



**OCTOBER 26th, 2023 VIRTUAL PARENT
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC) MEETING**



I'M YOUR PARENT COORDINATOR MS. MELODY PINK

I'm available to you

Monday- 9:30am- 3:00pm In-Person

Tuesday- 9:30am-3:00pm In-Person

Wednesday- 9:30am-1:00pm Remote

Thursday- 9:30am- 3:00pm Remote

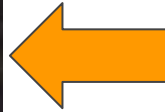


**REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR
SPECIAL RESOURCE PACKETS FROM ME,
PLC NEWS, SCHOOL UPDATES AND MORE...**

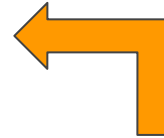
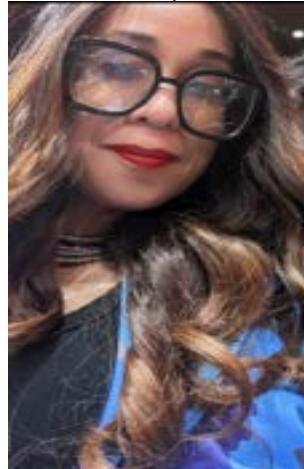


Parent Leadership Council

OUR PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC) MEMBERS FOR 2023- 2024 SCHOOL YEAR



**OUR PLC PRESIDENT
MONIQUE BOWENS**



**OUR PARENT
COORDINATOR / PLC
LIAISON MS. PINK**





**OUR PLC SECRETARY
DENISE TURNER**



**OUR PLC PARENT
VOLUNTEER KANEESHA
HODGE**

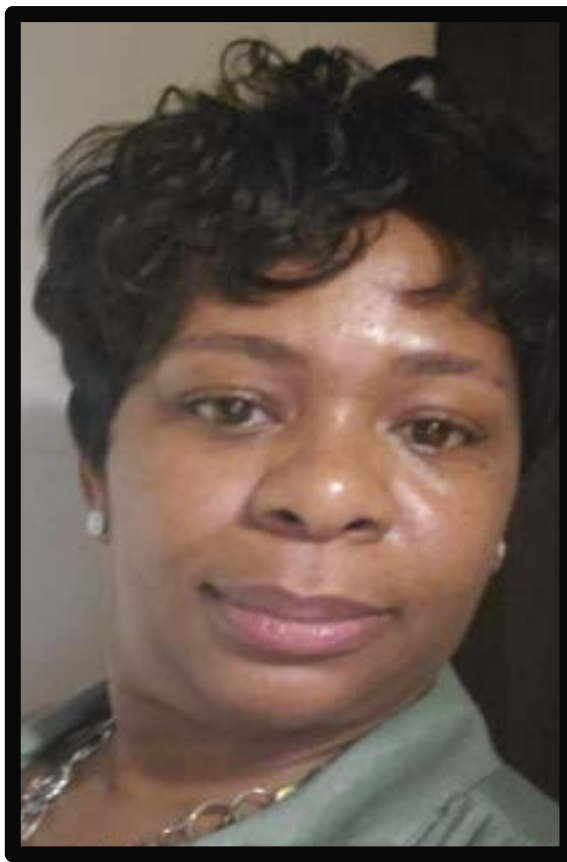


**OUR PLC TREASURER
LUCIA MARTINEZ-
JIMENEZ**

The Parent Leadership Council

Ready to ROAR!

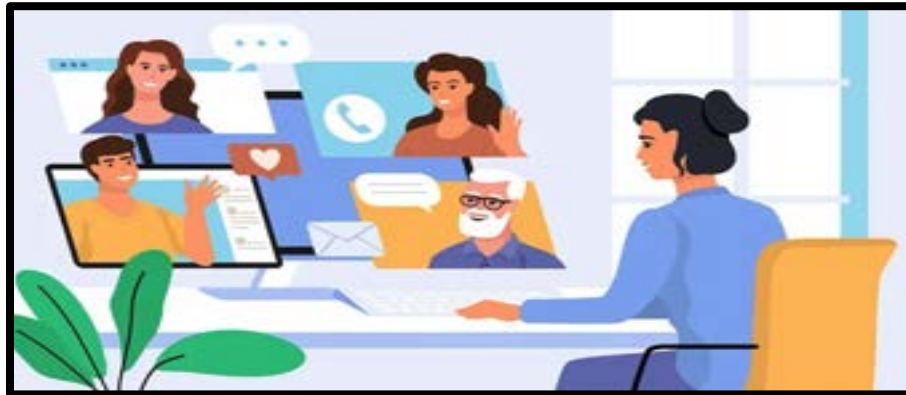
Change the message.
Change the perspective.
Change the world.



