



100 Years – Child Health Planning Project

The Child Health Clinics in New York City will be 100 years old in 2008. These clinics started as Free Milk Stations and have been providing preventive and primary health care services for low-income children in their communities ever since.

This important anniversary is being honored with a year-long celebration that started in November 2007! The kick-off event was a well-attended forum at DC 37, on Thursday November 8, 2007. There are several major goals for this effort:

- Celebration events at the Child Health Clinics through borough-wide organizing committees. There is a lead organization in each borough*(see over), chosen through a competitive process, that is in charge of coordinating and organizing these events. The focus will be on: ensuring that young children and teens have health insurance, and that they have a medical home for primary, comprehensive health services. The borough committees will include: parents and their children; teenagers; schools; places of worship; community organizations; businesses; and others committed to healthy children. The lead organizations will administer a survey for parents and young people to identify barriers and gaps in service, and get feed-back on what changes are needed to make the health system work better. This survey will result in a separate report.
- A Policy Committee will work on developing a Child/Family Health Policy Agenda for the city. The policy committee will be charged with ensuring that the borough committees will be involved in developing this agenda so that it reflects the diversity of the city. The Policy Committee will also be involved in the survey described above.

To make this anniversary a success, we need the involvement of as many people and organizations as possible. That success will not be possible without your support and help. Please join us in this effort – by calling 212-246-0803 and signing-up to work on this important effort with us.

100 Years – Child Health Planning Committee: American Academy of Pediatrics Chapters 2 & 3; Children’s Defense Fund – New York; Citizens Committee for Children of New York; Coalition for Asian American Children & Families; Commission on the Public’s Health System; Council of Municipal Hospitals Community Boards; Doctors Council, SEIU 10 MD; Head Start of New York; Local 436, AFSCME; New York City Council; New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation; New York Immigration Coalition; Parent to Parent of New York State

To get Involved:

- **Citywide:** Contact CPHS, the Commission on the Public's Health System, 45 Clinton Street, New York, NY 10002. 212-246-0803. Email address: Judy Wessler – ladyhealth@aol.com. Anthony Feliciano – commission@cphsnyc.org.
- **The Bronx – The Bronx Health Link, Carlos Alicea** can be reached at 718-590-2648. His email is: Calicear@yahoo.com.
- **Brooklyn – The Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Denise West** can be reached at 718-643-8258, ext. 21. Her email is: dwest@bpnetwork.org.
- **Manhattan – The Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation, Jules Douge** can be reached at 212-822-8344. His email is: julesdouce@nmic.org.
- **Queens – Make the Road New York, Theo Oshiro and Juanita Lara.** Theo can be reached at 718-418-7651, ext. 218. Juanita can be reached at 718-565-8103 X 23. Their email addresses are: Juanita.lara@maketheroadny.org and theo.oshiro@maketheroadny.org .
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