

Welcome to the ECAC Membership Meeting

9/22/22



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New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council Membership Meeting
September 22nd – 10:30 am to 3:30 pm
Location: Empire State Plaza

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"> NYS State Agencies Family Engagement Survey Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Planning Grant Posted ECAC Recommendations to the Governor 	Patty Persell Yvette James	10:30 am– 10:50am
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) NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) 	Nora Yates Jason Breslin Kirsten Siegenthaler Bonnie Catlin	10:50 am- 11:30 am
Advocacy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Update 	Jenn O'Connor	11:30 am -12:00 pm
Lunch on Your Own			12:00 pm-12:45 pm
Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Strategic Plan Development Process Round 1: Table Activity: Organized by Goal- each table has a facilitator and notetaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify 3-5 top priorities for each goal 	All	12:45 pm-2:00 pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round 2: Table Activity: Organized by Goal- each table has a facilitator and notetaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify 3-5 top priorities for each goal 	All	2:00 pm-3:00 pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report out by each table facilitator 	Table Facilitators	3:00 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

Next ECAC Membership Meeting is December 15, 2022 from 10:30am - 3:30pm at the Empire State Plaza

Welcome and Introductions



Announcement



Vanessa Threatte

Executive Director

NYS Council on Children and Families

Announcement



Nora Yates

Deputy Commissioner

Division of Child Care

Office of Children and Family Services

Announcement



Dona Anderson

Executive Director

CUNY- Professional Development Institute

Co-Chair

NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council



State Agency Family Engagement Survey

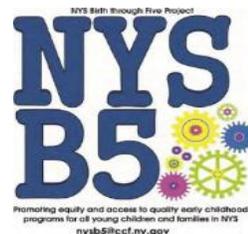
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ECAC Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



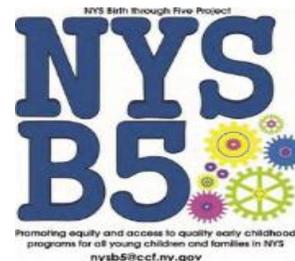
Family Engagement Survey for New York State Agencies

- Seeking level of family engagement in state agencies that provide services for families.
- State agencies interested in family engagement information.
- Created by a team consisting of parents, nonprofits and state agencies.
- Lead of project – PAC member Jacquelyn Christensen – parent.



Requests to ECAC meeting attendees:

- **Please take the survey.** This information gives us insights on family engagement usage and state agency interest in the subject.
- **Please forward this survey to other state agencies and/or contacts you have.**



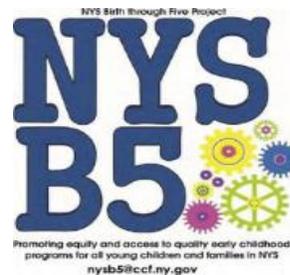
Survey information

short survey – 10 questions
5 minutes to complete

Survey link:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6M3KLVM>

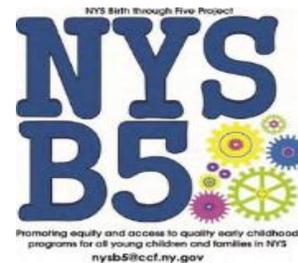
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Questions about survey:

- Yvette James – Family Engagement Specialist
- Yvette.james@ccf.ny.gov
- 518 473-8081

Thank you for your time!!



New- Preschool Development Birth Through Five Planning Grant

Patty Persell



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and Families**

Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five Planning Grant

- Grant administration: **Jointly by HHS/ACF and ED**
- Total funding available: **\$36 million**
- Number of awards: **10**
- Award ceiling: **\$4 million**
- Award floor: **\$500,000**
- Project Start Date: **12/30/2022**
- Project Period: **12 months**

Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five Planning Grant

States that have not previously received a PDG B-5 Award (Priority Preference*)	States that are currently completing 3 rd year of Renewal Grant funding		
<p>South Dakota Tennessee West Virginia American Samoa</p>	<p>Alabama California Colorado Connecticut Florida Georgia Illinois Kansas</p>	<p>Louisiana Maryland, Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska New Hampshire New Jersey</p>	<p>New York North Carolina Oregon Rhode Island South Carolina Virginia Washington</p>

***Priority Preference:** Those states that have never received PDG B-5 award and obtain a score of 70 or above will have preference over states that have received a PDG B-5 grant award in the past.

