



ECAC Membership Meeting
June 11, 2026



**Early Childhood
Advisory Council**

Welcome



Early Childhood Advisory Council

New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

June 11, 2026 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: The Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY, Meeting Rooms 2-3

Agenda Item	Topic	Presenters	Time
Welcome & Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • NYS Council on Children and Families Update • Federal Head Start Update • Robin Hood Update- Kelly Escobar, Robin Hood Foundation • Core Body of Knowledge rollout update • NY Partnership for Dental Therapy- Dede Hill, Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy, Inc. 	Patty Persell & Dona Anderson	10:30 am – 11:00 am
Governor’s Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Budget Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avery Cohen, Assistant Secretary for Human Services & Mental Hygiene, Office of the Governor 	Avery Cohen	11:00 am – 11:15 am
Quality Impact Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Child Care, Office of Children and Family Services 	Jess Sullivan	11:15 am – 11:45 am
State Agency Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYS Education Department, Office of Early Learning • NYS Education Department, Office of Special Education • NYS Office of Children and Family Services, Division of Child Care Services • NYS Department of State, Office of New Americans • NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Early Intervention 	Erik Sweet Suzanne Bolling Nora Yates Laura Gonzalez-Murphy Ray Pierce	11:45 am - 12:45 pm
Advocacy Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Advocacy Updates 	Brigit Hurley	12:45 pm – 1:00 pm
Networking Lunch on your own 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm			
Committee Worktime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize 2026 Recommendations List 	Committee Co-Leads	2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps • Closing Remarks 	Dona Anderson & Patty Persell	3:15 pm - 3:30 pm



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ECAC Member Updates

New Nominees:

Sheila Brazie, NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities

Lana Young, Agri-Business Child Development



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Thank you for your ECAC service!



Laurie Strano



Pedro Cordero

Early Childhood Summit for Policymakers

May 18-19, 2026

- Generated by the NY State Team from the Hunt Institute.
- Funded by the NYS PDGB5 grant.
- ECAC was represented on the planning committee by Dona, Patty, and Dede (who is on the Hunt Institute's NY State Team).
- Many ECAC members were on the panels.
- Very successful shared learning and connecting.



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NY State Budget Update



**Avery Cohen,
Assistant Secretary for Human Services and Mental Hygiene,
Office of the Governor**

State Agency Updates

NYS Education Department

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

NYS Department of State, Office of New Americans

NYS Department of Health

Office of Early Learning

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2026–2027 Universal Prekindergarten



UPK BUDGET GUIDANCE



Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) for 2026-27 and Beyond



WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS NEED TO KNOW

Overview

The enacted state budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year includes notable changes for UPK throughout the state. This guide explains what the budget says about UPK funding and how it will affect UPK programs for the upcoming school year and in the future.

Major Takeaways

- An additional \$431M has been allocated for UPK programming
- All school districts can access funding for UPK
- One funding stream
- Higher per pupil rates for 4-year-olds
- Districts may expand program slots without applying for a NYSED competitive grant. This change does not change the existing 10% collaboration requirement.
- 10% Collaboration requirement remains
- Lottery and waitlist are required when students exceed the number of available seats
- Half-day programming is ineligible for UPK aid beginning in 2028-2029
- In alignment with K-12 reporting requirements, UPK child counts (unduplicated counts of actively enrolled 3- and 4-year-olds) will be collected using the October 7th BEDS day
- By 2028-2029, districts must provide UPK to all eligible four-year-old students who apply.

4-Year-Old UPK: Fiscal and Programmatic Specifics

Per Pupil Rates

- For full-day 4-year-old UPK programs, districts will receive the greater of
 - \$10,000 per pupil, or
 - The district's chosen Foundation Aid per-pupil amount.
 - To confirm these rates, please refer to the district's UPK Output Report in [SAMS](#) or the [UPK Allocational List for 2026-2027](#) on the OEL website.
- For half-day programming, 4-year-old slots will be paid a per pupil rate of ½ of FTE rate for 4-year-olds.

Allocation Amounts/Number of Students to Serve

- UPK funding is no longer limited by a pre-set maximum allocation amount or by a defined number of students.
- Districts can enroll all eligible 4-year-old students and receive State funding for each student served, provided program requirements are met.
- Funding is age-specific and is restricted to its designated group.
 - 4-year-old funding cannot be used to establish or support 3-year-old programs, and 3-year-old funding cannot be diverted to expand 4-year-old programming. Districts must use the funds exclusively for the age group for which they were allocated.



