

Welcome to the ECAC Membership Meeting

6/23/22





New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council Membership Meeting

June 23 2022 – 10:30 am to 3:30 pm

Location: Empire State Plaza, Meeting Rooms 3 & 4, 279 Madison Ave, Albany NY

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 Announcements and Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Juneteenth, ECAC Manual, ECAC Data Dashboard & 988 Hotline Welcome New Nominees 	Sherry Cleary Patty Persell Alice Blecker	10:30 am – 11:00 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	11:00 am – 11:45 am
Advocacy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Update 	Jenn O’Connor	11:45 am – 12:00 pm
NYS Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Executive Budget 	Emily Badalamente	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm
Lunch on your own			12:30 pm – 1:15 pm
Strategic Plan Revision Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview Brief History Accomplishments of Current Plan Laying the Groundwork for the Retreat Small Group Work Reporting Out 	ECAC Membership	1:15 pm – 3:15 pm
Next Steps and Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next steps Adjourn 	Patty Persell	3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Welcome and Introductions



Juneteenth



ECAC Member Manual

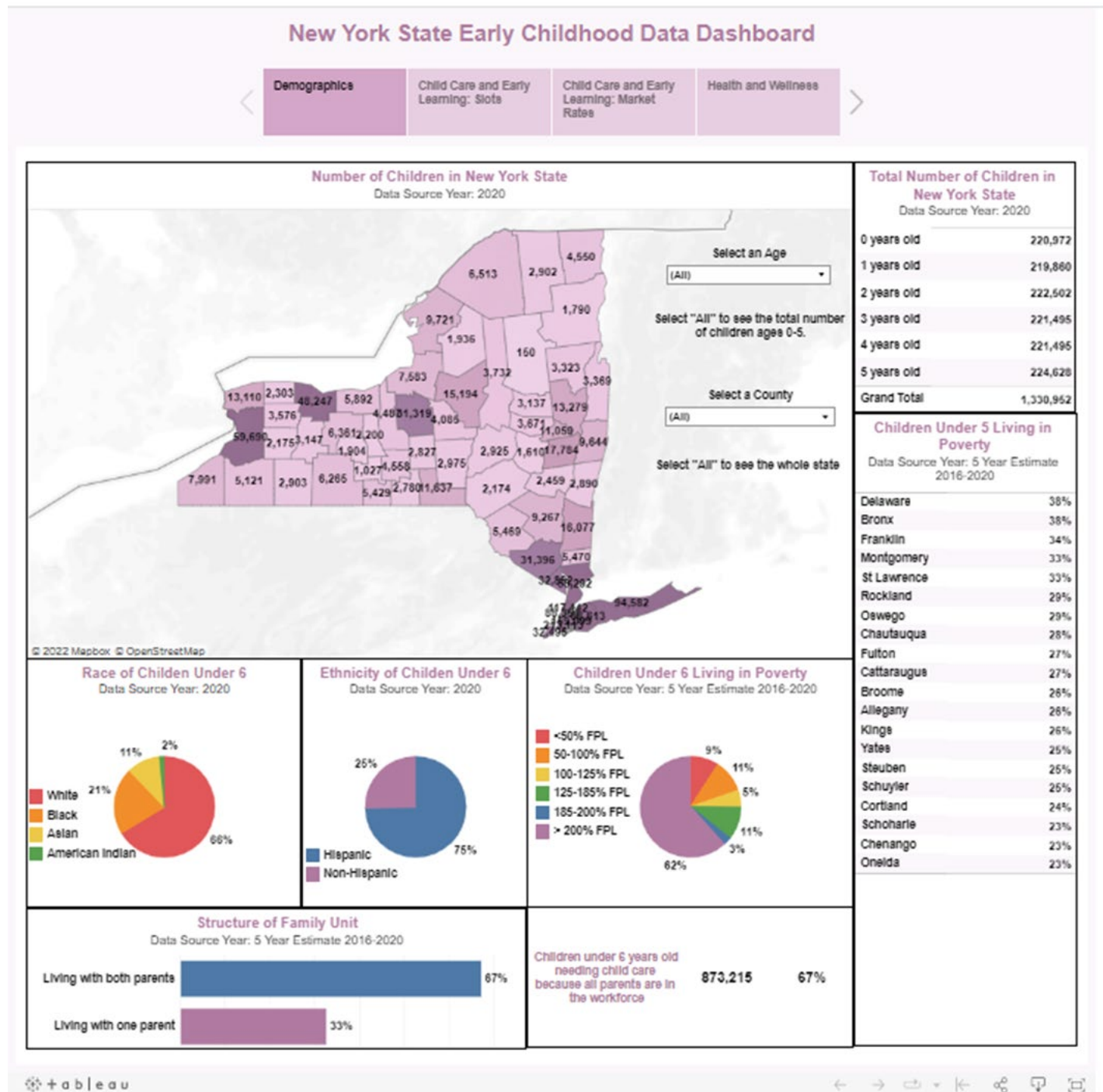


ECAC Data Dashboard

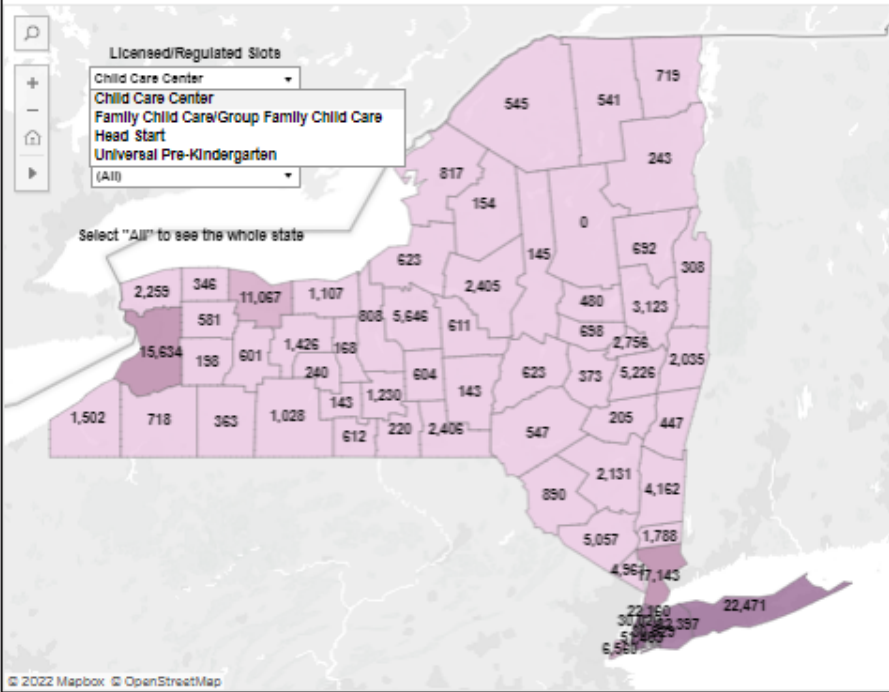
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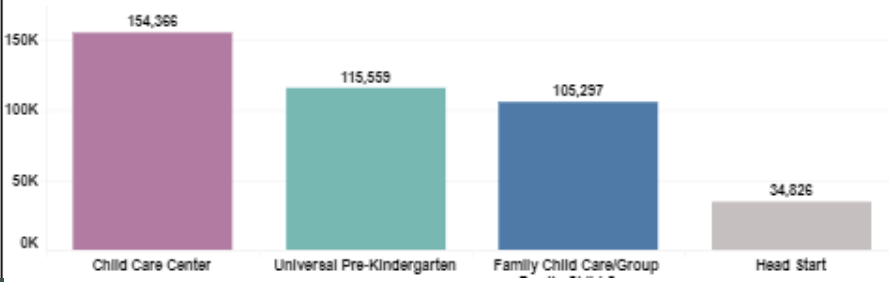
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Licensed/Regulated Child Care Slots
 Data Source Years: Child Care Center 2022, Family/Group Family Child Care 2022, Head Start 2021, Universal Pre-Kindergarten 2020-2021



