Welcome to the ECAC Meeting 6/15/2023



Introductions



Agenda

Agenda Item	Торіс	Presenters	Time
Welcome & Announcements	 Introductions Announcements Member substitution policy Final date for comments or edits to the Strategic Plan Sign-ups – tell us what other task forces, coalitions, committees you are a member of 	Dona Anderson	10:30 -11:00 am
State Updates	State Agency Updates	Nora Yates, Erik Sweet, Ray Pierce	11:00-11:45 am
Advocacy Update	NYS Advocacy Efforts	Jenn O'Connor	11:45 am- 12:00 pm
2023 Recommendations	 Review revised 2023 recommendations to the Governor's Office Next steps for 2023 recommendations 	Dona Anderson	12:00 - 12:30 pm
	Lunch Break (12:30 pm- 1:30 pm)		
2023 Committee Action Plans	 Overview of ECAC Planning Action Document Committee worktime: Build Action plans Report Out 	Lisa Fasolo Frishman All	1:30 - 1:50 pm 1:50 - 2:45 pm 2:45 -3:15 pm
Next Steps	Next Steps Closing Remarks	All	3:15 - 3:30 pm

Announcements and Updates

- ECAC Member designee policy
- Final date for edits to the Strategic Plan DUE June 30, 2023
- Crosswalk of other task forces, initiatives, coalitions, committees
 - Please sign up on the chart paper
- ECAC Coordinator position posted

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ECAC Membership Updates

- Retiring: Melanie Faby and Maggie Evans
- New members: Jane Fronheiser and Alejandra Ortega

2024 ECAC Meeting Dates

- March 21, 2024
- June 6, 2024
- September 26, 2024
- December 12, 2024
- Location Empire Plaza

Code of Conduct

Elana Marton Deputy Director and Counsel NYS Council on Children and Families



Announcements and Updates

Any other announcements?



Nora Yates



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OCFS Division of Child Care Services- Updates

June 15, 2023

Nora Yates, Deputy Commissioner

Welcome!

Our Agenda

- NYS FY24 Enacted Budget
- DEIA Toolkit
- OCFS Updates



NYS FY24 Enacted Budget



Workforce Retention Grant Program:

\$500 million in underutilized federal funds to support New York State's child care workforce. The funding will be distributed through a Workforce Retention Grant Program that will benefit an estimated 250,000 caregivers. The funds allocated for the Workforce Retention Grant Program will provide bonuses for existing employees and funding for recruitment strategies, including sign-on bonuses for new employees and other related expenses.

Details on the grant program will be released by June and the application portal is scheduled to be opened mid-July.



Economic Development

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MAY 31, 2023 | Albany, NY

Governor Hochul Announces \$500 Million Investment in FY 2024 Budget to Bolster New York's Child Care Workforce

Application for Workforce Retention Grant Program to Benefit 150,000 Caregivers Set to Open July 13



Historic Child Care Assistance Expansion:

The FY 2024 Budget will provide \$7.6 billion over four years and further expand eligibility for the Child Care Assistance Program raising the income limit to the maximum allowed by federal law, from 300% of the federal poverty level (or \$83,250 for a family of four) to 85% of the state median income (or \$93,200 for a family of four), assisting over 100,000 additional New York families.

NYS is one of only 15 states that will be at the federal limit for eligibility.

Statutory changes go into effect by 10/1/2023.



Historic Child Care Assistance Program Expansion:

Families participating in the Child Care Assistance Program will also see child care costs limited to 1% of the total family income above the poverty line.

The state will increase the number of required reimbursable annual absences from 24 to 80 in an effort to standardize eligibility for child care assistance across the local districts.

Statutory changes go into effect by 10/1/2023.



Expedite Eligibility Determinations for Families

Governor Hochul announced that NYS will improve access to child care assistance by streamlining the application process for those who are enrolled in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Medicaid and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). An estimated 83,400 children who are currently enrolled in these programs would have an easier time receiving child care assistance with these changes.



New Tax Credit for Employer Created Child Care Seats:

Additionally, as part of the FY 2024 Budget, Governor Hochul established a new state tax credit available to businesses that creates new child care seats and expands existing child care options for their workers. This \$25 million per year credit will be administered over two years through the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), with the new child care creation and expansion credit known as the 'Employer Child Care Tax Credit.'