2026 -2027 UPK FUNDING OVERVIEW



Additional \$431
Million in UPK
Funding



All school districts can access
UPK funding without applying
for a NYSED competitive grant



One funding stream



Higher per pupil rates

2026 -2027 UPK FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

UPK Funding Charts for 26 -27 now available

2026-2027 UPK Funded Allocation List
Project #0409-27

UPK funding is based on the number of students served. Not all districts receive 3-year-old funding. 3-year-old funding is capped by eligible FTE and maximum allocation; 4-year-old funding is generated by actual enrollment at the per-pupil rate and is not capped. District's projected enrollments should be as accurate as possible in their proposed budget. Final payments will be based on actual enrollment.

BEDS Code	LEA Name	Base Eligible UPK Funded FTE 3 YO to Serve	Maximum UPK Allocation for 3 YO	UPK 2026-2027 Full-Day 3 YO Per Pupil Rate	UPK 2026-2027 Full-Day 4 YO Per Pupil Rate
570101040000	ADDISON CSD	28	\$ 310,040	\$ 11,073	14,914.81
410401060000	ADIRONDACK CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	10,000.00
080101040000	AFTON CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	10,649.01
142101040000	AKRON CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	10,000.00
010100010000	ALBANY CITY SD	269	\$ 2,120,209	\$ 7,882	12,030.18
450101060000	ALBION CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	14,609.92
140101060000	ALDEN CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	10,000.00
180202040000	ALEXANDER CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	11,222.77
220202040000	ALEXANDRIA CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	10,000.00
020101040000	ALFRED-ALMOND CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	11,767.11
040302060000	ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	10,815.39
460102040000	ALTMAR-PARISH-WILLIAMSTOWN CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	14,638.55
580303020000	AMAGANSETT UFSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	
140201060000	AMHERST CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	
580106030000	AMITYVILLE UFSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	
270100010000	AMSTERDAM CITY SD	62	\$ 515,473		
120102040000	ANDES CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	
020601040000	ANDOVER CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	
660405030000	ARDSLEY UFSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	
640101040000	ARGYLE CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	
571901040000	ARKPORT CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	
131601060000	ARLINGTON CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	
670201060000	ATTICA CSD	0	\$ -	\$ -	
050100010000	AUBURN CITY SD	124	\$ 820,384		



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UPK Collaboration Report

2025



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Legal Mandate



10% Set Aside from Annual Budget



Competitive RFP Requirement



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

New York State Education Department Prekindergarten–3rd Grade Literacy Instructional Best Practices



2025 NYS P–3 Literacy Attestation Data Report

Introduction

In January 2024, Governor Hochul announced the [New York State Reading Initiative](#). Part of this initiative includes New York State [law 5818](#) requiring an annual review of school district curriculum and instructional practices in the subject of reading for students in prekindergarten through grade three. The New York State Education Department's Office of Early Learning (also referred to as the "Department" or "OEL" in this report) was tasked with providing evidence- and scientifically-based P-3 best practices which all public-school districts must use when reviewing their curriculum and instruction. This also included a one-time survey attestation all public-school districts needed to complete by September 1, 2025.

Science Everywhere!

Six Schools Pilot the Science Everywhere Bird Nests Exploration

APRIL 17, 2026



Six schools in New York State offered to pilot the [Bird Nests Prekindergarten Scientific Exploration](#) during the 2024-2025 school year. Buffalo City SD (labeled 1 on the map below), Geneva City SD (2), Elmira Heights CSD (3), Lake George CSD (4), Questar BOCES in East Greenbush (5), and Longwood CSD (6) shared photographs, activities, and feedback.

See Science Everywhere in action on the Office of Early Learning's [Piloting the Bird Nests Scientific Exploration](#) webpage.