Planning Grant Purpose

Strengthen state early childhood system and prepare children for kindergarten

Invest in ECCE workforce

Identify opportunities to expand access to high-quality ECCE

Support a comprehensive mixed delivery system

ECAC Governor Recommendations

Patty Persell



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New York State Agency Updates

NYS Office of Children & Family Services

Nora Yates



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Division of Child Care Services ECAC Membership Meeting

September 22, 2022



Thank you for your partnership!



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

Did you know?

- ✓ OCFS hosts monthly Stakeholder Calls via WebEx to provide real-time updates on current initiatives and issues
- ✓ Next Stakeholder Call is next Wednesday Sept 28
 - ✓ Speakers will include national partners and OCFS updating on the Tribal Impact project which focuses on collaborating with Tribal Nations
- ✓ Questions can be submitted in advance to OCFS to be answered on the call

Moving Forward: New York State's Investment in Child Care

- Supporting child care providers
 - Child Care Stabilization Grants 1.0
 - Child Care Stabilization Grant 2.0 for Workforce Supports
 - Upcoming: Direct deposit of CCAP payments
- Increasing Supply
 - Invest in New York - Child Care Deserts RFA 1 Grant for New Providers
 - Invest in New York - Child Care Deserts Grant for Existing Providers
- Expanding Child Care Assistance for Families



Supporting the Early Care and Education Workforce

Stabilization Grant 1.0- Largest Investment in Early Childhood Workforce in NYS

Personnel costs	\$230,753,601
Rent, Mortgage, Utilities	\$156,468,349
Facility Maintenance, Insurance	\$40,380,225
Equipment and Supplies	\$31,154,188
Goods and Services	\$29,089,782
Past expenses dated 1/31/2020 until grant award	\$23,882,891
PPE, Cleaning, Other Health and Safety	\$16,287,940
Tuition Relief for Families	\$8,180,527
Health and Safety Trainings	\$3,110,550
Mental Health Services	\$2,337,245



Stabilization Grant 2.0 for Workforce Supports



Dashboard

NYS OCFS Child Care Stabilization 2.0 for Workforce Supports Dashboard

Refresh

Edit



As of Sep 21, 2022, 8:45 PM-Viewing as Sarah Novicki

Funding Approved



\$185M

[View Report \(S2.0 WSE Apps - Appr By Modality\)](#)

Approved by Modality



Record Count



Account Modality

DCC

FDC

GDC

GFDC

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SACC

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Stabilization Grant 2.0 for Workforce Supports

- As of August 30, SACC and new programs licensed until 1/1/22 were eligible to apply
- Over 576 programs have applied in addition to the 8,961 existing providers
- A total of \$197M in Workforce Stabilization has been awarded to date
- 75% of the grant is dedicated to workforce expenses = \$147M
- Between Stabilization 1.0 and 2.0 (to date) = \$378M in workforce supports



Stabilization Grant 2.0 for Workforce Supports

As of 9/21/22

Categories of Workforce Expenses	Sum of Expenses
Bonuses or increases in wages	\$ 133,339,386
Supplemental educational advancement or tuition reimbursement	\$ 10,840,966
Contributions to staff retirement plans that supplement any employer contribution	\$ 9,135,217
Contributions towards health insurance costs that reduce such costs for staff	\$ 7,210,201
Mental health supports and services for staff	\$ 4,850,509



Building the Supply of Child Care

Child Care Desert, RFA #1

- Awards announced July 24 to 344 programs!
- Over 62 providers have become licensed since being awarded!
- Another 62 programs are in the final stages of being awarded
- 116 pending licensure