More information will be released in Fall 2023, and businesses can begin applying for the credit beginning in January 2024.



Employer Supported Child Care Pilot and Resources:

 FY 2024 Budget also includes a \$4.8 million investment in a new Employer-Sponsored Child Care Pilot Program. Participating employers, the state and employees will split the cost of child care. Families must fall between 85% and 100% of the state median income to qualify. The pilot will operate in three separate regions throughout the state, with OCFS releasing more details on this pilot program at a later date.



NYS Budget Updates- continued

Business Navigator Program

The FY 2024 Enacted Budget provides \$1 million to create a statewide business navigator program with the intent to assist businesses that are interested in supporting the child care needs of their employees. The Business Navigator Program will operate in each of the 10 Regional Economic Development Council regions, with \$100,000 allocated to each region. The program will also develop a statewide employer child care guidebook for interested employers.



Are you eligible for child care at low or no cost?

Answer a few questions to see if you can get child care at low or no cost - in 10 minutes or less!

Go to: https://hs.ocfs.ny.gov/CCAPeligibility/



OR Go to the OCFS CCAP website: https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/ccap/ Click on Do I qualify for CCAP?

Click on Start and Answer the Questions

- ✓ Available in 13 languages!
- ✓ The mostly Yes or No questions can be answered quickly - in as little as two minutes!
- Not all parents or caregivers will need to answer all questions.



Find out if you may or may not be eligible!



Eligibility Questionnaire Now Available Online!

https://hs.ocfs.ny.gov/CCAPeligibility/



OCFS DEIA Toolkit



DEIA Toolkit

The Toolkit includes materials, available in a variety of languages, to intentionally weave DEIA into your child care community.

The Toolkit includes:

- Self-assessment activity
- Best programming practices tip sheet
- 'Ways to Celebrate Diversity' flyer
- Materials lists and ideas for recommended learning areas
- Book list for children

'DEIA Child Care Self-Assessment' Form





All About My Child

A form that child care programs can ask parents/guardians to complete to provide detailed background information about the enrolled child/children.





https://ocfs.ny.gov/publications/index.php?find=5533H&type=4

Ways to Celebrate DEIA in the Child Care Setting

Ways to Celebrate Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility in the Child Care Setting

What Families And Providers Can Do Together

Invite families and community elders into the classroom to share stories or fables from their cultures (can be in person or online).

Children can act out folktales to make learning about another culture interactive.

Family holidays – parent/guardians can provide video clips of their family celebrations and share various traditions.

"Food from your culture day" – will require family/guardian assistance. Children can experience food from different cultures this way.

What Providers Can Do

Encourage children to write and speak in their native language. Ask children to teach their classmates frequently used words, greetings, numbers, etc.

Teach and sing songs in different languages.

Explore different cultures like creating tissue paper flowers and have different musical instruments/songs/dances to showcase a culture.

Create play experiences that do not require English – simple board games, art experiences, blocks and puzzles.

Help children verbally share the things that make them special.

Incorporate virtual field trips: countries, museums, etc.

Teach children it's okay to ask questions; teach acceptance and values and set a good example.

Child Care Space

Ensure the child care space, activities and materials reflect diversity, equity and inclusion and are accessible: hang posters and pictures, and include games, toys and books.

> Look for interesting artifacts to spark conversation.

Incorporate a map/globe to connect artifacts to specific countries/cultures.

Hang photos of the children and their families.

Ask families to contribute photographs and descriptions of their cultural celebrations.

Create a collage of the children's different cultural backgrounds to display. Create a communication board – a chart

with symbols or pictures of frequently used words or practices.



ocfs.ny.gov Pub. 5535 (02/2023)



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Adding DEIA Ideas to.....

