

Welcome to the ECAC Membership Meeting

12/9/21

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Building Success for Children
Ensuring Success for New York



New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council Membership Meeting

December 9, 2021 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81966649744> Meeting ID: 819 6664 9744

Vision: All young children are healthy, learning, and thriving in families that are supported by a full complement of services and resources essential for successful development

Agenda Item	Topic	Presenters	Time
Welcome and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Announcements Letter to Governor Hochul The Child Poverty Reduction Act Kindergarten Transition Opportunity: see flyer to register PAC Recruitment Scheduling January Part 2 ECAC Membership Meeting 	Sherry Cleary Patty Persell Hope Lesane Yvette James	9:30 am – 9:45 am
State Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) NYS Education Department (SED) NYS Department of Health (DOH) 	Janice Molnar Jason Breslin Kirsten Siegenthaler	9:45 am – 10:30 am
Advocacy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Update 	Jenn O'Connor	10:30 am – 10:40 am
Build Back Better	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hunt Institute Analysis: The Build Back Better Act's Child Care and Universal Prekindergarten Provisions 	Dan Wuori	10:40 am – 11:10 am
Break			11:10 am – 11:20 am
Strategic Plan Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligning and preparing for Build Back Better Birth Through Five, Workforce, etc. 	ECAC Membership	11:20 am – 11:50 am
QUALITYstarsNY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 1: The Anatomy of Quality Improvement (Part 2: January 2022: Scaling Up) 	Leslie Capello Cindy Myers Yessenia Rosario Adon Christina Kelly	11:50 am – 12:20 pm
Next Steps and Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next steps Adjourn 	Patty Persell	12:20 pm – 12:30 pm

Announcements and Updates



Welcome our Newest ECAC Nominee



Elizabeth Wolkomir

Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child and Family Well-Being

NYC Administration for Children's Services

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/index.page>

Letter to Governor Hochul





The Child Poverty Reduction Act

Hope Lesane

- Signed into law by Governor Holchul on December 1, 2021
- Calls for a **50 percent reduction** in child poverty in New York State in the next decade
- The law calls for the creation of a Child Poverty Reduction Council, which would:
 - Have at least 16 members
 - Research methods to reduce child poverty
 - Prioritize policies that could alleviate racial and ethnic disparities in the number of New York's children living in poverty
 - Analyze how children are impacted by any new state policies and future state budgets
 - Issue regular public reports on New York's actions and progress to this goal



Kindergarten Transition Summit Orientation

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

10:00 am - 1:30 pm (Virtual)

In 2022, the NYSB5 grant will offer the opportunity to host Kindergarten Transition Summits or Innovative Kindergarten Transition Activities. This orientation is for all those who might apply to host and implement a KT Summit in 2022 to increase the number of local transition teams statewide.

(maximum awards of \$10,000 per local team or summit.)

Register Online: <https://bit.ly/3okSelB>

(A calendar invite with the Webex information will be sent out after registration)

Contact for Questions: Nancy.Hampton@ccf.ny.gov

This project is supported by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative, grant Number 90TP0059-02-00

PAC Recruitment

Yvette James

For a PAC application:
text eng pac to 833 856 0474

Lend your ***stories,***
thoughts and
voice to this
worthwhile
group.