Number of Licensed/Regulated Child Care Slots Statewide
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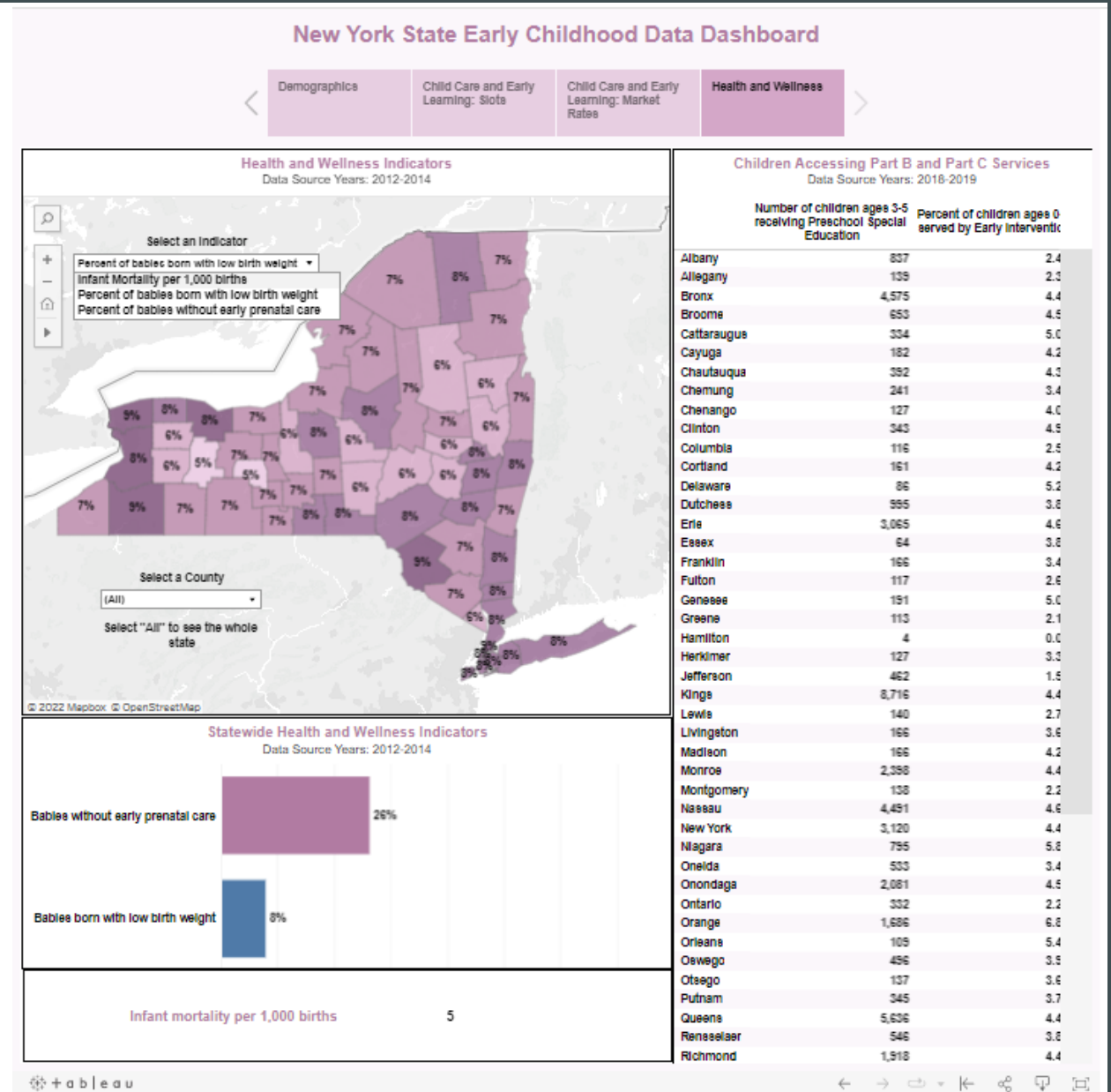
Number of Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies
 Data Source Year: 2017

Kings	35,111
Bronx	27,350
Queens	9,811
New York	6,300
Monroe	6,700
Nassau	5,100
Erle	4,500
Suffolk	3,200
Onondaga	3,111
Westchester	3,000
Richmond	2,311
Albany	1,500
Oneida	1,400
Chautauqua	1,000
Orange	900
Rockland	911
Broome	911
Schenectady	811
Dutchess	711
Chemung	611
Rensselaer	611
Ulster	511
Oswego	411
Steuben	411
Saratoga	411
St Lawrence	311
Cattaraugus	311
Cayuga	311
Jefferson	311
Tioga	311
Ontario	311
Livingston	211
Warren	211
Tompkins	211
Sullivan	211
Franklin	211
Genesee	111
Delaware	111
Herkimer	111
Wayne	111
Clinton	111
Orleans	111
Cortland	111
Montgomery	111

Dashboard Tabs

- Tab 1- Demographics
- Tab 2 – Child Care & Early Learning Seats
- Tab 3 – Child Care & Early Learning Market Rates
- Tab 4 –Health & Wellness
- Tab 5 – Workforce Data (Aspire) – TBD

- Next Step: Hold a special meeting of ECAC members prior to the retreat to review in greater detail the data currently included and to discuss additional data that should be included in the data dashboard.