- ... Your Staff Resources and Supply Closet
-Your Infant Environment
-Your Toddler Environment
-Your Preschool Environment
-Your School Aged Environments







OCFS Updates



Child Care News and Newsletter

https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/news/

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In NYS (toll-free): 800-732-5207 In NYC:	
311 or 800-732-5207 Contact Us	May 2022
ranslation Information	Wednesday, May 18, 2022
	Due to infant formula shortage, here is some help

STREAMLINED

Providers can complete and submit Comprehensive Background Check (CBC)information (6000 Packet) for all their employees/ volunteers/household members

Request a fingerprint waiver (move a currently cleared person into another program)

TRANSPARENT

Immediate access to view all staff and where they are in the background check process

Ability to easily add and end date staff and communicate to OCFS in real time

EFFICIENT

Submit Statewide Central Register (SCR) Database checks and make online payments using the SCR Online Clearance system

Online access to CBC Comprehensive Background Check (CBC) letter



Comprehensive Background Check Process



Office of Children and Family Services

FAMS CBC process

Approximately 2,000 CBC's have been submitted through FAMS since implementation on May 15, 2023.

OCFS will continue to provide webinars and technical assistance sessions to support program's transition into FAMS.



CCDBG: Training, Resource, and Information Center

Webinars and Recordings, Video Tutorials and FAQS on how to use FAMS will be coming soon!

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Child Care Grant Programs	Welcome to the Facility Application and Management System (FAMS) Comprehensive Background Check (CBC) Process training and support page. Here you will find regularly updated help information, frequently asked questions and training resources, including training videos and user guides.	
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Questions/Discussion





NYS Education Department Erik Sweet



New York State EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity





Office of Early Learning: An Update to the ECAC

Erik Sweet, Executive Director June 15, 2023 , 2023
Office of Early Learning June 2023 Update

- ✓ Allocation lists for UPK and SUFDPK grant lists are published and out now; 1.2 billion for 2023-24
- ✓ New P-3 Newsletter out now and UPK forthcoming
- ✓ Final reports underway; webinar guidance available
- ✓ P-3 Institute in Albany on August 17, 2023 sold out
- Navigating PreK day on September 20, 2023 in Albany: save-the-date
- Round 2 of the Expansion Grant RFP awarded in June!
 Over 13 million dollars directly to programs

Prekindergarten Age Eligibility Guidance

Family FAQs for Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) and Kindergarten

Contents

UPK Eligibility	1
UPK Program Approval and Staff Qualifications	2
UPK Education	3
Kindergarten Eligibility	3
Kindergarten Licensing	4

UPK Eligibility

Q: What is UPK?

A: In New York State, UPK is a State and federally funded prekindergarten program offered to families free of charge. The only eligibility requirement for UPK in New York State is a child's residency and age. UPK is not an entitlement in New York State and not all families currently have access to UPK. In districts where UPK is available, entry is based on a lottery system and not all families who register are guaranteed a spot. Families should check with their local school district to see if they offer UPK and when registration

Prekindergarten in New York State

Family Frequently Asked Questions Answered

What is Universal Prekindergarten (UPK)?

In New York State, prekindergarten comes in many forms. Universal Prekindergarten, or UPK, is a state and federally funded prekindergarten program offered to families free of charge, but does not guarantee that every child will have access.

Is my child entitled to UPK services?

No. Although UPK stands for "universal prekindergarten," in New York State, prekindergarten is not universally available to all families in all school districts at this time. It is a goal New York State is working toward.

Office of Early Learning Webinar Series



- Ongoing technical assistance to the field through live and recorded webinars
- Webinars will be recorded and posted on the OEL website
- Two fiscal guidance webinars available, plus how to complete your final reports; more forthcoming

Forthcoming Resources/Events for P-3

- ✓ "Science Everywhere!" an inquiry-based science initiative for Prekindergarten
- ✓ P-3 Cultural Education Toolkit
- ✓ Literacy Guidance, including the science of reading
- ✓ P-3 2023-24 Promising Practices webinars featuring districts and eligible agencies

SAVE THE DATE Navigating PreK 2023

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OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING

The Cultural Education Center Albany, NY SEPTEMBER 20th, 2023 10:00AM-3:30PM

> REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1ST AT 9:30AM

SESSIONS TO INCLUDE:

- Best Practices
- Fiscal Timelines and Due Dates
- The QAP Process and Monitoring Visit Expectations
- 1:1 Technical Assistance with an OEL Liaison
- CBO Collaboration Requirements and Impact

This one-day session will be open to administrators, business officials, professionals, and specialists responsible for Prekindergarten programs.



Subscribe to OEL News!