Scheduling January Part 2 ECAC Membership Meeting





**Office of Children
and Family Services**

Child Care Update

ECAC Meeting

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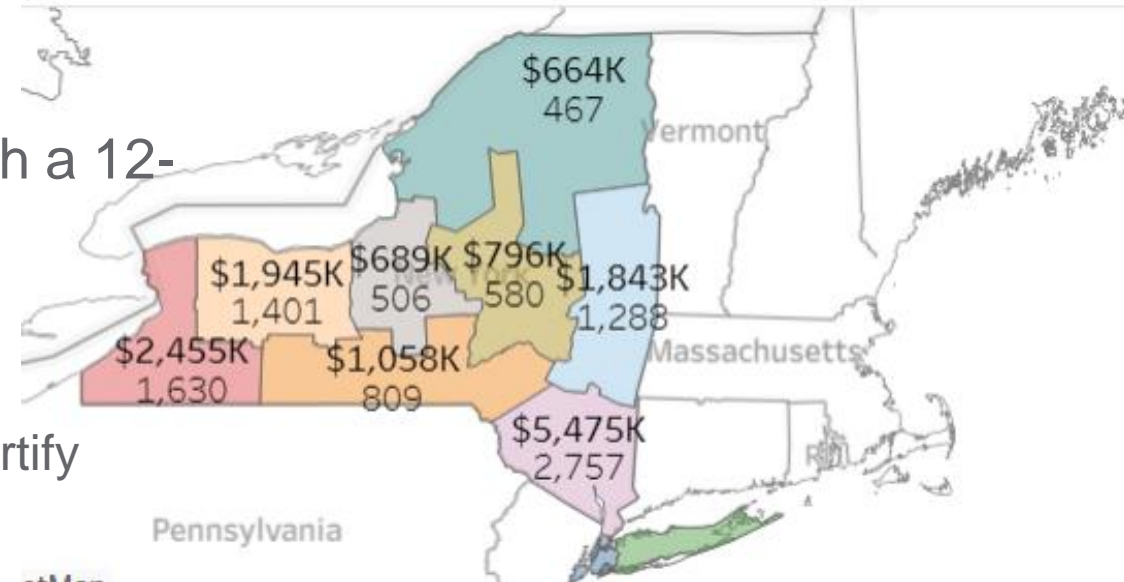
**Janice Molnar, Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care Services**

Essential Worker Scholarship

Essential Worker Scholarship

The Office of Children and Family Services has been honored to administer the Essential Worker Scholarship grant opportunity to support the brave working families who've served throughout the pandemic.

- OCFS has provided over 42,000 children with a 12-week scholarship, totaling nearly \$80 million
 - Grant opportunity will close when remaining scholarships have been fulfilled
 - Participating providers, please continue to certify eligible children
 - Many thanks to all participating providers!



We Are Here to Assist

1-844-863-9316 ocfs.sm.Essentialworkerquestions@ocfs.ny.gov



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

Child Care Stabilization Grant

Child Care Stabilization Grant- 11/30 Deadline!

- Weekly Dashboard posted online
 - <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/>
- Outreach to Providers
 - Partnership with CCR&Rs, CSEA, UFT, WHEDco
 - Head Start agencies, Community Action Agencies, YMCAs, Settlement Houses
- Technical Assistance Partners
 - Training for providers who receive the grant
 - Tom Copeland statewide training
 - CCR&R local/regional trainings



Use of Funds: Stabilization Grants

Providers can use their funds for:



