

## **November 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, and sharing resources and up-to-date information.

- Twice-daily news briefs are shared on AM1480/AM1380 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.
- With the steady rise of COVID-19 cases, Asian Family Services (AFS) is seeing a rise in referral
  cases of domestic violence and mental health issue from the Administration for Children's
  Services. AFS follows up on these referrals through teleconference, in-person home visits, and
  works together with other departments to address the needs of these families. AFS provides
  multiple levels of services to community members through supportive counseling, parenting
  skills training, and crisis intervention to keep families intact and prevent placement of children
  into the foster care system.
- Multi-Social Services (MSS) provides assistance to community members on applying for housing grants, medical assistance counseling, SNAP online applications, and unemployment insurance enrollment through phone calls, WeChat, and in-person services. In collaboration with the legal counsel, MSS held a successful remote Immigration Clinic for community members to call in and receive remote application assistance and free consultations on their immigration issues.
- Community Health Services (CHS) continue to do monthly check-in on the physical and mental well-being of the community members that are living with HIV/AIDS by tele-visit and address their needs. HIV stigma is a negative attitudes and beliefs about people living with HIV, often labeled these people as socially unacceptable. To correct these misconceptions and help others to understand the different between HIV and AIDS and HIV/AIDS stigma, CHS created a series of educational posters and shared them with community members through Facebook and Instagram. To view these posters, please visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CPCCHS">https://www.facebook.com/CPCCHS</a>









The ECLW Family Child Care (FCC) Network continued to assist families who need subsidized child care and connect them with FCC Network-affiliated providers. Additionally, the FCC Education Team will offer a virtual whole-day Profession Learning on December 30, 2020 on Development Screening Tools and Teaching Strategies. The Education Team conducts two monthly coaching visits to affiliated providers' programs. During the coaching visits, the Education Specialist provides instructional support to help providers plan and implement "Let's Play! A Relationship Based Family Child Care Curriculum," a mixed-aged curriculum created by the Department of Education and Bank Street to support children's development through responsive caregiving and play-based learning in family child care programs. The Education Specialist ensures the affiliated providers' practice are aligned with the Family Child Care Early Childhood-Framework for Quality.



• Funded by Federal CARES Act, \$20 million is allocated to support child care services for children of essential workers, known as CARES 3 Scholarship Program for Essential Workers. Early Childhood Learning & Wellness Services (ECLW), along with other New York City Child Care Resource and Referral Consortium partner agencies, are tasked to manage and process the CARES 3 Scholarship. From the date when the CARES 3 applications are online and available up to November 30, over 7,500 parent applications came in and more than 2,500 child care programs filled out the provider information profile. ECLW also continue to assist child care providers in New York Forward Child Care Expansion Incentive and Temporary Operating Assistance Grants (CARES 2) reimbursement process. 2,020 New York City child care programs are approved for CARES 2.

• ECLW is hiring a full-time Korean Child Care Project Coordinator, funded by the Korean American Community Foundation. Interested candidates, please send a resume and cover letter to schin@cpc-nyc.org

## **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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