



Hispanic Counseling Center E-News Spring 2010 New Programs at HCC: Kinship Caregiver Program, Supplemental Educational Services, E-Project

HCC Kinship Care Program

Monica, a 65 year old grandmother of 3, was faced with the difficult decision of having to take care of her youngest grandchildren (10 and 7). She has no idea what to do and what she as a caregiver is entitled to. It is for people like Monica, that the HCC Kinship Program was created. It is a pleasure for HCC to present the Kinship Care Program, approved and funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

The program was designed to help grandparents, uncles, aunts and any other relative that are taking care of under age children in their family when the parents are unable to for different reasons.

This program offers assistance with legal support, knowledge and understanding of your rights, access to financial assistance, educational and other special resources, respite, and support groups as well as parenting skills for caregivers, and special outings for the children and families. If you are interested in obtaining more information or if you know of a family that fits this criteria and might benefit from the services, please contact the Hispanic Counseling Center located at 344 Fulton Avenue in Hempstead, NY 11550 or call the program coordinator, Claudia M. Boyle at (516) 538-2613.

Supplemental Education Services for Hempstead High School Students

Students at Hempstead High Schools may receive free tutoring from certified teachers at HCC after school in English Language Arts and Math. Income eligible families can contact Isabel Arroyo or Janet Marciano at 516-538-2613 for more information.



HCC teens attend *In The Heights* on Broadway

Cultural Immersion for Hempstead Youth

The Hempstead School District is made up of roughly 6,600 students and is labeled as a "high need school district." It is difficult for many of these students to experience life outside of Long Island, since many of them qualify for free or reduced lunch. However, with help from a 21st century CCLC grant and a lot of love, at-risk youth are now able to shed their preconceived notions of what underprivileged teens can achieve, and immerse themselves in cultural experiences.

For some of the teens in E-project, these experiences are awe-inspiring, since they have newly arrived from their home countries and are ESL students. Before moving to the U.S., many of them never had any contact with members of other cultures. With trips like the one we took to the American Museum of Natural History, they were able to take a glimpse

into the lives of people from all over the world, in a matter of hours. The field trips are meant to expose students to the arts, theater, entertainment, the history of the immigrant experience, and the wonders of science. These are all topics, whose theory, they learn in school, but when they go to New York City, they are able to observe them in practice. So far, we've inspired dreams of becoming landscape photographers, civil engineers, veterinarians, writers, and accountants.

Hispanic Counseling Center needs your support. Your contribution can help a family in need, or help us to provide summer camp for a child, or give someone hope for the future. HCC seeks donations of gently used clothing and home goods for our new thrift shop, clothing racks, and volunteers to staff the thrift shop in our Hempstead building. Please contact mporter@hispaniccounseling.org.

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Senator Kemp Hannon (2nd from right) at our Referral Sources Breakfast, with Board members Henry Holley, Dilcia Granville, President Cheryl Vanek, and Gladys Serrano, Executive Director

The mission of the Hispanic Counseling Center is to enhance the strengths of Long Island's Hispanic families and children through bilingual, bicultural counseling, prevention, vocational, and educational services to enrich their lives, foster economic independence, and nurture dreams for the generations to come.

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