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Securing Every Child's Birthright(R) to be Healthy, Housed, Educated and Safe
 December 07

VIEWPOINT

**Improving Access to Healthy,
 Affordable Food**



A key component of CCC's *Securing Every Child's Birthright* campaign has been to ensure that all children have access to healthy, affordable food. Many low-income communities are considered "food deserts" which lack grocery stores, green markets or other food retail outlets. In these communities rising rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, as well as high blood pressure and depression have a devastating effect on children and families.

On December 18, 2007, Mayor Bloomberg and Speaker Quinn announced Green Cart legislation to improve access to fresh fruits and vegetables in neighborhoods with the greatest need. [Click here](#) for the press release.

The Green Cart legislation, co-sponsored by Speaker Quinn and Council Members Joel Rivera and Leroy Comrie, calls for 1,500 permits to be phased in over two years and requires vendors to sell in designated neighborhoods where there is

SPOTLIGHT

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A dream of a healthy, vibrant and productive tomorrow for all New York City children hinges on Securing Every Child's Birthright to be healthy, housed, educated and safe today. CCC depends on the commitment, intelligence and contributions of concerned people to support our work.

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A contribution to CCC supports essential advocacy work that directly influences and shapes city and state policies, budgets and other recommendations that improve the quality of life for New York City children and families.

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CCC wishes you and your family a healthy and happy holiday season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2007-2008 Policy Briefings

low consumption of fruits and vegetables. In addition, the Mayor and Speaker Quinn announced a \$175,000 grant from the Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman Foundation to support a supermarket initiative facilitated by FoodTrust and FoodBank for New York City. This initiative is designed to bring supermarkets to New York neighborhoods that lack adequate food retail options.

[Click here](#) to send a message to thank Mayor Bloomberg and Speaker Quinn and applaud their sponsorship of the Green Cart legislation which will improve the health New York City children.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Green Cart Program. [Click here](#) for video of the announcement.

[Click here](#) to read CCC's factsheet on Healthy, Affordable Food.

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Implementing Achieving the Promise/Child and Family Clinic Plus: Challenges and Opportunities

Scott Bloom, Director of School Mental Health Services

David J. Woodlock, Deputy Commissioner and Director, Division of Children and Family Services, NYS Office of Mental Health

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 10 AM

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Preparing NYC's Foster Youth for Adulthood

Ronni Fuchs, Director of Program Integration and Resource Development, Administration for Children's Services Office of Youth Development

Lynne Echenberg, Director, Next Generation Center

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Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 10 AM

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Update: ACS's Plan to Improve Outcomes for Children Receiving Foster Care and Preventive Services

Valerie Russo, Deputy Commissioner for Quality Assurance, Administration for Children's Services

Julia Jean-Francois, Co-Director, Center for Family Life

William Baccaglioni, Jr., Executive Director, The New York Foundling

Monday, February 11, 2008 at 2 PM

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