



FAMILY CO-CHAIRS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS



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Meet Some of Our Fellow City-Wide Oversight Co-Chairs

Welcome to our CCSI-NYC COC Family Co-Chairs Monthly Newsletter! This month we are excited to introduce some of our City-Wide Oversight Committee Co-chairs, working alongside us to support families. We also want to share resources and events relating to children’s mental health and education. As you know, this month is Black History Month, and we will share an interesting Black History Spotlight. We hope you enjoy our newsletter, and we welcome your suggestions and feedback.



Marnie Davidoff

Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Children, Youth and Families

My role is at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and I am a COC Co-Chair.

I worked for an organization that served refugees early on in my career, and I still feel passionate about supporting immigrant and refugee issues. I love to cook for family and friends and frequently try out new recipes.



Mariama Toe-Freeland

New York City Youth Partner

Mariama Toe-Freeland has been connected in advocacy for over ten years. She was introduced to advocacy through attending Youth power events. Returning home, she shortly became a Youth Power board member and used her love for creativity to serve on the special events workgroup. Mariama planned Youth Power local and state-wide events. Mariama has attended many rallies; speak-out conferences to amplify youth voices and help change policies to better support youth and young adults. Mariama has pursued her degree in Human service and a minor in Political Science at Monroe College and Buffalo State. Mariama has always had a passion for fulfilling the YP mission in NYC and state-wide. She is looking forward to reconnecting with leaders and supporting youth who need to amplify their voices.

Catherine Moran-Aboulafia, LCSW-R
Director, Children’s Services

I have been a social worker for just over 35 years in residential and group homes, acute hospitals, clinics, school-based programs, and in-home family-based services. I genuinely believe that parents inherently want the best for their child/children. An unforgettable memory repeated through the years is parents saying this to me in their moment of vulnerability. This guiding principle became even more enhanced after having the privilege to be the clinical partner for the Vibrant FRC’s many, many moons ago.

I am a bit of a “foodie,” especially anything ethnic. For me, food is a lens to understanding other cultures and a venue that brings us together in a mutual discussion, whatever that might be. My other passion is exercising to stay healthy both physically and mentally. On a personal note, I have a 26-year-old daughter who I am very proud of as she has overcome some struggles but is coming along nicely as she blossoms into a young adult. She is my true joy.

Youth, Parents, & Caregivers Family Voices

Black History Month Spotlight



In honor of Black History month, we celebrate Arturo Schomburg. On January 24, 1874, he was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico. He was a historian, writer, collector, and activist. He was a Puerto Rican of African and German descent. His mother, Maria Josefa, was a free Black woman from St. Croix in the Danish Islands (which would become the U.S. Virgin Islands). His father, Carlos Federico Schomburg, was a Puerto Rican of German descent. He moved to the United States in 1891, where he researched and raised awareness of Afro-Latin Americans' and African Americans' contributions to society. Schomburg amassed a personal collection of 10,000 items related to Black history and the African diaspora. The items were transferred to the New York Public Library and became the starting point for today's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem. He was a significant part of the Harlem Renaissance, and his contribution has educated individuals from all cultural backgrounds. He died on June 10, 1938, at the age of 64, in Brooklyn, New York.
<https://www.biography.com/scholar/arturo-alfonsot-schomburg>

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