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***Legal Aid Urges ACS to Ensure that Children in ACS Custody  
have Technology to Facilitate Visits with Family, Access to  
Critical Services***

**(NEW YORK, NY) – Dawne Mitchell, Attorney-in-Charge of the Juvenile Rights Practice at The Legal Aid Society, urged the New York City Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) to ensure that children in foster care and in the juvenile justice system have technology to facilitate visits with family and access to critical services:**

“We are calling on ACS and the City to prioritize resources for our clients and all young New Yorkers in foster care, detention and placement. These vulnerable children need access to WiFi, smart phones, iPads or computers – technology to facilitate visits with parents and loved ones as well as to provide meaningful access to critical services including therapy and educational opportunities. It is also crucial that ACS and the City ensure that all children in ACS custody have unbridled access to their attorneys and social workers during this precarious time.”

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