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Adria Cruz, New York City, NY is the Children's Aid Society's (CAS) Director of School Based Health Centers and Special Initiatives. In this capacity she oversees the day to day operations of CAS' five School Based Health Centers, including a state of the art SBHC they recently opened at Curtis High School in Staten Island serving 2,500 high school students. Ms. Cruz also oversees other health initiatives within CAS community schools, including a massive "no-touch" dental screening and a far-reaching vision screening program serving thousands of children across the city.

Ms. Cruz obtained her undergraduate degree in Accounting from the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, in her native Dominican Republic, graduating at the top of her class. In 2009 she obtained a Master of Public Administration from Baruch College in New York City, where she was invited to join the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration honor society Pi Alpha Alpha for outstanding scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration.

At CAS she has been honored first in 2007 with an Excellence Award; and in 2009 as Supervisor of the Year, honor for which she was nominated by the staff she supervises.

Ms. Cruz is a board member and treasurer of the New York State Coalition for School Based Health Centers.