RENT,
MORTGAGE,
UTILITIES



PAYROLL,
BENEFITS



HEALTH & SAFETY
TRAINING



FACILITY
MAINTENANCE OR
IMPROVEMENTS



PPE, CLEANING
& SANITIZING
SUPPLIES



EQUIPMENT
RELATED TO
COVID-19



GOODS TO
CONTINUE
CHILD CARE



MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT FOR
STAFF & CHILDREN



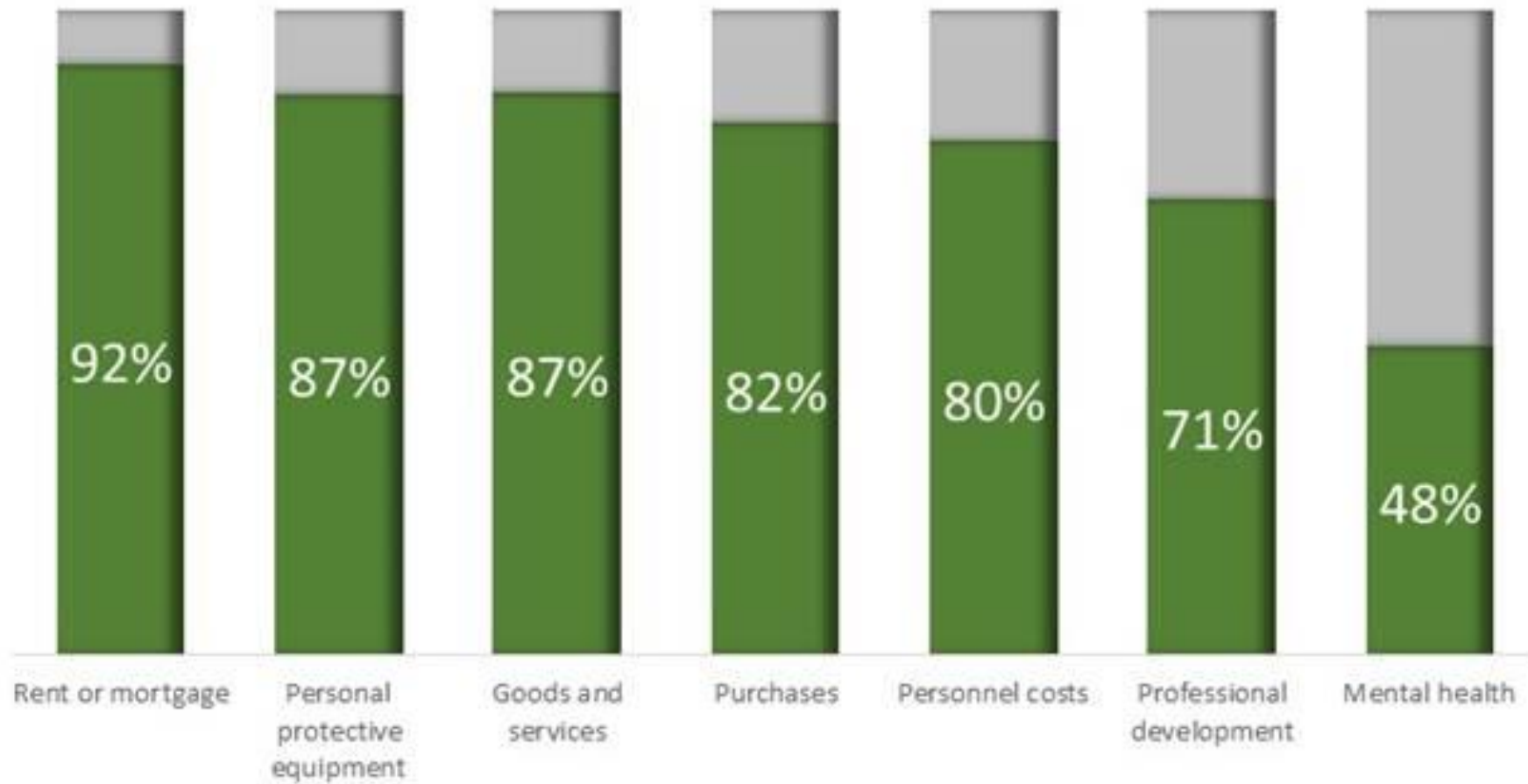
Child Care Stabilization Grant

- Launched on August 3, 2021
- Applications closed on November 30th @ 11:59 pm.
- 95% of eligible providers applied: 14,749 approved applications totaling \$900 million.
- Next phase: Long-term business improvement trainings with Early Care and Learning Council and B5 grant partners for ongoing efforts until 2023



Child Care Stabilization Grant

Percent of Providers Using Funds by Expense Type



Subsidy Updates

Regulations Changes

Amendments to Parts 404 & 415

- NPRM Published August 4, 2021
- Public Comment closed October 4, 2021
- Administrative directive memorandum (ADM) issued on November 24, 2021
- Regulations effective on December 1, 2021
 - 21-OCFS-INF-07 - Notification of Proposed Changes to Child Care Subsidy Regulations 2021
 - Upcoming: Issuance of supplemental allocations to local districts to support implementation of the new regulations



Key Changes

- Establishment of a 12-month eligibility period
- Payment for a minimum of 24 absences per year
- Expansion of eligibility for child care assistance - Eligibility for families up to 200% Federal Poverty Level
- Removes family share requirement for protective/preventive cases
- Requirements for enrollment as a legally exempt provider
- Changes the definition of engaged in work (reduces hours)



NY Child Care Market Rate Survey

- State Plan: 1 year waiver for MRS (Fall 2020-Fall 2021)
- 8/30/2021: Dear Provider letter with survey worksheet mailed
- 9/8/2021: Survey announcement posted to the OCFS website
 - <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/#t1-Updates-and-Important-Announcements>
 - <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/letters.php>
- 9/10/2021: CCFS email blast to all providers
- 9/13/2021: The Humans Services Call Center began making survey phone calls
- 10/21, 11/10, 11/29: CCFS email reminders
- Spring 2022: Data analysis
- October 1, 2022: Target date for new subsidy payment rates



NY Child Care Market Rate Survey - 2021

- Telephone survey: 4 modalities of LR care & 5 county groups
- Total target # of survey completions = 4,454 surveys
- Progress to date
 - 1,436 surveys completed
 - Homes: FDC/GDC over 40% toward survey completion goals
 - Centers: DCC <20% goal & SACC <10% goal
 - **Biggest challenge: Not answering the phone!**



Invest in Child Care: Child Care Deserts

NYS Child Care Budget for SFY 2021-22

- NYS identified \$100M to build and expand quality and affordable child care capacity to those areas with the least supply.