**OUR PLC PRESIDENT
MS. MONIQUE BOWENS**



QUICK VIRTUAL HOUSEKEEPING RULES WITH OUR PLC SECRETARY MS. TURNER





Quick Virtual Housekeeping With Ms. Pink

- Please Mute your Screen & Mute your Phones
- Please Do Not Click Present or Hook your Screen to the TV (It Interferes with the Presentation)
- Please Type your Name, Scholar's Name & Email Address in the Comment Section for Attendance
** Families on the phone please email Ms. Pink your name,scholar's name & grade
- Please type any Questions in the Comment Section relating to the Meeting
- NOTE: This PLC Virtual Meeting will be recorded & posted on our school website

Family Assessment Program (FAP)

PINS Diversion Program
Preventive Services for At-Risk Youth

Our Presenter: Jamall Jenkins
Program Director
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Overview of FAP

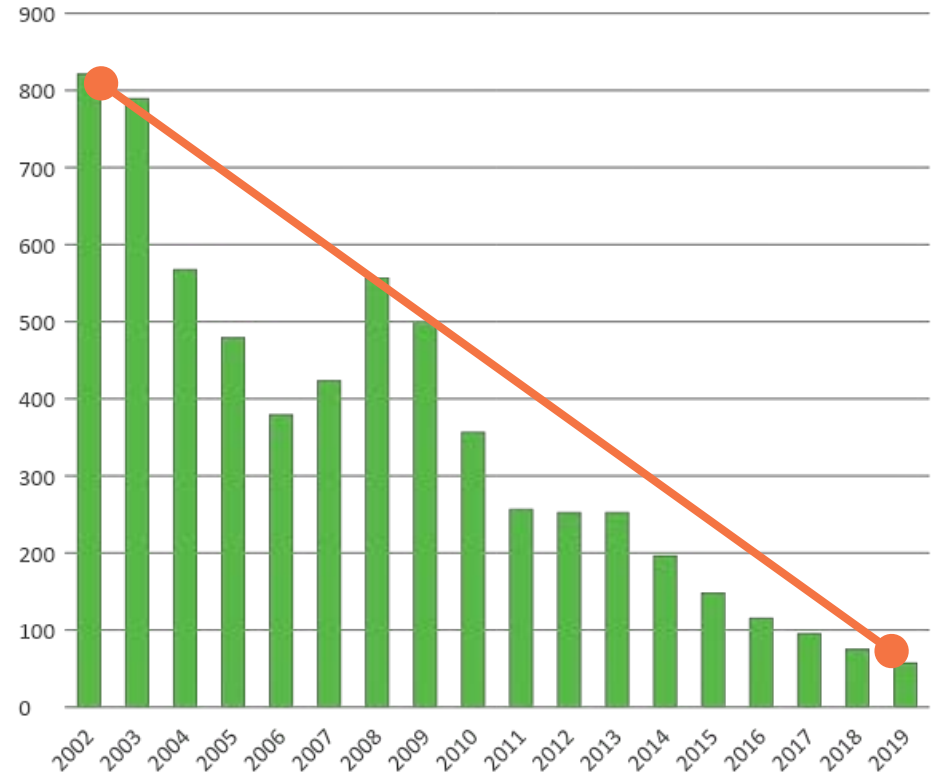
■ A Diversion Program

- An intake and assessment program that connects youth and families quickly to tailored services to avoid PINS petitions
- FAP was created in 2002 and was in DCP until 2008.
- FAP is required to offer services before determining that court access is appropriate
- For Non Compliance Petitions, FAP must show that diligent efforts were made before granting access
- When youth are missing, FAP can provide access to a parent to court for a PINS warrant. There must first be a Missing Persons Report and we typically allow 2 weeks for the police to locate the youth
- Very few cases go to court

An Incredible Success Story

Since the start of FAP's PINS diversion initiative in 2002, **PINS placement has gone down by over 90%** as of 2019.

FAP's service continuum first launched in 2011 has helped reduce PINS numbers drastically.



