



*Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera*

## **Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary**

**April 14, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Miriam Sanchez, Lenora Easter, Ram Halder, Lena Johnson, Monique Farrington, Anne Johnson

### **I. Introduction**

- A. Committee Description:** The youth & education committee represents the community's interests with regards to education and programs that target the youth and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Department of Education including Parent Advocates, PTA's, Educators and Principals, School Safety, the Administration for Children Services, the District Attorney's Office, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

### **II. Speakers**

**A. The Citizens Committee For Children, Teen Community Leadership Course**

The CCC is non-profit, nonpartisan and independent from government funding. Their Youth Action NYC Program is an after-school program for high school students interested in learning to be effective advocates for the issues they care about and advocate on behalf of themselves, their schools and their communities. Participants learn how to gather information, document what they learn, and then effectively communicate this information to their communities and elected officials. For more information please visit: [CCC New York](http://cccnewyork.org)

The CC extended the deadline to apply to the Community Leadership Course to May 15th. To learn more or apply visit:

<https://cccnewyork.org/courses/community-leadership-course/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=c71616ef-87e4-4c51-bc09-86df3da5ab5e>

CCC Contact: Laura Jankstrom, [ljankstrom@cccnewyork.org](mailto:ljankstrom@cccnewyork.org)

**B. Jesse Kravette, Mayors office to end Domestic Violence and Gender Bias**

The Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) operates the Family Justice Centers (FJC), which provide free safety planning, social services, legal and civil services, and criminal justice assistance to all survivors of domestic and gender-based violence regardless of language, income, gender identity, or immigration status. Centers are open 9 am-5 pm Monday through Friday.

The NYC Family Justice Centers are co-located multidisciplinary service centers providing vital social services, civil legal, and criminal justice assistance for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence and their children all under one roof.

NYC Family Justice Centers – Bronx Location: 198 E. 161st Street, 2nd Fl.

Phone Number: 718-508-1220

Jessie Kravet, Outreach Coordinator: [jkravet@endgbv.nyc.gov](mailto:jkravet@endgbv.nyc.gov)

[www.nyc.gov/endgbv.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov/endgbv.nyc.gov)

NYC HOPE can connect you to resources to help you or a loved one experiencing dating, domestic, or gender-based violence. For more information visit: [home - NYC Hope](#)

**C. Judith Gomez, CSAM - Sex Trafficking**

ECPAT-USA is an anti-trafficking organization whose mission is to protect every child from sexual exploitation. As part of their organization's anti-trafficking mission, they provide FREE parent /guardian/ caregiver workshops around online safety, managing difficult conversations with your children, and community as a resource. (Upon completion of the all three workshops, participants receive a \$25 gift card).

To register for the open to all May English series (May 10th, 11th, & 12th at 7pm) visit:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIc-uvpjwuEtFWjZPcdUbXAdB7OGIT2kjZ>

To register for the open to all May Spanish series (May 17th, 18th, 19th at 7pm) visit:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlOfuquqzggEtdv8OFPUVUvKP9WKcxwj1Mi>

This organization also provide FREE educational workshops on online safety, healthy relationships, child trafficking, and school as a resource, which are facilitated by members of their Education Department. They can also work with organizations to create a human trafficking safety protocol plan or even hold workshops for staff. For more information or to discuss programs contact: Judith Gomez, [Jgomez@ecpatusa.org](mailto:Jgomez@ecpatusa.org) or Lucy Brown, [lbrown@ecpatusa.org](mailto:lbrown@ecpatusa.org)

**D. Amalia Oliva Rojas, Community Partnerships Program Manager - GIRL BE HEARD**

Girl Be Heard's Community Based Weekend Workshop program offers free, weekly youth empowerment workshops to girls, young women, and gender non-confirming youth between the ages 15-21 who wish to build their artistic, activist, and leadership skills. Workshops are being held Every Saturday at the Sotomayor Community Center. <https://girlbeheard.org/weekend-workshops>

Other programming includes master classes in different art mediums, pod casting, summer experiences and their grand main stage performance. For those interested in knowing more about these opportunities, please visit: <https://girlbeheard.org/>

\*sizzle reel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0tGtEmZzLc>

social media for Instagram/Twitter/LinkedIn: @girlbeheard

Amalia Olivia Rojas, Community Partners Program Manager: [amalia@girlbeheard.org](mailto:amalia@girlbeheard.org)

**III. Announcements**

- A. HERO Dads is a Responsible Fatherhood program by Montefiore and BronxWorks whose mission is to encourage **HEALTHY, EMPOWERED, RESILIENT** and **OPEN** fathering by connecting dads to parenting skills workshops and employment resources. Members will join a community of dads who are committed to developing and improving their fathering skills. Over 4 weeks, they work with career coaches to develop professional skills and plan for a financially stable future for their family. HERO Dads are also invited to participate in a research study. The goal of the study is to determine what factors of parenting and relationship education improve family stability and relationship quality. All services are **FREE**. HERO Dads runs twice a month with Morning, Evening and Weekend workshops available. Upcoming workshops begin May 5<sup>th</sup>. Program Perks include: Up to \$450 in rewards, access to exclusive trainings and employers, and assistance for benefits, childcare, child support, and more. For questions about the program, text "HERO" to: 917-886-2512 or 917-886-5146. Asia Sanders, 917-886-5146, [asanders@bronxworks.org](mailto:asanders@bronxworks.org)

- B. The NYC Health Department's Education and Community Partnership Unit and Poison Control Center offer FREE virtual workshops. All participants receive a certificate for attending the webinar. The full schedule and links for registration can be accessed at [healthy-homes-trainings-workshops-2022.pdf \(nyc.gov\)](#). You can learn more about their community programs including their online training and videos at [Poison Prevention Community Education Programs - NYC Health](#). Educators are available for virtual workshops in English, Spanish and Chinese for parents, older adults, community groups and staff training. To request a presentation form can be completed at [Request a Presentation - PCC \(alchemer.com\)](#).
- C. Food Pantry at Sotomayor Community Center will be running through April 25th from 12:00pm -2:00pm
- D. Together We Learn Program hosted by the The Soundview Family Resource Center will take place every Wednesday starting April 27th from 10:30-12pm at the Justice Sotomayor Community Center.

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