Utilizing funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), child care desert funding represents an unprecedented opportunity and investment to build capacity and strengthen the state's economy, by addressing the issues that impact businesses including chronic absence, productivity reductions and turnover due to inadequate options for quality child care in the most needed parts of the State.



Child Care Desert Planning Process Update

Engage stakeholders engaged with child care desert planning

- External and internal workgroups formed
- Mapping function drafted and in process

Funding 7 regional support positions at CCR&Rs

- Positions will support applicants as they proceed through start-up process

Drafting Request for Proposals

- Engage each REDC in identifying local priorities for child care



REDC and CCR&R Engagement

- Planning for Desert RFP Release- Target Release sometime this month; application portal targeted to release February 2022
- Outreach when RFP Announced- Multilevel outreach plan in partnership with local stakeholders
- Capital funding support and engagement from Regional Economic Development Councils



Elijah's Law

- 2019 legislation called “Elijah’s Law” named after 3-year-old Elijah Silvera from New York City who was given a grilled cheese sandwich while at his child care program, despite having a known severe dairy allergy.
- NYS is the first state to implement a law like Elijah’s law.
- New regulations went into effect on October 13, 2021.
- New, free, online training: “Identifying and Responding to Anaphylaxis”
- Partnering with HealthFirst, OCFS has mounted a \$4.5M auto-injector initiative – 2 epinephrine non-patient specific auto injectors are available to all OCFS-regulated programs.



Elijah's Law

Where to find information:

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/elijahs-law.php>

Division of Child Care Services

Child Care Home

Search for Child Care

COVID-19 Information

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Info for Parents

Info for Providers

Become a Child Care Provider

Elijah's Law

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Elijah's Law

In 2019 Governor Cuomo signed new legislation called "Elijah's Law". The law is named after 3-year-old Elijah Silvera from New York City who was given a grilled cheese sandwich while at day care despite having a known severe dairy allergy. After Elijah went into anaphylaxis, his family was not told what he had eaten and 911 was not called. Elijah died in November 2017. Implementation of Elijah's Law requires changes to your child care program, valuable, potentially life-saving changes, that are intended to prevent further tragedy.

As a child care professional, you play a critical role in protecting the health and safety of the children in your program. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 1 in 13 children is impacted by allergies. Allergies have the potential to create a life-threatening situation. Anaphylaxis must be treated right away. By gaining knowledge about allergies, prevention of anaphylaxis, and what action is to be taken during a medical emergency, child care providers can save lives.





NYS Education Department Update (SED)

Jason Breslin



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

NYS Department of Health Update (DOH)