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ECAC Strategic Planning Retreat Registration 8/16-8/17

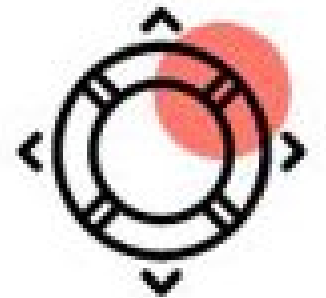
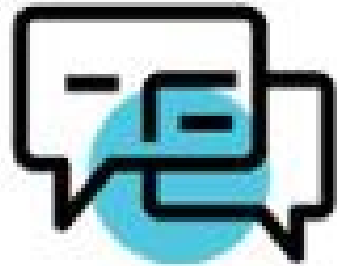


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988 Hotline

Talk with us.

Be the lifeline.



Congratulations to our New Nominees



Lauren Moore: NYS Education Department,
Office of Cultural Education, NYS Library



Raymond Pierce: NYS Department
of Health, Early Intervention Program

New York State Updates



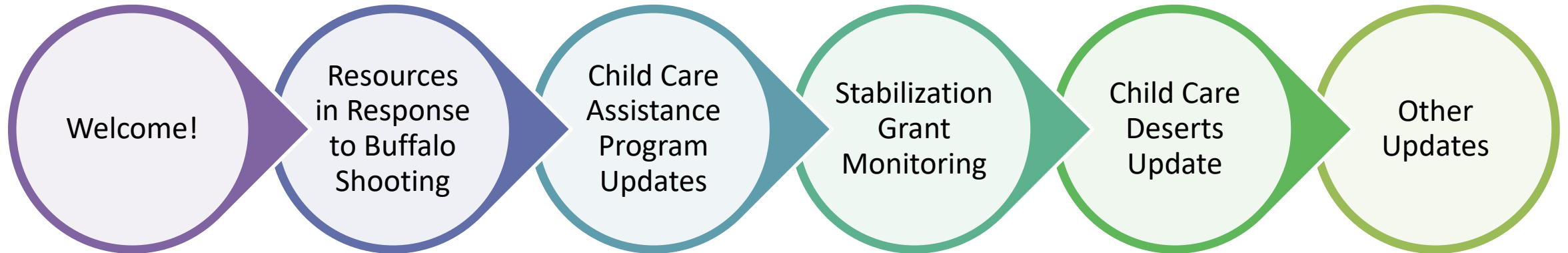


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Early Childhood Advisory Council

June 23, 2022

Agenda



Resources in Response to Buffalo Shooting

Resources for Individuals and Families

- NY Project Hope Emotional Support Helpline can help you address the psychological stress caused by this tragedy - 1-844-863-9314
- "Helping Children Youth and Families Cope after Mass Violence" OMH Webinar on 6/9/22

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gUMXjmNvLU>.

•A copy of the presentation is also available at: https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/disaster_resources/children-youth-families-webinar.pdf.

- Additional resources for New Yorkers impacted by the Buffalo shooting are available at: https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/disaster_resources/emergency-mental-health-resources.html.
- Mental Health Effects of Racism - https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/cultural_competence/the_mental_health_effects_of_racism.pdf

Resources for talking to children:

- Five Tips for Talking with Children About Hate Incidents (Anti-Defamation League) <https://www.adl.org/media/9637/download>
- Talking to Children about Hate Crimes and Anti-Semitism (National Child Traumatic Stress Network): https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources/fact-sheet/talking_to_kids_about_hate_crimes_anti-semitism_final.pdf



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Updates

CCAP Allocations

Record Amount of Funding

- \$894.6 million regular subsidy funding
- \$548.8 million rollover funding
- \$609 million federal pandemic funding



CCAP Regulations

- **Regulations**
 - Emergency Regulations Effective 6/1/22
 - Increase Market Rate to the 80th percentile
 - Remove 17½ hour work requirements for post-secondary education
 - Published Notice of Proposed Rule Making 5/4/22
 - Public comment period - comments due 7/5/22
 - Increase eligibility to 300% State Income Standard
 - Would increase Title XX thresholds above 300%, up to 375% depending on family size, at district option



CCAP Initiatives

- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Outreach and Awareness Campaign to raise availability of child care assistance for families up to 300% FPL starting 8/1/2022
- Districts and OCFS websites updated with focus on how to access child care assistance
- Promotion at DMV, Thruway rest areas, etc. for statewide coverage
- Stakeholder outreach
- Technological solutions



