

# Manhattan Community Services

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## June 2020 Newsletter

**Greetings from CPC Manhattan Community Services (MCS)!** In case you missed it, here are what happened and happenings in MCS:

- Community Health Services (CHS) has been providing workshops for CPC Queens Individual Residential Alternatives (IRA) program, a program which provides care to adults with developmental disabilities or special needs. Once a week every Wednesdays, CHS-Health Educators provide workshops to IRA program staff and residents do singalongs and dances together. These workshops help staff and residents to enjoy activities other than their usual day to day routine operations. Through the use of Microsoft Teams, the health educators Pamela, Erica, Tommy, Yeda, Carolyn, and Amanda coordinate the workshops with IRA staff and guide the community members step by step on each activity. Some of the songs that they have done include: Baby Shark, The Itsy Bitsy Spider, Head Shoulder Knees and Toes, and YMCA. The community members truly enjoy the songs and dances and successfully in being physically more active. This is also a productive partnership between CHS and IRA, it gives CHS Summer Peer Educators the opportunity to work with another community center and learn about their program.

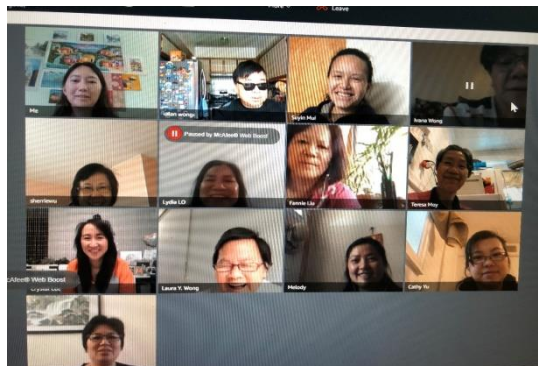


- Through Governor Cuomo's announcement of allotting \$30 million of CARES scholarships to essential workers that need child care service amid the ongoing pandemic, Early Childhood Learning & Wellness (ECLW) assisted 780 essential workers and awarded over \$250,000 in CARES scholarships to cover their child care expenses. In addition, ECLW awarded over \$365,000 in CARES Materials Grants for child care programs that remained open and care for the children to purchase PPE supplies.
- ECLW launched its first virtual 30-hour cohort training in Chinese and Spanish for licensed family child care providers. The training courses are designed to help fulfill the requirements for license renewal. The

training series is funded through a Professional Development Grant from the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) and will run for 5 Saturdays. The first Chinese training session took place on June 20<sup>th</sup>, with 48 licensed family child care providers in attendance. The Spanish series will begin on July 11<sup>th</sup>.



- NYC Department of Education (DOE) has awarded ECLW a contract to operate three Family Child Care (FCC) Networks: CPC Brooklyn FCC Network, CPC Manhattan FCC Network, and CPC Queens FCC Network. ECLW has secured \$11 million annually, a total of \$55 million over a five-year period, to serve 781 families, and to provide economic security and workforce development for family child care programs.
- An expansion of funding from the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)'s Infant Toddler contract allowed ECLW to launch its Infant Toddler Mental Health (ITMH) Initiative. NYS OCFS has recognized ECLW Director Sumon Chin to fill the lead coordinator role for New York City Infant Toddler Mental Health project in which she developed the Logic Model for NYC's ITMH framework.
- ECLW is awarded a three-year contract from the Korean American Community Foundation (KACF) to continue ECLW's quality-building services for Korean American family child care providers. Through the Professional Grant from UFT, ECLW has been delivering certified trainings over the past four years, and with this grant from KACF, will expand ECLW's level of service to Korean American providers to include on-site coaching, assessment, technical assistance and grants.
- 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.
- Multi-Social Services staff handled over 2000 calls; working tirelessly during and after the normal business hours to assist community members on housing, immigration matters, Census, counseling on Medical assistance, and apply for SNAP online.



- Multi- Social Services’ Office for New Americans’ program in collaboration with the legal counsel from the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), held a successful remote Immigration Clinic on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Community members were able to call in and received remote application assistance and free consultations to their immigration issues.

**About CPC**

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

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