Kirsten Siegenthaler



**Department
of Health**



Advocacy Update

Jenn O'Connor



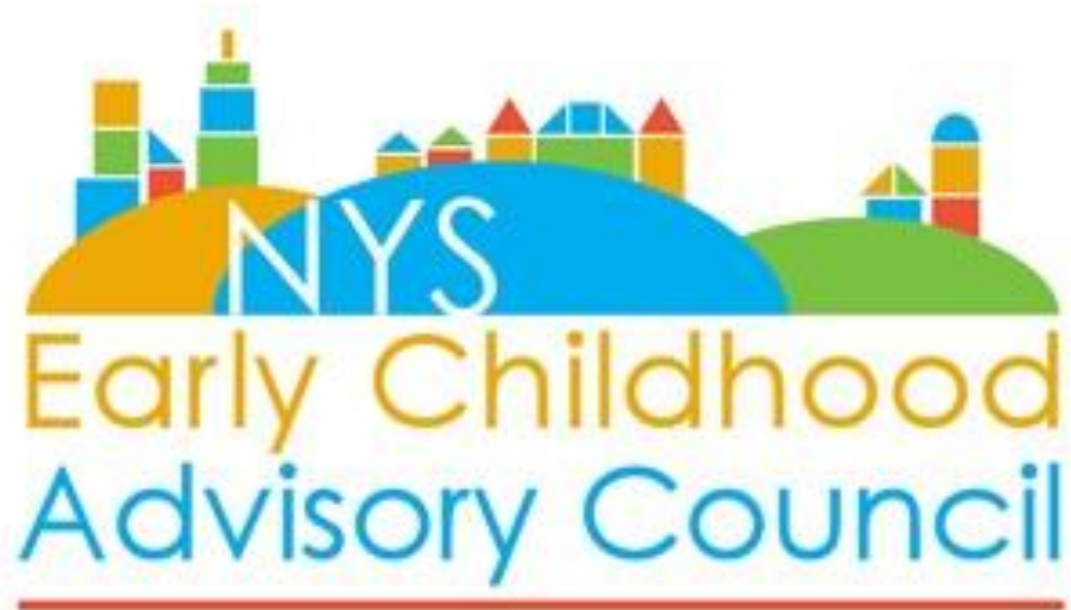
Build Back Better (BBB): Hunt Institute Analysis

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- The Build Back Better Act's Child Care and Universal Prekindergarten Provisions



Break

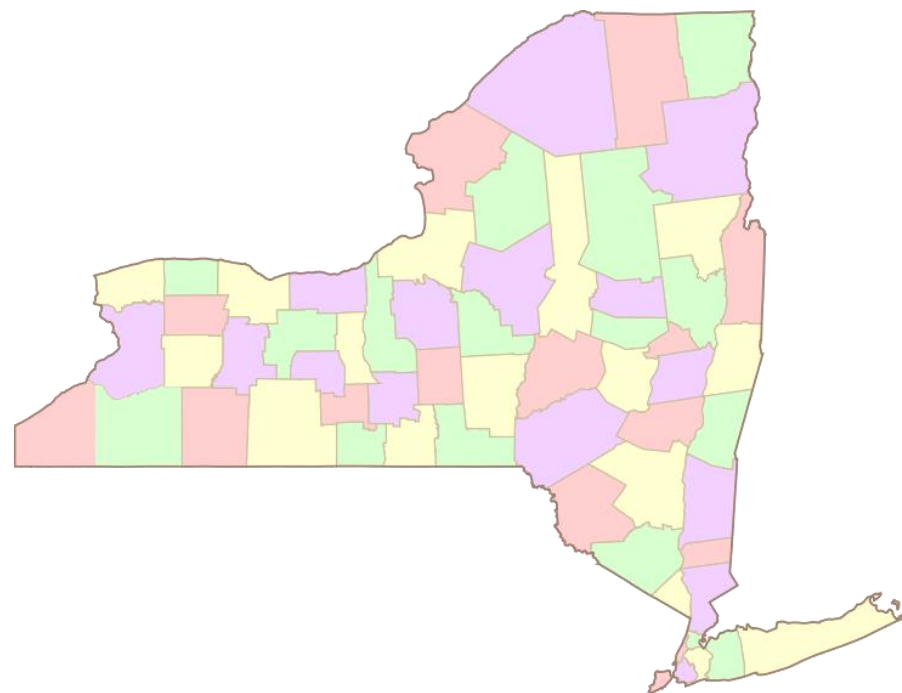
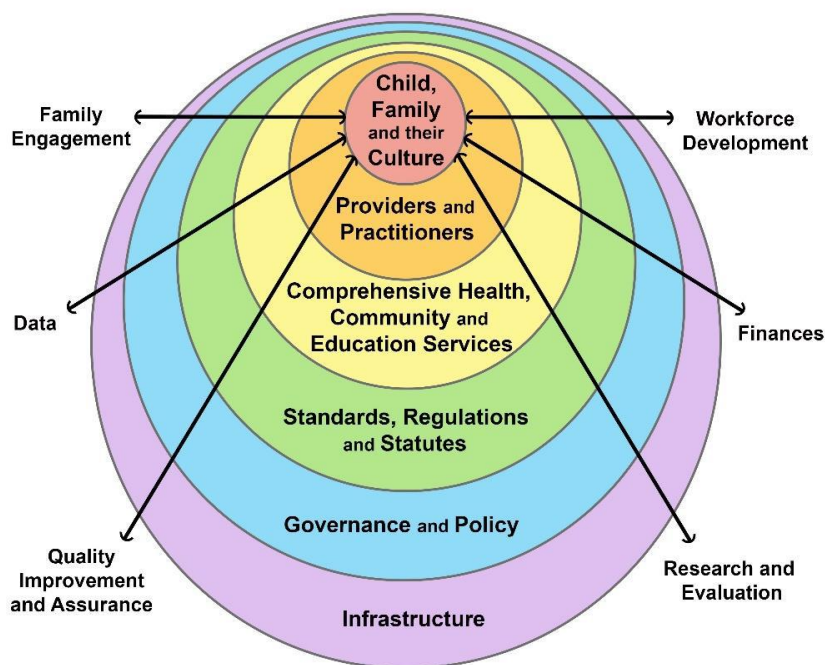


