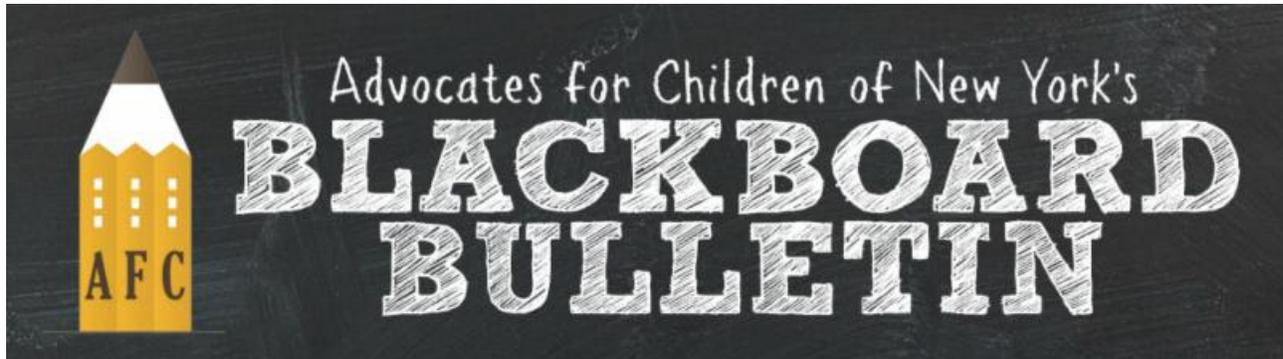

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NYC Department of Education "Listening Tour" on Translation and Interpretation

AFC and the ARISE Coalition are co-sponsoring a stop on the Chancellor's "Listening Tour on Translation and Interpretation." It will be held on May 17th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the AFC offices (151 West 30th Street in Manhattan). The event will be for Spanish-speaking parents to share their experiences and difficulties they have encountered with the DOE's provision of translation and interpretation services. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Priscilla Monico at pmonico@afcnyc.org.

For more information on translation and interpretation in the New York City public schools, check out AFC's language access fact sheet, available [on our website](#) in ten languages.

Opportunities for High School Students

The organization [Bottom Line](#) offers free 1-on-1 help to low-income students interested in attending college. They are currently [accepting applications](#) for the class of 2017.

The New York Immigration Coalition has launched a new leadership training program for immigrant high school students in New York City. For more information on the program and how to apply, [visit their website](#).

Bard High School Early College, a partnership between Bard College and the New York City Department of Education, is seeking students with disabilities to join their 9th grade class in the fall of 2017. The public school program offers the opportunity to begin college work after 10th grade and graduate with both a high school diploma and an Associate's degree from Bard College--all tuition-free! There will be a special education information session for current 7th graders on May 3rd from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. [Register online](#).

Assistive Technology

In February, the ARISE Coalition held a panel discussion and parent speak-out on assistive technology (AT). For information that was shared during the program, please see the [PowerPoint](#). If you couldn't attend in February, but would still like to share your experiences with AT, download a copy of the Share Your Story form in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Free & Fun Summer Programs

The Speech Production and Perception Laboratory at Teachers College, Columbia University is hosting a 3-week free [speech treatment camp](#) for children ages 5-17 with cerebral palsy. For more information, contact cpspeech@tc.columbia.edu.

Applications for the DOE's STEM Summer in the City program are due by May 20th! This free summer learning program for students currently in grades 2-10 focuses on science, technology, and math and includes additional enrichment opportunities in the arts as well as trips to cultural institutions. Breakfast, lunch, and Metrocards will be provided for participating students. Selection will be done by lottery; students must have at least 90% attendance during the school year and must NOT be required to attend summer school. [Get more information and apply online](#).

Students currently in grades 8-11 who are on track to graduate and planning to attend a [Renewal School](#) in Fall 2016 can also apply to DOE enrichment programs that will help prepare them for high school and college-level work and provide opportunities to explore careers. Programs include Summer Bridge for rising 9th graders, Writing Workshop, and CUNY College Now. [Applications](#) are due by May 20th.

Check it Out

IEP vs. 504 Plan: What is the Difference? Understood.org has a helpful [comparison chart](#).

Upcoming Fairs & Conferences for Families

On Tuesday, May 10th, YAI is hosting the Conferencia Latina for Spanish-speaking families of individuals with developmental disabilities. It will be from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at the CUNY Graduate Center (365 Fifth Avenue, between 34th and 35th Street). [Register online](#).

On Saturday, May 14th, the [Manhattan Field Support Center](#) will host their Spring Family Conference from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the High School for Art and Design (245 East 56th Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenue). This conference is open to all Manhattan parents of students with disabilities and will provide parents with the skills to understand and take an active role in the IEP process. Contact Special Education Community Support Coordinator Iris Escollies at IEscoll@schools.nyc.gov with questions or to RSVP.



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