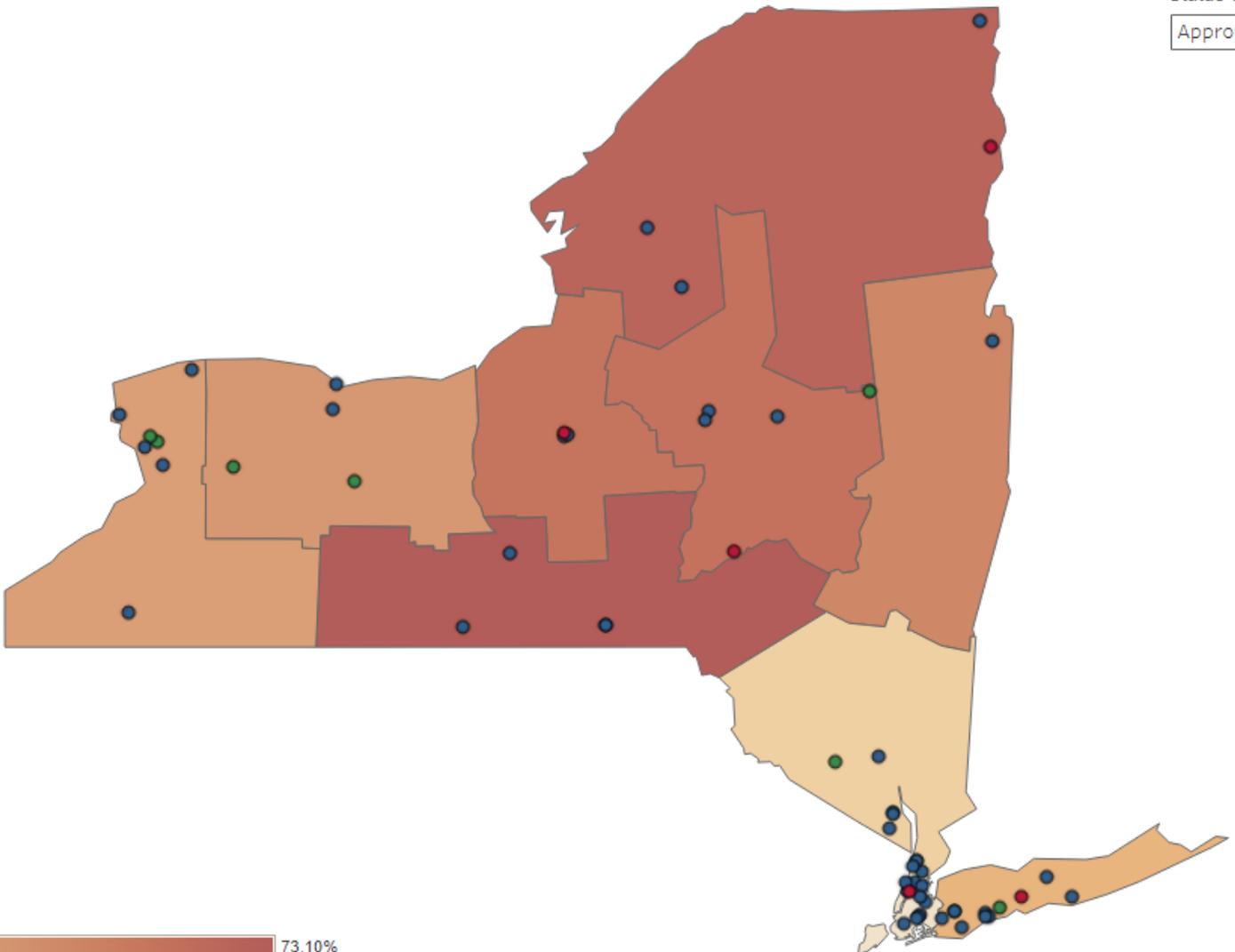
Child Care Deserts Awardees



- Day Care Center
- Home-Based
- School-Aged

Status Set

Approved



Percent of deserts census tracts



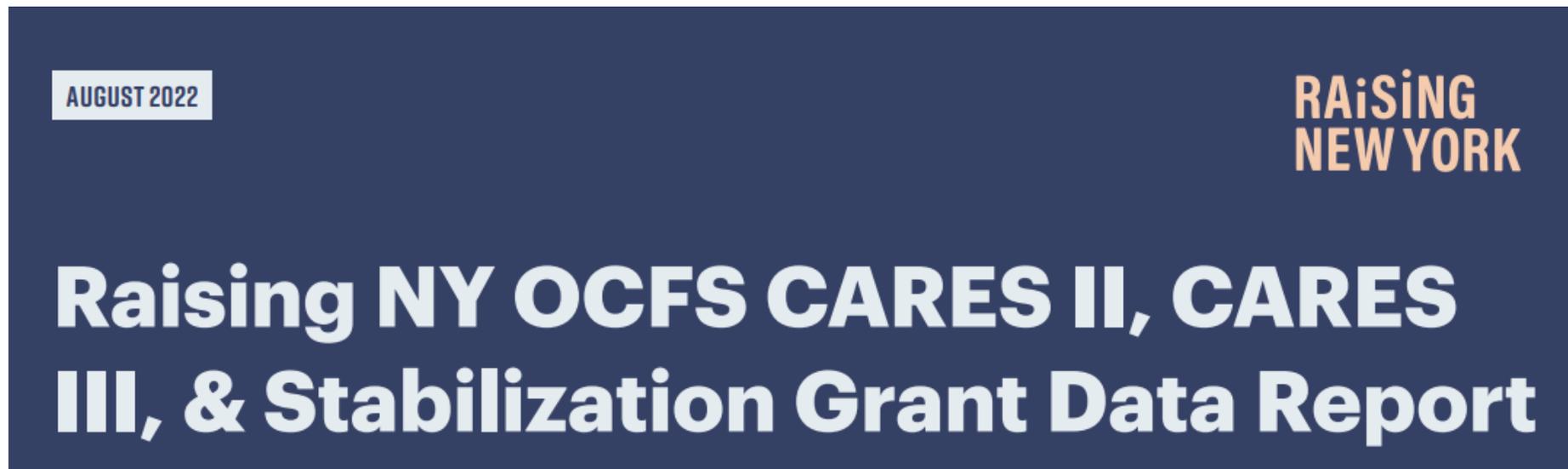
Child Care Desert, RFA #2

- Released on May 13, 2022
- For existing licensed/registered/permitted Article 47 programs
- \$30M available
- Over 3,300 applications!



Resources:

- [Raising NY/Education Trust Report on Federal and State Grants for Child Care](#)



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Updates



Child Care Assistance Program Allocations

Record Amount of Funding

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



Income Eligibility

Effective August 1, 2022 (22-OCFS-ADM-18)

CCAP eligibility levels increased from 200% to 300% of the state income standard

- Nearly 400,000 children are newly eligible for assistance

Title XX thresholds can be set above 300%

- Up to 375% depending on family size, at district option



Increased Eligibility Threshold - 300% SIS

Family Size	200% State Income Standard (until 7/31/22)	300% State Income Standard (starting 8/1/22)
1	\$27,180	\$40,770
2	\$36,620	\$54,930
3	\$46,060	\$69,090
4	\$55,500	\$83,250
5	\$64,940	\$97,410
6	\$74,380	\$111,570
7	\$83,820	\$125,730
8	\$93,260	\$139,890
9	\$102,700	\$154,050
10	\$112,140	\$168,210
11	\$121,580	\$182,370
12	\$131,020	\$196,530

For additional details see: 22-OCFS-INF-05 - 2022-23 Child Care Assistance Program Eligibility Levels



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CCAP Initiatives

- County Spending Dashboard- Updated Monthly

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/assets/docs/Child-Care-Assistance-Block-Grant-Spending.pdf>

- County Plan Summary

https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/plans/_assets/Child-and-Family-Services-Plan-CCAP-Summary.xlsx

- Market Rate Survey and Narrow Cost Analysis

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/reports/2022-Child-Care-Market-Rate-Survey.pdf>



Marketing Campaign

Outreach and Awareness Campaign to Raise Availability of Child Care Assistance

On August 30th, Governor Hochul announced a new statewide multi-media campaign to address the issue.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-launches-statewide-campaign-highlight-funding-child-care-providers-and>



Statewide Multi-Media Campaign

ISSUE: Only 12% of those eligible are receiving CCAP services.