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Strategic Plan Discussion

Aligning and preparing for Build Back Better: Birth Through Five, Workforce, etc.

New York ECAC Early Childhood Systems Approach



QUALITYstarsNY Part One

Administrative Team;

Leslie Capello, Senior Director
Malika Henriques, Director of Systems & Administration

Yessenia Rosario-Adon, Director Quality Improvement

Cindy Myers, Data Systems & Rating Manager

Christina Kelly, Communications & Outreach Manager

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QUALITYstarsNYSM

- New York State's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for early learning programs
- Designed to enhance the quality of early childhood for New York's children and families
- A continuous quality improvement process with support and resources for early childhood professionals and the sites they work in





New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute

The New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute is the coordinating agency for QUALITYstarsNY and manages its day-to-day operations.

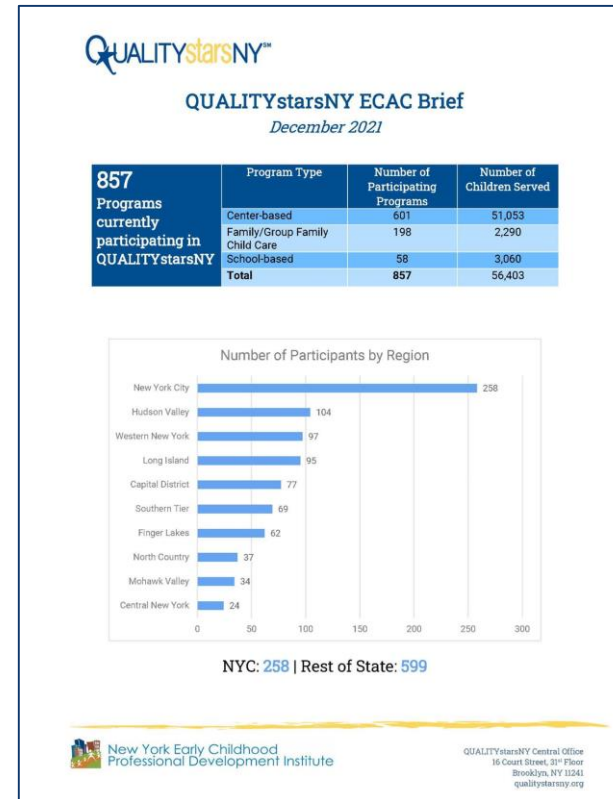
The Institute is a public-private partnership that brings together a range of public agencies, a consortium of private funders, and the nation's largest urban university, the City University of New York (CUNY), to drive the excellence of service designed for young children through research, policy, and practice.