Overview of FAP

- A gateway to Preventive Services for difficult “at risk” teen behavior
 - Families don’t have to be seeking a PINS- many come just for help.
 - FAP provides through assessments to connect families to targeted interventions
 - FAP has connections to CBOs in the borough who address the issues about families present with
 - FAP also has its own continuum of contracted Preventive Services

FAP Continuum of Services



**Family
Stabilization**



**Functional
Family
Therapy**



**Brief Strategic
Family
Therapy**



**Multi-Systemic
Therapy
Substance Abuse**



Respite

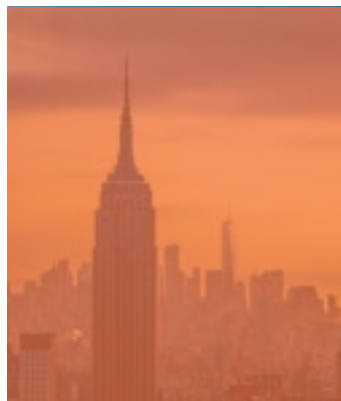


**Mentoring
& Advocacy**

Dispelling the myths

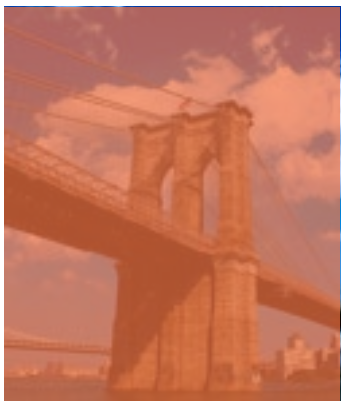
- FAP can work with families who have cases active with DCP
- Visiting a FAP office does not initiate an ACS investigation
- FAP is not a part of the juvenile justice system- youth are not arrested or detained.
- FAP cannot remove a child from care or file a PINS. FAP grants access to families to take the next step to file a PINS against their child
- PINS judges cannot send youth to a boot camp or place youth on probation
- All services FAP provides are voluntary even if a PINS petition is filed
- A judge may remove a child on a PINS. The youth will have an attorney advocating for them
- If placed, the youth goes to the Children's Center and is placed in foster care ** But ACS is no longer reimbursed the same way

FAP Borough Offices



Manhattan

Manhattan Family Court
60 Lafayette St.
2nd Fl.
New York, NY 10013
P: 212-341-0012



Brooklyn

345 Adams St.
8th Fl.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
P: 718-260-8550



Bronx

260 E 161st St.
Sublevel
Bronx, NY 10451
P: 718-664-1800



Queens

Queens Family Court
151-20 Jamaica Ave.
4th Fl.
Jamaica, NY 11432
P: 718-725-3244



Staten Island

350 St. Mark's Place
5th Fl.
Staten Island, NY 10301
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FAP Resources

- Visit our website to read more about our programs:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/justice/family-assessment-program.page>
- Watch our videos to learn more about how we help:
<https://youtu.be/UpVXJzKDXcE>
https://youtu.be/_ofckoBYMv8
- Email us at FAPinquiry@acs.nyc.gov



NYCTM
Children

**Youth & Family
Justice**



SCHOOL NEWS WITH PRESIDENT BOWENS



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- NOVEMBER 7TH, 2023 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)
- NOVEMBER 10TH, 2023- SCHOOL CLOSED VETERANS DAY OBSERVED
- NOVEMBER 22ND 2023- NOVEMBER 24TH, 2023 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK
- NOVEMBER 28TH, 2023 - NOVEMBER 30TH, 2023 FINAL EXAMS
- NOVEMBER 30TH, 2023 INPERSON PLC FAMILY POTLUCK



NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY PRESENTS

FOOD DRIVE

PLEASE HELP
BY DONATING
NON-
PERISHABLE
FOOD TO
HELP THOSE
IN NEED

YOU CAN DONATE :

Canned Fruits,
Canned Vegetables ,Juice Packs ,etc

Drop off locations:

LOBBY:(122)
MS.ALLISON

2ND FLOOR:(210):
MS. ANGIE

4TH FLOOR:(421):
MS. JOHNSON

5TH FLOOR :
OPERATIONS OFFICE

7TH FLOOR(711):
MRS.MARTIN



OCTOBER 30TH- NOVEMBER 27TH

LED BY NHS MEMBER:
ANABEL TINEO

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY PRESENTA

LA COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS ENLATADOS

PORFAVOR
AYUDENOS
DONANDO
ALIMENTOS NO
PERECEDEROS
PARA AYUDAR A
LOS
NECESITADOS

PUEDEN DONAR :
Fruta enlatada, Macarrones
con queso , atún ,etc

Donde Dejar

LOBBY:(122)
SRA. ALLISON

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PISO 4:(421):
SRA. JOHNSON

PISO 5 :
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30 DE OCTUBRE-27 DE NOVIEMBRE

ORGANIZADO POR MIEMBRO DEL NHS:
ANABEL TINEO



COMING
SOON

The Parent leadership Council (PLC) is thrilled to announce our first fundraising event of the school year. Please stay tuned for the upcoming date for November, as we are excited to present a unique and engaging opportunity for our school community.

