

# Manhattan Community Services

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## September 2020 Newsletter

### Greetings from CPC Manhattan Community Services!

Since New York State went on PAUSE in mid-March, CPC Manhattan Community Center is temporarily closed. But our commitment to the community members remains the same. We continue to serve and support our members remotely through telecommunication, video conferencing, online training, share resources and up-to-date information.

- Twice-daily news briefs are shared on AM1480/AM1240 in Cantonese and Mandarin to ensure our community members have the translations of critical information in real time. CPC also has a WeChat account for distribution of information, updates, and CPC workshops and trainings. Please engage with us by scanning the QR Code.



- Amy Chen, Supervisor of CPC Asian Family Services (AFS) is featured in CPC's Essential Workers Campaign on September 15. While medical personnel treat the COVID-19 in our hospitals, other human service providers and essential workers are ensuring New Yorkers have the resources they need to remain safe and to have the opportunities to thrive. CPC's Essential Workers Campaign highlights and honors essential workers who are supporting a strong recovery for those who too often overlooked, underrepresented, or underinvested in. Amy Chen supports and promotes family unity and child safety through CPC AFS, a child abuse/neglect prevention program that offers a variety of services to help caretakers understand acceptable child rearing practices and to keep children out of foster care system. For the full interview, please go to: <https://www.cpc-nyc.org/news/2876/essential-worker-highlight-amy-chen-supervisor-cpc-asian-family-services>



- Multi-Social Services (MSS) staff are assisting community members on applying for housing grant and continue to work tirelessly during and after the normal business hours through phone calls

and WeChat to help members on immigration matters, counseling on Medical assistance, apply for SNAP online, and unemployment insurance enrollment.

- Community Health Services (CHS) continues to provide remote services for community members in case management. CHS helps community members in locating convenient COVID-19 test sites, stressing the importance of washing hands, social distancing, and wearing a mask correctly. CHS continues to support Queens Individual Residential Alternatives program with virtual singalongs and exercise workshops. CHS team is creating a series of educational posts on COVID-19 safety that will be shared on their Facebook and Instagram in October. To meet guidelines of Department of Health, they are also testing out their modified Evidence Based virtual program to be delivered to CPC youth in the upcoming months.



- CPC Family Child Care Networks (FCCN) continue to assist families in applying for subsidized child care and recertification process for those currently receiving subsidized child care. The Network staff are also helping in-house providers apply for CACAP (a child and adult care food reimbursement program) and completing the Survey on receipt of cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment distributed by NYC Department of Education (DOE). Also, to ensure CPC FCCN providers are in program compliance set forth by NYC DOE, Network Monitoring Specialists are conducting monthly Monitoring Checklists via telephone or Zoom, The checklist ensures providers are up to code on health & safety practices and required administrative paperwork and documentation. In the upcoming months, Network Educational Specialists will provide professional development on mix-aged and 3K curriculum. The Network Education team will also support providers in the completion of Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ-3), implementing DOE's curriculum through coaching visits, and guiding providers in the transition to being part of DOE.



- Amy Eng, Infant Toddler Mental Health (ITMH) Consultant and Program Supervisor, together with Infant Toddler Specialists Kimmy Cheung and Iling Tsai of Early Childhood Learning & Wellness Services (ECLW), provided a workshop for Elite Mind Montessori, a preschool in Carroll Garden, Brooklyn. The workshop focused on milestones and stages of social emotional development, recognize cues and understand the impact on social emotional health has on a child development. The workshop also emphasized on how to listen, observe, and handle emotions expressed by the children, discussed the impact COVID has on children social



emotional development and how children express themselves when grieving. Questions and concerns were addressed, and additional resources were shared with the attendees.

- While ECLW staff are assisting child care providers to process their approved New York Forward Child Care Expansion Incentive and Temporary Operating Assistance Grants (CARES 2), Governor Cuomo announced \$88.6 million in Federal CARES Act funding the CARES 3 Grants to assist licensed and registered child care programs. Applications are now online and available. Under CARES 3, funds have been allocated for four grant opportunities. Reopening/Restructuring for Remote Learning, Temporary Operating Grant, CARES 3 Short Term Rental Assistance, and Child Care Scholarships for Essential Workers. ECLW along with New York City Child Care Resource and Referral (NYC CCR&R) partner agencies are tasked to process Child Care Scholarships for Essential Workers.

### 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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