Agenda

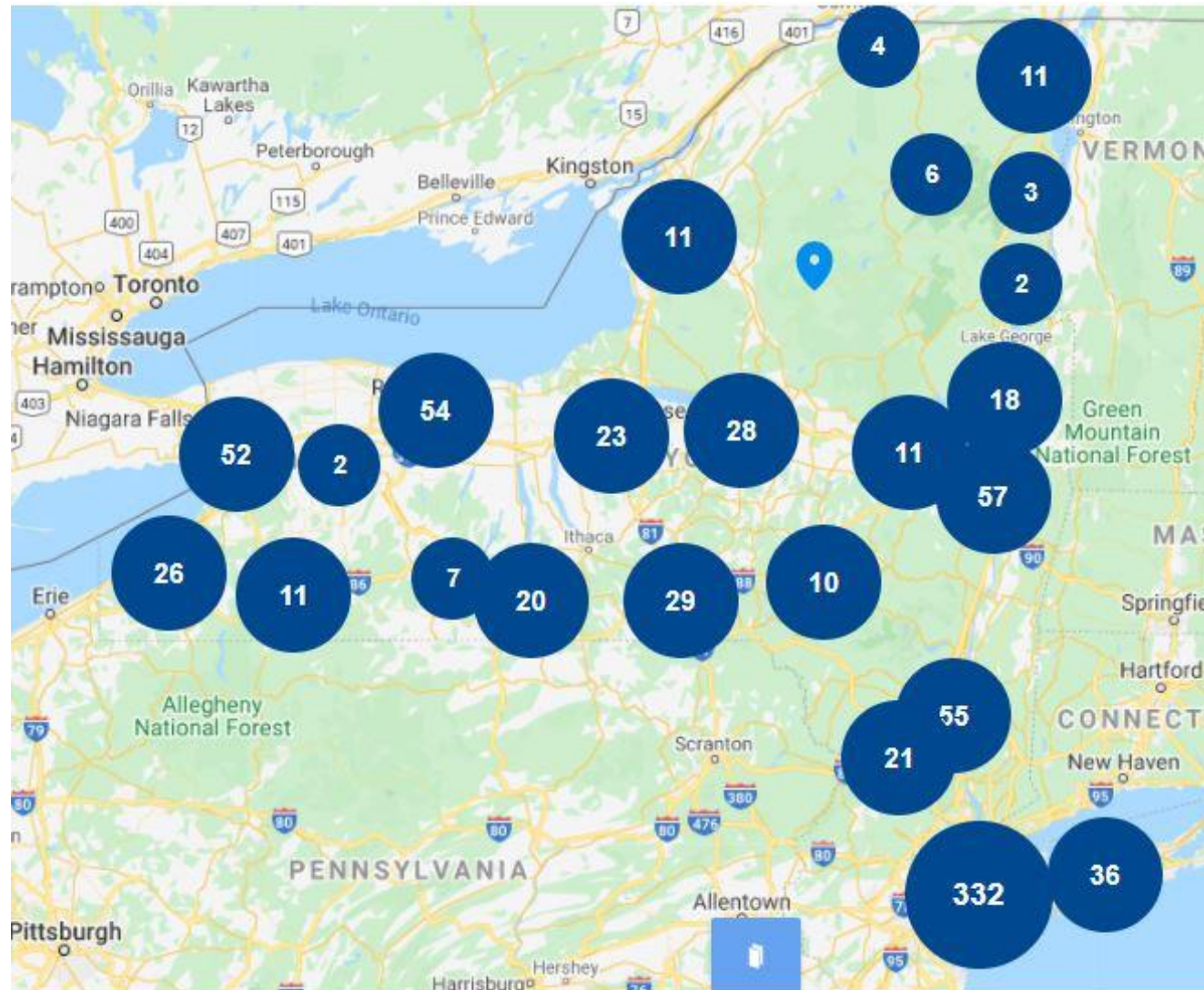
- December 2021 Brief
- Quality Improvement Team
- Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)
 - Participant Spotlights
- Next Steps

