



Community Services - CSBG Update

December 1, 2017

Happy Holidays

The Division of Community Services would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season!

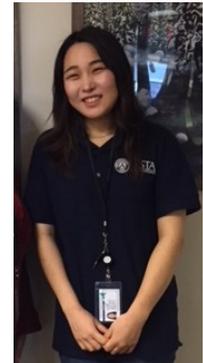
Friendly APR Reminder

The Division of Community Services would like to remind all of its grantees that the APR (Annual Progress Report) is due **Friday December 8th at 5 pm.**



Welcoming our new VISTA to DCS

Charm Lee is the newest addition to the NYS Division of Community Services team. She is serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA Member under the Empire Corps (ESPRI) initiative along with our DOS VISTA Leader Sarah Ferritto. Charm graduated from Baruch College in 2014 with a B.A. in Psychology and Journalism. She has a strong background in community service working with various youth, non-profit, and faith based organizations. As well as being an active member of the community Charm is very well travelled, having been to many places including Korea, Japan, Cambodia, Thailand, and Shanghai...just to name a few. The Division of Community Services is excited to welcome Charm on to the team.



Still holding onto a contract?...Get it out!

If you are still holding onto a contract send it into the DCS Albany office as soon as possible. If you have any urgent issues regarding your contract, please reach out to your assigned program analyst for assistance.



Strategic Planning Webinar Series

Starting on January 19th the Community Action Partnership will be offering “**Strategic Planning Webinars**”. The first Webinar on January 19th will look at why strategic planning is important for CAAs. The January 22nd Webinar will cover “data-driven” strategic plans, the January 29th Webinar will explain how to develop outcomes, and the final Webinar on February 1st will cover overall implementation of a strategic plan. Below you will find a link to the full description, and registration links:

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1111471061789&ca=4884ebbc-4c39-46c5-b49e-bcafb6abb56b>



Live-Aid: Fulmont For Puerto Rico

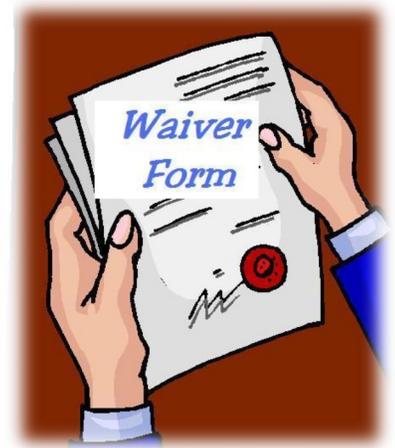
Veronica Cruz, Director of the DOS Division of Community Services attended the Fulmont for Puerto Rico Hurricane relief event on Thursday November 30th at the Amsterdam, NY public high school. The live aid concert drew community members from throughout the Capital Region to raise money for Hurricane Maria relief.



Pictured (left to right): Denis Wilson Sr., Ann Black, and Veronica Cruz.

Tentative MWBE Waiver Webinar this January

Mark your calendars...on **Thursday January 18th** the NYS Division of Minority and Women's Business Development will be conducting a *MWBE Waiver Webinar*. This Webinar will cover all the necessary documentation required to successfully submit and obtain a MWBE waiver.



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