC aims to promote the social and economic empowerment of Chinese American, immigrant, and low-income communities of New York City.

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