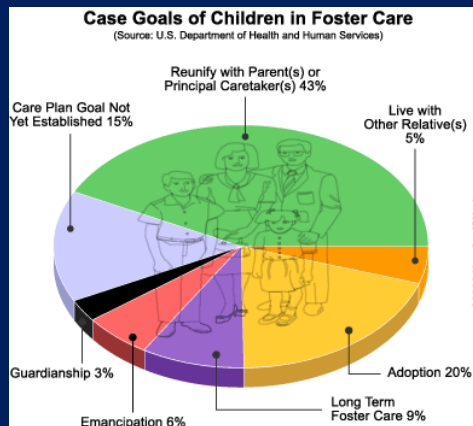




The Interfaith Center of New York Presents
The 29th Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat for Social Justice

Child Welfare and Foster Care



WHERE: The Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115, Sockman Lounge (Enter at 60 Claremont Avenue; #1 train to 116th & Columbia University)

WHEN: Wednesday, December 4th, 2013, 8:30am - 5:00pm. **For religious leaders** (clergy and lay leaders of all faith communities) **Morning coffee/tea and lunch provided. Registration required. RSVP form available via [the Interfaith Center website](http://www.interfaithcenter.org). Please complete and fax to (212) 870-3499, or by email to ssayeed@interfaithcenter.org.**

WHAT: In New York City, 13,000 children received foster care services in May 2013, and 26,000 families received support to prevent child removal in June 2013.¹ Our conference will bring together religious leaders with city agency representatives and non-profit leaders to discuss:

- How children enter the foster care system and which communities are most affected
- ACS Demystified: How the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) operates
- Strategies to keep families intact and meet the needs of diverse New Yorkers
- Foster care placements, parent trainings, and parent support services
- How faith leaders can help to provide a supportive community for children and their families, including starting a child welfare ministry

This is an informational and networking program for clergy, grassroots lay leaders, and faith-based service and advocacy leaders interested in Foster Care in New York City. **Please RSVP early as space is limited. Questions may be directed to Sarah Sayeed at (212) 870 3519.**

¹ New York City Administration for Children's Services http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/html/statistics/statistics_links.shtml