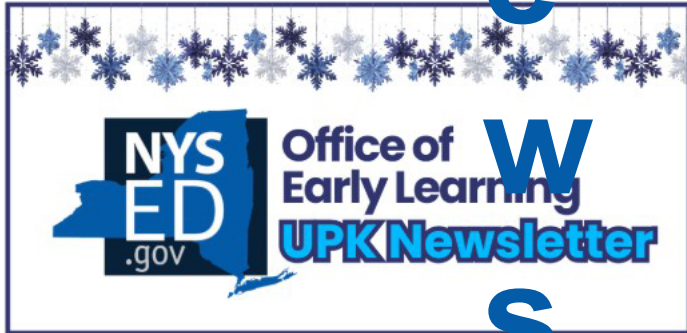


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Winter Edition: 2025-2026 Program Year

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- [Important Dates and Deadlines Calendar for the 2025-2026 Program Year](#)
- **January 2026:** Finalize RFPs for collaboration with eligible agencies and post publicly if not already collaborating at 10%.
- **March 13, 2026:** Prekindergarten child counts pulled from this date will be used in conjunction with October 1, 2025 child counts to determine final payments for prekindergarten funding. See the [2025-2026 PreK Child Counts memo](#) for more information.
- **May 7, 2026:** Navigating PreK Day 2026 - [Join the waitlist here!](#)



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 A graphic with a dark blue background. On the left, there is a white megaphone icon with a yellow banner that says "ATTENTION" in red. Below the megaphone, the words "UPK NEWS!" are written in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Excellent News for Universal Prekindergarten in New York!

Building on the Board of Regents and the Department's efforts to expand UPK across the state, the Governor has proposed additional funding for Universal Prekindergarten and to make UPK funds available to all school

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JUNE 16, 2026

AGENDA

- Welcome!
- Federal Update
- Enacted Budget Update
- OCFS Updates

FEDERAL UPDATE

CCDF FINAL RULE PUBLICATION

“Restoring Flexibility in the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)” Final Rule publication

- On Monday, May 11th, the federal government released the unpublished Final Rule titled “Restoring Flexibility in the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)”, which was published on May 12, 2026.
- This final rule will be effective 60 days from the date of publication, which is July 13, 2026
- This final rule amends CCDF regulations, and rescinds the March 2024 Final Rule requirements to:
 - limit family co-payments to 7 percent of family income which means that lead agencies may continue to set family co-payments to align with community needs
 - to provide some direct services through grants or contracts
 - to pay providers prospectively and
 - to pay providers based on enrollment
- Lead agencies continue to have the flexibility to implement the policies that were previously required in the March 2024 Final Rule

CCDF 2026 FINAL RULE

- Previously, in 2024, NYS was granted the waiver they applied for on the 7% of family income, paying providers prospectively, and paying providers based on enrollment. Guidance from the federal Office of Child Care is forthcoming on terminating the existing waivers on these items.

In addition to this Final Rule, memos and letters on restoring flexibility in the child care development fund were also sent:

- A CCDF Dear Colleague [letter](#) with guidance on promoting parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions regarding child care services. These examples include flexibility for Family, Friend and neighbor providers, licensed exempt providers, and faith based providers
- A [TANF Information Memorandum](#) which encourages states to make fuller use of their authority to transfer TANF funds to CCDF, and clarification around 2-parent families.
- An article, [“Trump Unveils New Plan to Lower Costs of Child Care for Low-Income Americans”](#) by the Daily Signal, was also released which hints that new/additional changes may be coming.

NPRM FOR HEAD START

“Restoring Flexibility to Support Head Start Program Access” Notice of Proposed Rule Making

- On Monday, May 11th, the federal government released the unpublished Notice of Proposed Rule Making, around Head Start Program access, which was published on May 12, 2026.
 - Comments are due back within 30 days of publication, which is June 11, 2026
- The NPRM proposed to remove requirements around wage and benefits, which were determined in the 2024 Final Rule, for the Head Start Program Performance Standards
- ACF has determined that the wage and benefit requirements exceed Head Start’s statutory requirements

NPRM HEAD START

- The wage standards that would have been required by August 1, 2031 include: that programs develop or update a pay scale for all staff; provide educational staff with wages comparable to public preschool teachers; provide all staff a salary sufficient to cover basic costs of living; and promote wage comparability across Head Start/Early Head Start.
- The benefits standards that would have been required by August 1, 2028 include: that programs provide full-time staff with health care coverage, paid leave, and behavioral health services; facilitate access to health care coverage for part-time staff; and facilitate access to child care subsidies and student loan forgiveness for eligible staff. Additionally, programs would have had to reassess their benefits packages every five years and describe exemptions.
- It is proposed that all changes within this NPRM will become effective 60 days after publications within the Federal Register.