CCAP Relevant Policies

- **22-OCFS-INF-01** - Child Care Subsidy for Cases with a Child Protective Services Component
- **22-OCFS-LCM-08** - New York state Child Care Block Grant Assistance Program Allocations SFY 2022-2023
- **22-OCFS-INF-04** - Notification of Changes to the Child Care Assistance Program as a Result of the State Fiscal Year 2023 Enacted Budget
- **22-OCFS-INF-05** - 2022-23 Child Care Assistance Program Eligibility Levels
- **22-OCFS-LCM-14** - Child Care Assistance Program Market Rates 2022

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/policies/external/>



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Stabilization Grant Monitoring

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OCFS is approaching Stabilization Grant Monitoring by:

- CCR&R outreach calls to every recipient, to be completed by end of June
- Grant Expense Report: to be completed in the grant portal by all recipients
- Additional monitoring and audits expected in 2022



Invest in NY: Child Care Desert Grant

Invest in NY: Child Care Deserts

NYS identified \$100 million to build and expand licensed child care capacity to those areas with the least supply



New York Child Care Desert, RFA #1

- Released on January 28, 2022
- \$70M available for new programs
- Over 1,700 applications received before the deadline of May 19!
- Awards to be announced very soon!



New York Child Care Desert, RFA #2

- Released on May 13, 2022
- For existing licensed/registered/permitted Article 47 programs
- \$30M available



RFA #2 Timeline

May 13: Issuance of Request for Applications

July 18: Application portal opens

August 18: Application portal closes

September: Anticipated notification of pre-approval



RFA #2: Component A

- Expand child care in existing Day Care Centers, including Day Care Centers permitted by NYC DOHMH, and in School Age Child Care programs
- Awards are per slot, up to 25 slots, with the potential for bonuses for those new slots if they are infant/toddler or designated by a special needs child
- Programs are not eligible for any bonuses for nontraditional hours
- Infant/toddler slots or slots for children with special needs must have children enrolled by six months after the date of their pre-approval letter to continue to receive bonus payments
- SACC programs will not receive bonus funds for infant/toddler care as they are not eligible to serve that population



RFA # 2: Component B

- Expand existing Small Day Care Centers, Family Day Care providers and Group Family Day Care providers with enrollment currently under their licensed capacity
- Awards are per program (only 1 award possible per program, with no bonuses) and programs qualify based on one (1) or more of the following criteria:
 - 1) expanding the program to provide non-traditional hours care,
 - 2) enrolling at least 1 special needs child by six months after the date of their preapproval letter, or
 - 3) enrolling at least 1 infant/toddler child by six months after the date of their preapproval letter to continue to receive payments
- Program that is already designated as providing nontraditional hours care, can only apply under #2 and or #3 above (serving infant/toddlers or children with special needs) assuming underenrolled and without displacing existing children.



Child Care Desert Outreach



Become a child care provider. Get funding.

See if you qualify



Conviértase en
un proveedor de
cuidado infantil.

Obtenga ayuda
con los costos
iniciales.

¡Vea si califica!



Materials are available on the Child Care Deserts
Webpage:

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/deserts/>



Questions?

Deadline for Submission of Written Questions:
Every Friday by 5:00 PM ET from issuance Date.

Responses to written questions published (on or about):
On a rolling basis through June 16, 2022, **via an online
FAQ document**

Other Updates

Infant Formula Resources

- Governor's Announcement and Resources:
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-resources-new-york-families-amid-infant-formula-shortages>
- WIC Participants should contact their local agency for resources and support



COVID-19 Guidance Update

On May 31, 2022 OCFS distributed updated COVID-19 guidance for child care programs. Revisions have been made to the length of quarantine/isolation timeframes, as well as face covering requirements. **New or changed information is underlined in the document.**

OCFS has become aware of some confusion surrounding one bullet of information that is included in the revised COVID-19 guidance.

The bullet in question reads:

- Pursuant to DOH guidance, those under 2 and those who cannot wear a well-fitted mask must continue to isolate as otherwise required outside of the child care setting for days 6-10.

What does this bullet mean? This sentence is requiring that on days 6-10 when the child is not in their child care program they must follow DOH's other isolation/quarantine recommendations.

As of June 18, 2022 CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone 6 months and older and boosters for everyone 5 years and older, if eligible.



Mandated Reporter Training and Magnets



 **Office of Children and Family Services**

I am a mandated reporter.