NYSED's Office of Early Learning (518) 474-5807 <u>oel@nysed.gov</u> http://www.nysed.gov/earlylearning

Update on Preschool Special Education (4410)

- Tuition Methodology Study
- Special Education School District Data Profile 2021-22
- 2021 SPP/APR

Tuition Rate Setting Methodology Redesign

Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2023

The state education department shall conduct a comprehensive study of alternative tuition ratesetting methodologies for approved providers operating school-age programs receiving funding under article 81 and article 89 of the education law and providers operating approved preschool special education programs under section 4410 of the education law.



Tuition Rate Setting Methodology Redesign

Project Milestones



Submission of Final Report July 1, 2025

RFP #23-017 seeking proposals for a consultant to conduct a comprehensive study of alternative tuition rate-setting methodologies for approved school age and preschool special education service providers for the purpose of developing a new tuition rate-setting methodology.



The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is seeking proposals for a consultant to conduct a comprehensive study of alternative tuition rate-setting methodologies for approved school age and preschool special education service providers for the purpose of developing a new tuition rate-setting methodology.

Subcontracting

Subcontracting will be limited to thirty percent (30%) of the total contract budget. Subcontracting is defined as nonemployee direct personal services and those non-employee's related incidental expenses, including travel.

Terms of Contract

NYSED will award one (1) contract pursuant to this RFP. The contract(s) resulting from this RFP will be for a term anticipated to begin **October 1, 2023** and to end **March 31, 2026**.

Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE)

Bidders are required to comply with NYSED's Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) participation goals for this RFP through one of three methods. Compliance methods are discussed in detail in the Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Participation Goals section below.

🚄 data.nysed.gov

COUNTIES BOCES DISTRICTS SCHOOLS HIGHER EDUCATION DOWNLOADS PARENTS

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is committed to making data available and easy to use. This site provides a first step in publicly reporting educational data so all interested parties can be better informed as they work to advance student achievement.

SEARCH FOR SPECIFIC INSTITUTIONS HERE

Search for specific schools, districts, colleges, universities, counties, or BOCES Q



IDEA State Performance Plan

Preschool LRE Preschool Outcomes Timely Evaluation Early Childhood Transition









■ Special Education State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)

Requirements by SPP/APR Indicator

New York State's Determination Under Section 616 of the IDEA

Annual IDEA Determinations for School Districts

Special Education State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) requires each state to have a State Performance Plan (SPP) that evaluates its efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of the IDEA and describes how the state will improve results for students with disabilities. The SPP includes baseline data, measurable and rigorous targets for a six-year period, identified by the state for <u>17</u> indicators established under three monitoring priority areas:

- 1. Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE);
- 2. Disproportionality; and



3. Effective General Supervision Part B, including Child Find, effective transition and effective general supervision.

https://www.nysed.gov/special-education/spp-apr

NYS Department of Health Update (DOH) Ray Pierce





NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) Bonnie Catlin





Advocacy Updates Jenn O'Connor



2023 Recommendations to the Governor

<u>Recommendation #1:</u> Increase developmental screenings to promote healthy children and families.

- The ECAC proposes that all children birth through five and their families receive comprehensive and culturally responsive developmental screenings and timely connections to needed resources and services.
- Update make connection about how developmental screenings contribute to the reduction of suspensions and expulsions
- Update move recommendation on growing the EI workforce from #2 to #1 (11% rate increase)

2023 Recommendations to the Governor

<u>Recommendation #2</u>: Address the needs of the early childhood workforce.

- Transitioning the Child Care Stabilization grants to a wage supplement program
- Increasing early childhood scholarships
- Investing in the Early Childhood Career Centers to support and expand innovative, equity-focused recruitment and retention

<u>Recommendation #3</u>: Improving the Oral Health of Young Children in New York.

Lunch (on your own)



ECAC Committees & Teams 2023



Committee	Co-Leads	CCF Staff
Racial Equity	Andre Eaton & Nora Yates	Kristin Weller
Family & Community Resources	Jackie Orr & Kathy Jamil	Nancy Hampton
Workforce	Abbe Kovacik & Tara Gardner	Amanda Briell
Policy	Beth Starks & Alexis Harrington	Katie Douglas
Team	Co-Leads	CCF Staff
Data	Laurie Black & Bob Frawley	Cate Bohn
Finance	Bob Frawley & Meredith Chimento	Stephanie Woodard

Committee Action Planning Lisa Fasolo Frishman





Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Thank you!