ENACTED BUDGET UPDATE

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- Historic \$1.2B additional funding for the Child Care Assistance Program
 - \$600M increase to base funding
 - \$155M supplemental funding for rest of state
 - \$475M supplemental funding for NYC
- Supplemental funding:
 - \$155M to ROS counties for FFY 2025-26 and FFY 2026-27 supplemental allocations
 - Not to exceed \$250,000 or 22% of their original FFY 2025-26 allocation, whichever is greater
 - The supplemental allocation may be reallocated
 - \$475 M for FFY 2025-26 and FFY 26-27 to only NYC
 - Not to exceed 50% of eligible expenditures exceeding the initial allocation, and additional supplemental funds for FFY 2025-26 and 2026-27
 - Any funding available after FFY 2025-26 will only be available for FFY 2026-27

ENACTED BUDGET UPDATE

- \$73M to offer entirely free child care for two-year-olds in NYC
 - Governor is fully committed to fully fund the first two years of the city's implementation
- \$1.5M to Child Care of Westchester for the Westchester Child Care Scholarship Program

FIRST THREE NY CHILD CARE PILOTS

- Total of \$66M available for Broome, Monroe, and Dutchess counties
 - Approximately \$60M will go directly to funding 1000 slots in each county
 - Each county will receive approximately \$2M for non-service expenses
 - Counties each contribute approximately \$2M/10%
 - Counties can partner with their CCR&R to administer part/all of the pilot
- Each county will launch a contracted care initiative for infants and toddlers to achieve 1000 slots by Year 3
- Seats will be available without means testing for county residents

CHILD CARE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

- \$1M allocated to support local planning efforts to create child care friendly communities
- This will be done through a partnership with the Department of State (DOS), in which DOS will integrate child-care-friendly planning and zoning practices into DOS's 2026 Smart Growth Community Planning Program.
 - The RFA was issued by DOS on 6/1
- Grants will cover planning and piloting of child care friendly zoning and planning initiatives, education for municipal officials, and a designation for participating communities as a "Child Care Friendly Community" by OCFS.

AFTERSCHOOL INITIATIVE

- Enacted budget includes \$116.1M for afterschool supports
- Increase in funding represents additional minimum wage investments

OCFS UPDATES

FREE VIRTUAL TRAINING: HEALTHY KIDS, STRONG PROGRAMS: IMMUNIZATIONS

Important New Training Opportunity!
Healthy Kids, Strong Programs:
Immunizations

*Available in English and Spanish.
Choose the 2026 date and time that works best for you:*

Thursday, June 4 - 1pm & 6:30pm
Monday, June 8 - 1pm
Tuesday, June 9 - 1pm & 6pm
Wednesday, June 10 - 9am, 1pm, & 6pm
Thursday, June 11 - 8am & 1pm

Register now for this new 45-minute virtual training focusing on the importance of immunization in child care. You'll hear information that can help you fulfill OCFS regulatory requirements and support children and families. One successful completion of this training is required in order to receive training credit.



Register Here

Send questions to: ecetp@albany.edu



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¡Importante nueva oportunidad de capacitación!
Niños sanos, programas sólidos:
Inmunizaciones

*Disponible en inglés y en español.
Elija la fecha y hora de 2026 que mejor le convenga:*

Jueves, 4 de junio - 1 p. m. y 6:30 p. m.
Lunes, 8 de junio - 1 p. m.
Martes, 9 de junio - 1 p. m. y 6 p. m.
Miércoles, 10 de junio - 9 a. m., 1 p. m. y 6 p. m.
Jueves, 11 de junio - 8 a. m. y 1 p. m.

Regístrese ahora para esta nueva capacitación virtual de 45 minutos centrada en la importancia de las inmunizaciones en el cuidado infantil. Escuchará información que puede ayudarlo a cumplir con los requisitos de regulación de la OCFS y a apoyar a los niños y las familias. Se requiere completar satisfactoriamente esta capacitación una vez para recibir crédito de capacitación.



