

## The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities



This August, City Access New York was honored to join Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities' Commissioner, Matthew Sapolin, to mark the 18th Anniversary of the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act. With the Queens Museum of Art,

Swiss Post Solutions, New-York Historical Society and Disabled In Action, CANY was recognized for its "significant contributions to increasing accessibility for people with disabilities." In particular, CANY's partnership with the Museum Access Consortium was praised for its work providing information and training to museum professionals, educators, and advocates committed to improving access to NYC cultural institutions for visitors with disabilities.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Mayor and Commissioner Sapolin, and hope that you'll take a moment to read the full account of a memorable evening at Gracie Mansion.

"Today, we recognize some of the people and organizations who help people with disabilities fully participate in every aspect of city life and make New York the greatest city in the world for people with disabilities."

- Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg

## Summer Science, Summer Fun



What's better than exploring the half-sunk hull of an abandoned ship? Or a good game of Smell-n-Tell at Inwood Hill? In partnership with [Rocking the Boat](#) and [Urban Park Rangers](#) CANY just concluded another great summer of on-the-water, experiential learning with [Educational Vision Services](#) students. Dozens of

youngsters with and without visual impairments came together to explore the Bronx River in hand-built rowboats and participate in hands-on science at parks throughout the city. Summer Science is one more example of our commitment to providing inclusive, community-based programming for youngsters of all abilities. Follow [this link](#) to see more of what this summer adventure is all about.

Summer Science is made possible by a generous grant by the [J.E. & Z.B. Butler Foundation](#).

## Welcome, Graduates!



When students with significant disabilities graduate from NYC public schools, many connect to a network of supports known as adult service providers. CANY joins the ranks of these providers and just this month we began our brand new Day Habilitation without Walls program, *Sports and Fitness*. This program, like all CANY

programs, emphasizes community inclusion and hands-on learning. But what makes *Sports and Fitness* truly novel is its commitment to the daily use of team sports, professional fitness instruction and nutritional education to promote physical fitness and well-being. And with everything from karate to tennis to rock climbing going on, it's a heck of a lot of fun, too. Welcome, graduates!

## Parents Speak Out



Last fall the Museum Access Consortium invited parents of children with disabilities and representatives from NYC museums to talk together about their experiences and work concerning access at NYC cultural institutions. That panel, "Welcoming Families with Disabilities: Parents Speak Out," was a lively discussion of what's been done - and what there is yet to do - to make NYC museums more welcoming to all audiences.

With school back in session and museum field trips already planned, we think it's a good time to revisit the discussion and draw your attention to a really remarkable resource. So please click on [this link](#) to hear an audio recording of the event. Or follow [this link](#) to read a transcription of "Parents Speak Out."

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