Introducing the PLC Flea Market Resource Fair, an event designed to bring families together and provide a one-stop-shop for all their needs. Join us in person to explore a wide array of unique items, while also having the chance to donate money and access valuable resources.

Our primary goal for this fundraiser is to support families in need within our school community. Additionally, we aim to kickstart our efforts in providing college essentials to at least 10 deserving scholars upon their graduation.

By participating in this event, you not only contribute to a worthy cause but also have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of our students. We encourage everyone to come out and show their support, as together, we can make a difference. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting event!

How can families help?

- Donate new or slightly used clothes (Must be Cleaned), shoes, dinnerware, mugs, jewelry, movies, bags/ purses, toys, picture frames etc... please email Ms. Pink at mpink@thewcs.org if you wish to bring in donations or schedule drop offs.





OUR NEXT PLC MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON NOVEMBER 30TH, 2023 AT 6PM. WE WILL HAVE OUR FAMILY POTLUCK WHERE EACH FAMILY IS INVITED TO BRING IN A DISH, DESERTS, DRINKS AND PAPER GOODS. WE WILL EAT TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY & HAVE OUR THANKSGIVING RAFFLE. THERE WILL BE 4 WINNERS: TO RECEIVE A \$25 RAFFLE PRIZE EACH.

PLUS, WE WILL HAVE OUR TAKE "WHAT YOU NEED TABLE" FILLED WITH CLOTHING AND OTHER HIDDEN SURPRISES. CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR UPDATES ON OUR FAMILY POTLUCK.



Parent Leadership Council (PLC) Virtual Meetings for 2023-2024 School Year

- September 28th, 2023 at 6pm
- October 26th, 2023 at 6pm
- November 30th, 2023 at 6pm
- December 21st, 2023 at 6pm
- January 25th, 2024 at 6pm
- February 29th, 2024 at 6pm
- March 28th, 2024 at 6pm
- April 25th, 2024 at 6pm
- May 30th, 2024 at 6pm
- June 20th, 2024 at 6pm

COMMUNITY RESOURCES &
POSITIVE VIBES WITH MS. PINK



CONGRESSIONAL CAREER FAIR



HOSTED BY REPS. HAKEEM JEFFRIES, YVETTE D. CLARKE, NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ & DAN GOLDMAN

**BRING A RESUME AND CONNECT
WITH EMPLOYERS**

NYC CORPORATIONS & BUSINESSES, NON-PROFITS,
FEDERAL, STATE AND CITY AGENCIES

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM EDT**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
[JEFFRIES.HOUSE.GOV/CAREERFAIR](https://jeffries.house.gov/careerfair)**

**CITY TECH
300 JAY STREET, BROOKLYN**

REGISTER TO VOTE!



**BECAUSE
YOUR VOTE
MATTERS!**

Register:

- Online
- Online via DMV
- By Mail
- In-Person

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
OCTOBER 28TH**

vote.nyc/page/register-vote

NYC
Department of
Youth & Community
Development

Sign up now for our annual College Is Possible event for high school students with IEPs and their families! Join us on Wednesday 11/1 for students leaving school with a diploma, or Thursday 11/2 for students leaving school with a non-diploma credential. Listen to a panel of experts talk college and get your questions answered: <https://pulse.ly/ucgp7v52yf>

VIRTUAL COLLEGE IS POSSIBLE

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 | 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

College information for high school students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) who will leave high school with a diploma.
Families are welcome.

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 | 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Educational programs on college campuses for students with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities who use Alternate Assessment and will leave high school with a non-diploma credential.
Families are welcome.



ANTONIO REYNOSO
BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

THE OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT PRESENTS:

COMMUNITY RESOURCES INFORMATION SERIES

DISABILITY RESOURCES

The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities will present on initiatives, programs, and policies that address the needs and interests of people with disabilities.

