

# NYS ECCS IMPACT

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The NYS Council on Children and Families and grantees in 11 other states have been awarded the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Impact grant. This 5-year federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau seeks to enhance early childhood systems building and demonstrate improved outcomes in population-based children's developmental health and family well-being using a Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network (CoIIN) approach. **The overall 5 year aim of this project is to demonstrate a 25% increase from baseline in age appropriate developmental skills among 3 year old children in selected NYS communities.**

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*Welcome to year 2 of ECCS! We're excited about the great work ahead of us.*

**ECCS Nassau County CoIIN Team Lead- Docs for Tots:**

The NYS Council on Children and Families (CCF) is contracting with Docs For Tots to support the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Impact initiative. Docs for Tots acts as the local place based community team lead on Long Island. As a pediatrician-led nonprofit that assists and supports doctors, early care providers, and policymakers to promote best practices for young children, Docs for Tots is a natural fit for the early childhood systems work of this grant. ECCS focuses upon developmental health promotion and ties into the work Docs for Tots has done over the past 3 years with safety-net medical centers in Nassau County to improve developmental screening practices. As a result of their work with safety-net hospitals, the team at Docs for Tots discovered local challenges in successfully referring and connecting families to existing community services. Long Island is using the support from ECCS to build a Help Me Grow system to address this identified community issue. Working with partners from over 30 cross-sector early childhood organizations, the work will focus on supporting high-needs communities in Nassau County that will greatly benefit from this national evidence-based model of cross-sectional collaboration to build an efficient and effective early childhood system.

If you have questions about the Help Me Grow model, you can visit their website: <https://helpmegrwnational.org/>

**ECCS Project Update**

**June 2017**

- Attended the NYS Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council Member Meeting
- Attended Nassau County's CoIIN Meeting
- Convened the last ECCS Impact State Advisory Meeting for Year 1
- Met with Dr. Kristen Navarette, Pediatrician and School of Public Health Fellow at the NYSDOH.
- Conference call with Grow Rochester
- Participated in the NYS Home Visiting Workgroup
- Planning for implementation of the PARTNER Tool for the ECCS Project
- Met with staff at St. Peter's Family Health Center to discuss developmental health
- Conference call with Lisa Shulman, NYS Learn the Signs Act Early Ambassador

**July 2017**

- Met with NYS Early Intervention team
- Attended Western NY's CoIIN Meeting
- Attended the Schenectady 0-3 Literacy Workgroup
- Conference call with NYS Medicaid Redesign to discuss Medicaid's First 1000 Days Initiative

**NYS Early Intervention Program's Plan to Improve Family Outcomes**

The NYS Early Intervention Program (NYSEIP) serves 68,000 children under the age of three with developmental disabilities and their families each year providing \$600 million in therapeutic and supportive services at no cost to families. NYSEIP is working with experts to implement a quality improvement initiative to ensure services are high quality and family centered. The initiative will utilize an evidence-based framework developed by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement to create and sustain positive changes. Teams of early intervention providers, county early intervention officials, and families will be formed in each county, and will work together to implement small changes that will increase families' ability to support their child, connect to other families and get involved in their communities. These teams will be supported by expert coaches in monthly calls over a 12-month period in which they will work within their county and across counties to improve families' experiences with NYSEIP. The initiative will begin in the Fall/Winter of 2017 and will extend through 2020.

**The New York State Parent Guide**

The New York State Council on Children and Families' **Parent Guide - Starting Life Together: Your Guide for Building a Nurturing, Healthy Relationship with Your Child** - offers key parenting tips, before and after your child arrives, up to age five. The Parenting Guide focuses on five key parenting behaviors: nurturing, protecting, guiding, communicating and supporting children's curiosity and learning. Expectant mothers can access important advice on exercise, nutrition and other healthy habits during pregnancy. Parents will find information on typical behavior for the age of their child and fun ways to encourage their child's healthy development. Included are valuable resources on safe sleep, use of car seats, breastfeeding and dental care, among others.

[www.nysparentguide.org](http://www.nysparentguide.org)

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**We are happy to answer any questions about the project that you may have. Feel free to contact us!**  
<http://ccf.ny.gov/council-initiatives/early-childhood-comprehensive-systems-impact-initiative-eccs-impact/>

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