QUALITYstarsNY December 2021 Brief

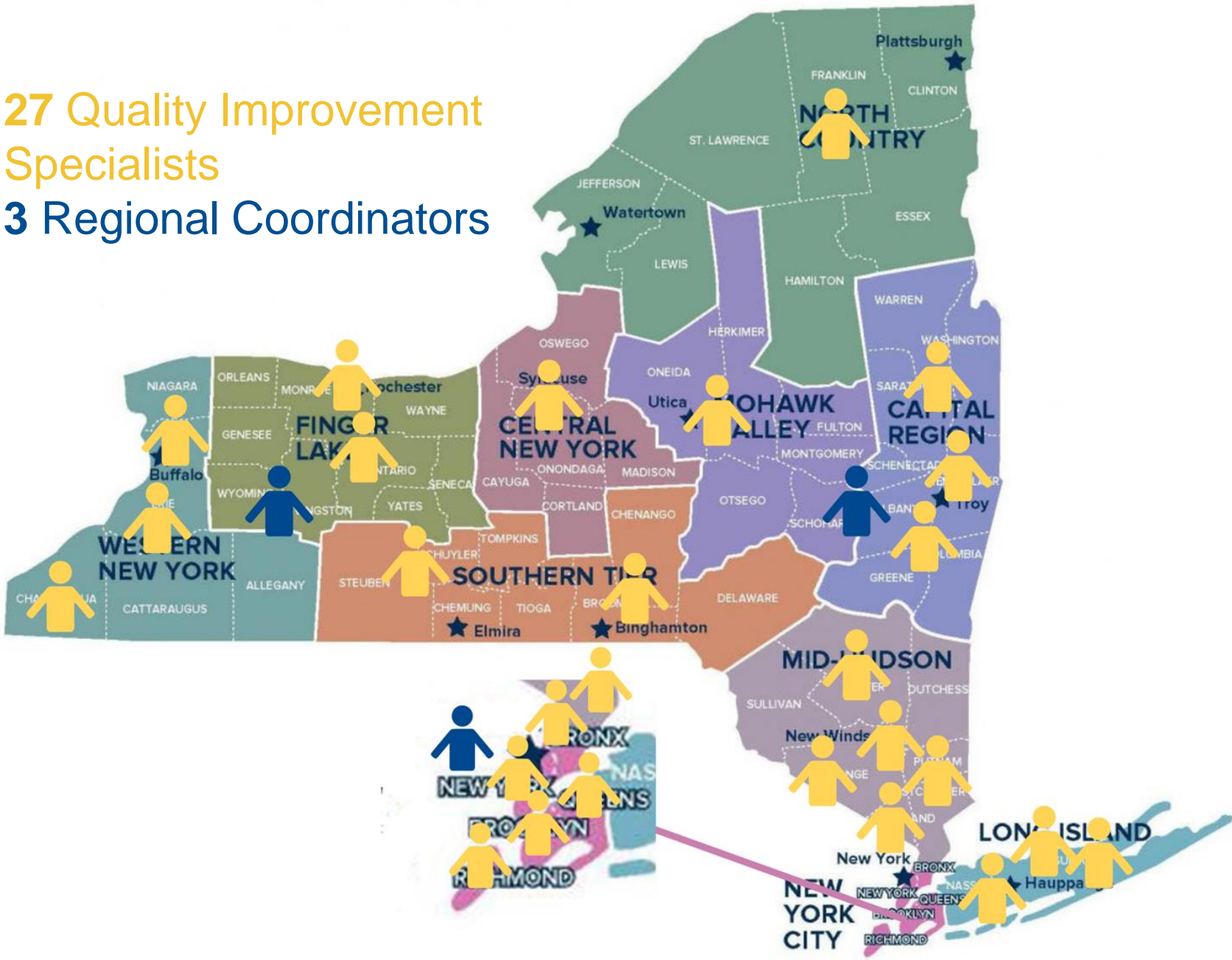
- Participation and ratings data as of November 2021
- Participant Spotlights



Participating Programs



27 Quality Improvement Specialists
3 Regional Coordinators



Program Spotlights

Center Based & Family Child Care

Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)

Participant Spotlight - Center Based

- Western NY
- Special Education program serving preschool age children

QIP - Rating & Goals

Start with Stars

- Newly opened program/classroom
 - Set up learning environment
 - The Aspire Registry - Organization Profile
 - Policies & Procedures

QUALITYstarsNY

- 3-Star Rating
 - Staff qualifications & experience data entry
 - Research-based curriculum purchased
 - Self-assessment ECERS
 - In progress - Curriculum Implementation

QIP - Outcomes

- Participation in Start with Stars provided intensive support leading to 3-Star rating
- Jane's other (2) sites advanced from 1-Star to 3-Stars
- Value high quality professional development
- Strengthen teacher onboarding process

Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)

Participant Spotlight - Family Child Care

- Long Island
- Mixed age group

QIP - Rating & Goals

Areas of focus:

- Learning environment
- New policies & practices aligned with the Standards
- Professional & career development
- Outdoor learning space
- NAFCC Accreditation

QIP - Outcomes

- First Rating - 2-Stars
- Second Rating - 3-Stars
- Third Rating - 4-Stars
- Stronger policies & practices
- Earned CDA Credential
- NAFCC Accreditation

Next Steps

January 2022 ECAC Meeting –
QUALITYstarsNY Expansion Updates

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Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Thank you!