Non-profit organizations will be on-site providing additional resources.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023
6 PM – 8 PM

Independence Care System
25 Elm Place, 5th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201

<https://bit.ly/CRSDR2023>

American Sign Language (ASL) will be available.

In collaboration with:



Mayor's Office for
People with Disabilities



GOUNARDES



Jo Anne Simon
President/Executive Director



Lincoln Restler
President/Executive Director

The following organizations will provide additional disability resources:



BROOKLYN-USA.ORG



BROOKLYN-USA.ORG

Antonio.Reynoso@brooklyn.usnyc.gov • 718-622-3700

A Google Map used to locate essential resources such as food, shelter, clothing, substance abuse, mental health, education, employment, legal, & health services throughout the New York City Metropolitan Area.



- Hundreds of resources!
- Support in all 5 boroughs!
- Filter by category!

Brooklyn Justice Initiatives

Interactive Resource Guide



bit.ly/bjiresourceguide

COLLEGE NOW @ CITY TECH



Jumpstart your college
education for **FREE!**

BENEFITS OF COLLEGE NOW

- Earn college credits on a college campus
- FREE college-readiness workshops and seminars
- Receive guided support from advisors and tutors



WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students **ONLY** registered in NYC Public High Schools
- Have an **80%** overall High School GPA or

APPLY ONLINE

SPRING 2024
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
END OF OCTOBER



PARENTING TIPS FROM MS. PINK

Parenting Advice



How to Help Teens Decide What to Do **AFTER** High School



There are
MANY OPTIONS
to choose from:

- 4-Year University
- Community College
- Trade School
- Vocational School
- Apprenticeship
- Entry-level Jobs
- Military
- Take a gap year



Parents, friends, & mentors can be

**VALUABLE
CONVERSATION
PARTNERS**

to point out a teen's

**SPECIAL TALENTS,
ACTIVITIES THAT
ENERGIZE THEM**

and **WHERE THEY
MOST OFTEN
SUCCEED.**



Have your teen

SELF-EXAMINE

and **ASK:**

If I could teach people about one thing, it would be...

I don't mind waking up early if it's so that I can...

If I won first place in something, it would be for...

I feel most alive and happy when I am...



OBSERVE

& let them know:

What do they get

**MOST
EXCITED
ABOUT?**

What are

**THEIR
STRENGTHS?**



Let these

CONVERSATIONS ANSWERS

and

help them

IDENTIFY THE INTERESTS

they care most about...



and then start

RESEARCHING JOBS and OPPORTUNITIES

related to those interests.



THE GOOD NEWS:

No one expects your teen to know their career as a teenager—

and **THEIR
CAREER
CAN
EVOLVE
OVER
TIME.**



This is the time to

**EXPLORE,
DISCOVER
WONDER**

and
about the

possibilities!





POSITIVE VIBES FROM MS. PINK

POSITIVE
VIBES



Trust The Process



- Focus on what you can control
- Find lessons in each failure
- Write down what's on your mind
- embrace a growth mindset
- Track your progress
- Celebrate every small win
- Ditch perfectionism





Simple REMINDERS

You hold the
key to your
happiness

Taking a
break is not
giving up

You're doing
better than
you think

Find 1 thing
to be grateful
for

Your light
cannot be
dimmed

You are
precious and
loved

PLC RAFFLE





PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC)

FALL Raffle

Enter to win a **\$25 Gift Card**



PARENT MUST BE AT THE NEXT PLC MEETING OCTOBER 26th, 2023 @ 6pm TO WIN

There will be 2 Winners

**ENTER NOW !!! Gift Cards to AMAZON, UBER OR DOMINOS.
RAFFLE DEADLINE IS: OCTOBER 24, 2023**



To enter the Raffle email the PLC at **plc@thewcs.org**

Include:

1. Your Full Name
2. Your scholar's Name, Grade & Student ID Number
3. The word "PUMPKIN"



RAFFLES ARE ONLY OPEN TO WCHS CURRENT FAMILIES.

Only one entry per family. You must be present at the entire meeting for the raffle. If you are not in attendance, another name will be drawn.

PLC OCTOBER 2023 RAFFLE DRAWING!!!

OCTOBER 26th, 2023 PLC RAFFLE
(wheelofnames.com)

**THE BIG
DRAWING!**

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COMMUNITY TABLE

Open Parent Discussion



Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

PLEASE REACH OUT TO US IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT: PLC@THEWCS.ORG
& MS. PINK AT MPINK@THEWCS.ORG