New York State law requires me to call the Statewide Central Register for Child Abuse and Maltreatment at:

1-800-635-1522

anytime I have reasonable cause to suspect a child is being harmed.

Protecting children is my first priority.



I cannot, and will not, remain silent.

On April 20, 2022 OCFS distributed a Dear Provider letter about the new requirement that all mandated reporters must re-take Mandated Reporter training. The revisions to the training are delayed and are now expected to be completed by early Fall. This information is posted at the training link: <http://nysmandatedreporter.org/trainingcourses.aspx>.

Recently, OCFS has become aware of several instances when child care providers documented injuries they observed on a child enrolled in their program that gave the program reasonable cause to suspect the child was being maltreated. In each instance, the child care provider failed to call the SCR. OCFS created mandated reporter magnets (pictured here), which are being distributed to all licensed/registered programs now. These magnets are intended to serve as a visual reminder to providers and parents of our mandated reporting responsibility.



THANK
YOU 😊

NYS Education Department (SED)

Jason Breslin



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Knowledge › Skill › Opportunity

NYS Department of Health (DOH)

Kirsten Siegenthaler



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NYS Executive Budget Review

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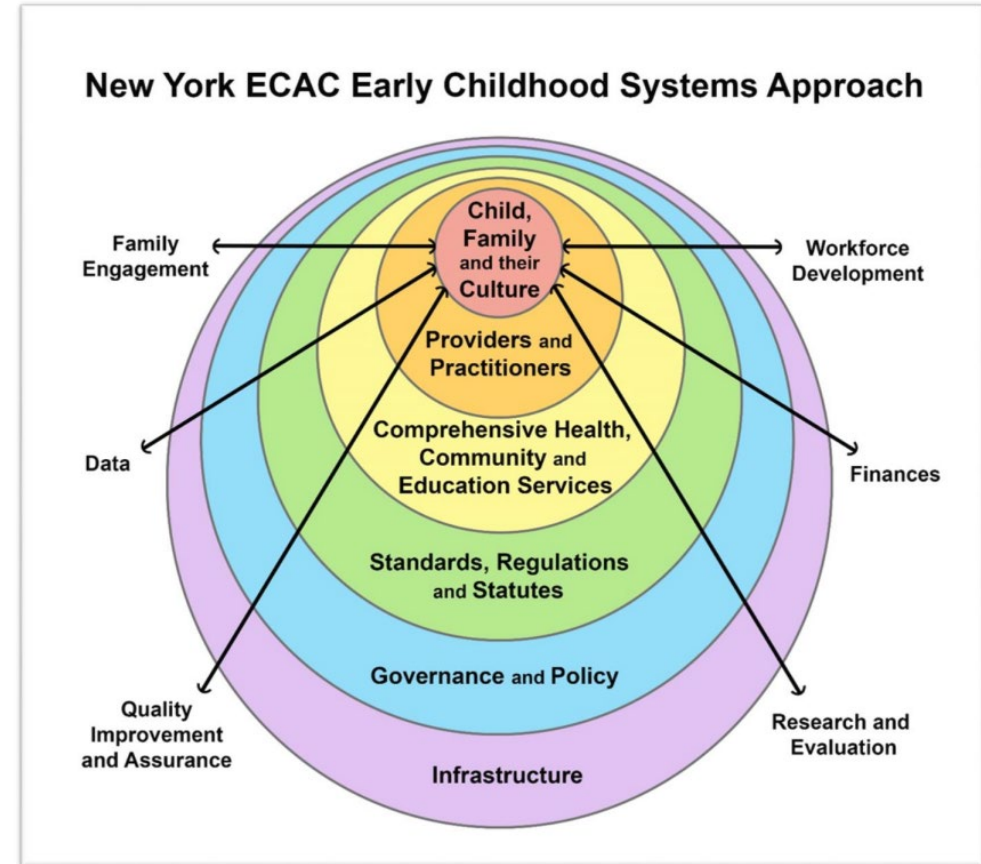
Lunch Break



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Summer Revision of the Strategic Plan

- Overview
- Brief History
- Accomplishments of the Current Strategic Plan
- Laying the Groundwork for the Retreat (8/16-8/17)
- Small Group Work
- Reporting Out



Small Group Questions

A: Goal Content

- What about the current Strategic plan worked?
- What was missing from the current strategic plan?
- What are opportunities for future work?

B: Structure of Strategic Plan: Getting the Work Done

- How the future plan will be implemented
 - Roles
 - Responsibilities
 - Function
 - Logistics

Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Thank you!



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