Regístrese aquí

Envíe sus preguntas a: ecetp@albany.edu



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Join us for a new free virtual training opportunity: *Healthy Kids, Strong Programs: Immunizations.*

- Learn about the importance of immunizations in child care and get help fulfilling your OCFS regulatory requirements.
- Available in English and Spanish
- Participants receive .75 training hours upon completion.

Registration is open on ECETP:

<https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/FindTraining.aspx?Prog=VC>

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS INCREASE

- OCFS issued a new Informational Letter (26-OCFS-INF-06) concerning the 2026 federal poverty guidelines on annual income and state median income to be used in determining eligibility for CCAP.
- The INF also gave information on the state income standards to be used when prioritizing very low income cases when a district projects that allocated NYSCCBG funds will be insufficient to open all eligible non-guaranteed cases.
- New income eligibility levels took effect on June 1, 2026

The INF can be viewed at: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/policies/external/2026/inf/26-ocfs-inf-06.docx>

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS INCREASE, CONT.

- The income threshold for a family of 4 is now \$116,492.50.
- In 2025 this number was \$113,567.65.

Family Size	2026 State Median Income (SMI) for New York	2026 85% SMI for New York	2025 State Median Income (SMI) for New York	2025 85% SMI for New York
1	\$71,266.00	\$60,576.10	\$69,476.68	\$59,055.18
2	\$93,194.00	\$79,214.90	\$90,854.12	\$77,226.00
3	\$115,122.00	\$97,853.70	\$112,231.56	\$95,396.83
4	\$137,050.00	\$116,492.50	\$133,609.00	\$113,567.65
5	\$158,978.00	\$135,131.30	\$154,986.44	\$131,738.47

LITERACY TRAIL 2026

- The NYS Literacy Trail – an initiative announced by Governor Kathy Hochul in her 2025 State of the State address – encourages literacy and access to the outdoors. In 2026, OCFS, NYS Parks, and NYS DEC picked 10 new books to be featured at 14 NYS State Parks and DEC Environmental Education Centers.
- We are looking for partners to help us promote the 2026 books and sites! Use the QR code here or the link in the chat to let us know you'd like to be involved. We will reach out with a partner welcome packet.

Literacy Trail Partner Sign on 2026



FAMILY GUIDE TO CHILD CARE & EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCES

- Governor Hochul in her 2025 State of the State address directed OCFS to launch a parent resource center webpage that would allow New York parents and caregivers to access information and resources about how to find child care, how to pay for child care and information on child development and school readiness.
- DCCS has been working on updating our information for parents and caregivers and is pleased to announce that our Family Guide to Child Care and Early Childhood Resources is expected to be live in Summer 2026.
- Updates include:
 - Removing outdated and redundant information
 - Streamlining existing resources
 - Adding information for families and caregivers around healthy & safety, child development, school readiness and more!

Family Guide to Child Care and Early Childhood Resources

The Family Guide to Child Care and Early Childhood Resources connects parents and caregivers with trusted information on child care, financial assistance, health and safety, and early learning. These resources help families make informed decisions and find services they need across New York State.



Search for Child Care

Choosing child care is an important decision.

Use our search tool to find a program in your area.



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

Financial assistance is available to aid families in paying for child care.

State Resources for Families



Parent's and Caregiver's Guide to Child Care

Information for different types of programs and things to consider.



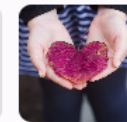
Health and Safety Resources

Information and supports related to children's health, safety, and well-being.



Safe Sleep Practices

What you need to know to keep your baby safe while sleeping.



Family Support and Prevention

A variety of resources to assist families.



Early Childhood (Birth-3)

Resources to support a child's early development.



School Readiness (Ages 3-5)

Resources for families to help children thrive in early education and beyond.



School-Age Supports (Ages 5+)

Information for families with school-age children.