- Campaign will include:
 - Social media
 - Radio
 - Highway billboards
 - Bus posters

OCFS invites you to join us in getting the word out about CCAP!



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CCAP Recent Policies/Communications

Administrative Directive

- 22-OCFS-ADM-13 - Market Rate Revisions, Removal of Work Requirement in Limited Situations, and Other Changes to Child Care Assistance Program Regulations 2022

Informational Letters

- 22-OCFS-INF-01 - Child Care Subsidy for Cases with a Child Protective Services Component
- 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-INF-06 - Direct Deposit for Child Care Providers Receiving Payment for Child Care Assistance
- 22-OCFS-INF-08 - 2022 Income Standards for the Child and Family Services Plan

Local Commissioner Memorandums

- 22-OCFS-LCM-08 - New York State Child Care Block Grant Assistance Program Allocations SFY 2022-2023
- 22-OCFS-LCM-14 - Child Care Assistance Program Market Rates 2022

Dear Provider Letter Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Updates- June 22, 2022

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/policies/external/>
<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/letters.php>



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Questions/Discussion



Thank You



NYS Education Department (SED)

Jason Breslin



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

NYS Department of Health (DOH)

Kirsten Siegenthaler



**Department
of Health**

NYS Office of Mental Health

Bonnie Catlin



Office of
Mental Health

Advocacy Update

Jenn O'Connor



Advocacy Fall 2022

- Children and Families Reinvestment Act/Wellbeing Fund
 - Dedicated funding stream for primary prevention programs
- Kids Can't Wait: 11% increase in EI rates
- Expansion of Medicaid coverage postpartum for two years
- Continuous Medicaid coverage of children birth through age five regardless of changes in financial or other family circumstances.

More Advocacy!

- Child tax credit:
 - Include children under age 4 (who are currently excluded);
 - Provide the maximum amount to the lowest income families (currently the lowest income receive a percentage or no credit);
 - Increase the credit amount – our aim should not be to simply pull families just over the threshold of poverty, but toward economic security!
 - Maximum should be (at least) \$1,000 per child under age 4;
 - Maximum for older children should be at least \$500.
- Child care:
 - SOS recommendations re: undocumented kids and workforce.
 - All the investments of last year are great... but that assistance needs to reach families. Counties are still rolling over millions of subsidy dollars. Please remove unnecessary barriers that are preventing families from access!
 - Sign 24-month eligibility bill.
 - Sign decoupling bill.
 - Convene the Task Force – so much work to be done to strengthen and coordinate the system.

Lunch Break

Please be back at 12:45

Review of the Strategic Plan

- Environmental Scan, input from ECAC, state and community partners
- Levers throughout all focus areas:
 - Equity, Data, Fiscal, Policy, Infrastructure, Communication
- Goal Focus areas:
 - Racial Equity
 - Family & Community Resources
 - Workforce
 - Policy
 - ECAC Function & Structure
 - Early Childhood Data

Current Strategic Plan

vs.

New Draft

- Goal 1 – ECAC Structure
- Goal 2 – Family Engagement
- Goal 3 – Quality
- Goal 4 – Whole Child Health
- Goal 5- Partnerships
- Goal 6 – Workforce
- Goal 7 – NY Works for Children System
- Goal 8- Fiscal
- Goal 9 – Data
- Goal 10 – Evaluation & Research

- Goal 1: Racial Equity
- Goal 2: Family & Community Resources
- Goal 3: Workforce
- Goal 4: Policy
- Goal 5: ECAC Function & Structure
- Goal 6: Data

Table Activity

- At your table, rank the priorities in that goal in order of importance to get accomplished first.
- Use tools to help in the discussion process.
- If there is time, start to list some action steps for your top priority.
- After both rounds, there will be time to share out what was discussed



Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Thank you!



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