



PARENT Newsletter

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FOCUS ON YVY FACILITATED ENROLLMENT

YVY Facilitated Enrollment Achieves a High Ranking

As YVY's Department of Facilitated Enrollment enters its fourth year of service to the community, YVY is proud to note the progress it has made since its inception in the spring of 2007.

As an FE Lead Agency, YVY FE is able to work directly with health plans, Medicaid and the NY State Board of Health to process its clients' applications and recertifications. Despite being one of the smallest FE agencies operating in the state, YVY FE has been ranked sixth out of 15 Lead Agencies in New York City (it is the only Lead Agency in Brooklyn) and tenth out of 42 Lead Agencies in NYState. YVY FE currently processes more than 150 applications per month.

YVY FE Chosen for Pilot Online Program

YVY Director of FE Michelle Goldkrantz, LMSW, and her staff were recently asked to participate in a pilot program sponsored by the NYState Department of Health for an online application for Medicaid, Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus. YVY FE was chosen to be one of three agencies out of fifty four in the state to pilot this new program because, as the request put it, "...you and your staff are very thorough, tenacious when things get complicated, and because of your high volume of applications." YVY's IT Department stands ready to assist the FE staff with this test program.

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YVY's Health Advisory Committee Meets

YVY's semi-annual Health Advisory Committee (HAC) meeting took place last November. The committee, which includes community physicians and mental health professionals as well as a representative from the YVY Policy Council, relevant YVY personnel, and community members, sets policy on health-related issues for YVY Head Start and Early Head Start.

The committee stressed the importance of early detection of developmental disabilities, particularly those on the autism spectrum. Early intervention can lead to favorable outcomes, which are harder to achieve if intervention begins when the child is older. (See related Magazine article, page 5.) The CHAT (Childhood Autism Screening Tool), a short checklist of questions physicians use to determine if a child's development is age appropriate, was distributed. Dr. Jeffrey Teitelbaum, Medical Director of YVY's affiliate Ezra Medical Center, noted that the CHAT is used routinely at Ezra, and a representative from Maimonides Medical Center reiterated their commitment to disseminate the CHAT to affiliated physicians practicing in the community.

The Committee also discussed policy issues relating to infectious disease reporting, allergic children, and immunizations.



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YVY FE Director Presents at Athletic Directors' Meeting

YVY FE Director Michelle Goldkrantz, representing Brooklyn FE's, presented a new Federal initiative meant to get eligible uninsured young people enrolled in public health insurance programs at a meeting of high school Athletic Directors in Brooklyn in November. Ms. Goldkrantz presented the Get Covered/Get in the Game initiative to 50 high school coaches and gym teachers who, it is hoped, will encourage parents of athletes who are not covered by health insurance to enroll their children one of New York's public health insurance programs.

YVY Fitness Center Offers Special Exercise Program

YVY HS and EHS parents continue to take advantage of the YVY Fitness Center's off-peak membership plan. The Fitness Centers special aquatic workout

For more information on any of Yeled V'Yalda's services, please call the following numbers:

Headstart.....	718.686.3700 *3
Early Headstart.....	718.686.3700 *3
Special Education	718.686.3700 *1
ABA Program	718.514.8600
Early Intervention	718.686.3700 *2
Ezra Medical Center	718.686.7600 *9
YvY WIC Program.....	718.686.3799
YvY Facilitated Enrollment	718.686.2189

YELED V'YALDA STATEN ISLAND:

Silver Lake Headstart,

10 Gregg Place..... 718.815.4488

Silver Lake Headstart II,

20 Park Hill Circle: 718.720.0090

YELED V'YALDA SUPPORT LINES:

YvY Parenting Hotline

Fridays, 10-2 718.686.2402

All calls are confidential. You do not need to give your name.

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program, Aqua Splashdown, has been a popular addition to its programming and will continue through April.

ONGOING PARENT ACTIVITIES: BROOKLYN

Aerobics

99 Heyward Street

Sundays November 7, 14, 21, 28

Stretch and Tone Mommy and Me

99 Heyward Street

Tuesdays November 2, 16, 30

Parenting Workshops

1257 38 Street

Tuesday November 9

6002 Farragut Road

Thursday November 4

99 Heyward Street

Tuesdays November 2, 9

Monday November 29

Fitness for Men

99 Heyward Street

Wednesdays November 3, 10, 17, 24

Focus on Fathers

99 Heyward Street

Tuesday November 2

Walkers for Wellness

Every Wednesday and

Thursday

Expectant Mom's Program

Aerobics and Childbirth Education: Parenting Skills for Postpartum Moms

1257 38 Street

Sundays November 7, 21

99 Heyward Street

Mondays, November 8, 22

Swimming

YVY Fitness Center

1312 38 Street

Off-peak hours program

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: BROOKLYN

Healthy Children's Menus

1312 38 Street

Wednesday November 24

YVY WIC

1312 38th Street

Mommy and Me

Mondays November 1, 8, 15, 29

Diabetes Group

Wednesday, November 3

Healthy Lifestyles

Tuesdays, November 2, 9, 16,

23, 30

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SEIT Training

1257 38 Street

Thursday November 11

ONGOING ACTIVITIES: STATEN ISLAND

Home-Based Socializations

Fridays November 5, 19

Parent Committee

Wednesday November 17

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: STATEN ISLAND

Parent Workshop/ Tenant's Rights

Wednesday November 3

Parent Teacher Conference

Wednesday, November 10

Family Literacy Day

Wednesday, November 24

Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 17

Policy Council Elections

Tuesday, November 23



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CSBG Grant to Fund Nutrition Initiative

YVY has received a Community Service Block Grant which will be used to fund a new Nutrition Education Outreach Program (NEOP) to combat childhood obesity. This program, targeted to families that are struggling with children’s weight issues, will fund nutrition workshops in YVY Head Start and Early Head Start sites and will, in addition, provide one-to-one counseling to YVY parents of children dealing with weight issues. The program is being coordinated by YVY Director of Nutrition Service Dina Lipkind, MS, RD, CDN.

YVY parents who wish to consult the

nutritionist about a childhood weight issue can arrange for an appointment with the Family Worker at their child’s site.

YVY Research Institute Head Presents in Philadelphia

YVY Director for Research and Education Dr. Isabelle Barrier was invited to present the research she has conducted on Yiddish language acquisition at YVY by Drexel University in Philadelphia in November. Dr. Barrier’s lecture, The Acquisition of Yiddish by Hasidic Toddlers and Preschoolers: Insights into Bilingualism, was attended by faculty and students from Drexel’s Judaic Studies and Modern Languages Programs, as well as members of local Jewish organi-

zations and faculty and students from the University of Pennsylvania. The presentation was preceded by a lunch with faculty members and followed by a reception.

Staten Island

YVY Silver Lake I and II children and families had a busy couple of months in November and December. Parents attended parent-teacher conferences and family literacy day activities, in addition to planning and enjoying holiday parties and pot lucks. Workshops included presentations on tenants’ rights, stress, and domestic violence.

Silver Lake children visited the mall to see holiday exhibits and participated in holiday parties and festivities.