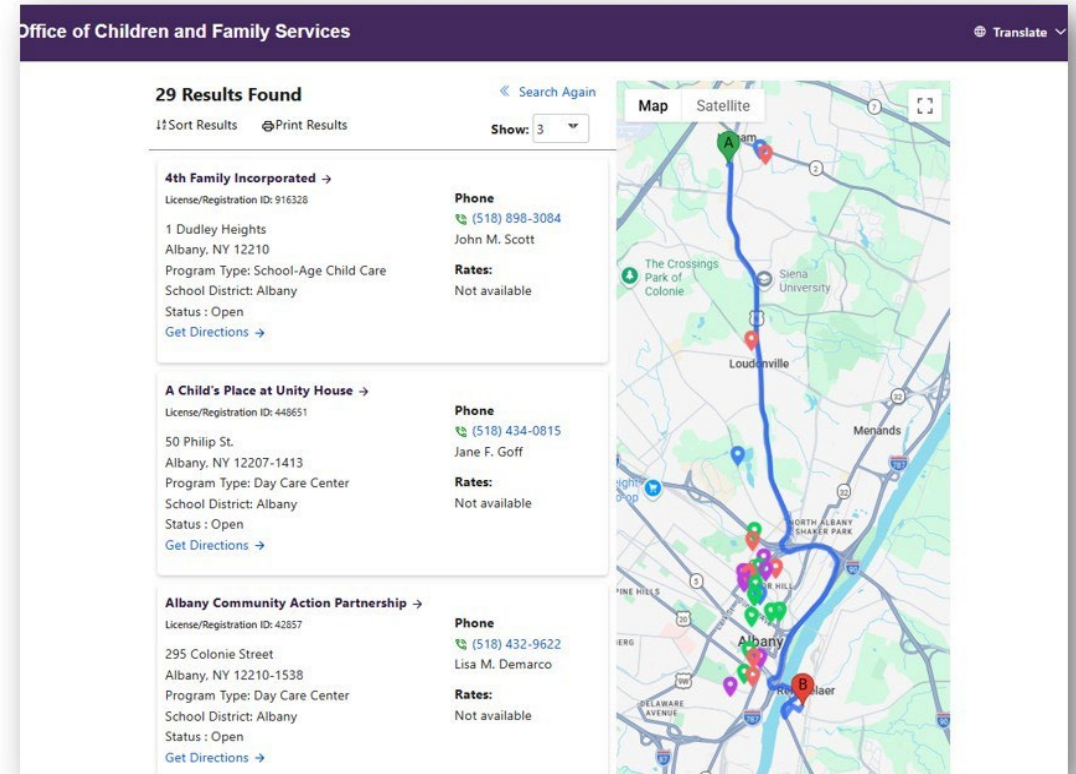


Additional Resources

Explore programs and tools that support New York families.

CHILD CARE SEARCH UPGRADE

- As part of the effort to streamline early childhood information and resources for families, DCCS also worked to upgrade our child care search function with the goal of making it more user-friendly.
- Enhancements include but are not limited to:
- User-friendly icons and less text
- Ability to search for care near a specific address
- Ability to search for care between two addresses (ex. Parent's home and work)
- Upgraded mapping functionality to show programs in proximity to an identified location
- The upgraded search function will launch with the Family Guide to Child Care and Early Childhood Resources in Summer 2026



QUESTIONS?





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THANK YOU!

JUNE 16, 2026



Department of State
Office for New Americans

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR NEW AMERICANS



THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR NEW AMERICANS (ONA) WAS CREATED IN 2012 TO WELCOME IMMIGRANTS AND TO HELP THEM IN ACHIEVING THEIR AMERICAN DREAM.

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About NY ONA

- The New York State Office for New Americans (ONA), founded in 2012, is the nation's first statutorily created immigrant services office.
- ONA assists all new Americans with accessing and navigating a variety of free services and supports through its statewide network of community-based providers.



ONA Ramirez June Initiative

Increasing Access to Disability Services through Partnership & Training Since 2019



- **What does the Initiative do?**
- Host Workshops and Shares Resources.
- Builds Partnership and Provides Technical Assistance.
- Launched and leads the [ONA Bilingual Coordinator Program](#) to provide case management services to help immigrants connect with the disability and mental health services they need.

<https://dos.ny.gov/ona-ramirez-june-initiative>

ONA Bilingual Coordinator Program

- Launched in 2013, expanding in 2026.
- **Bilingual Case Management** to help immigrants navigate and connect with needed disability and mental health services.
- Supported by state agency partners.
- Collects data on the barriers and promising practices.



Federal Changes in Immigration Policy



- ONA and its partners are responding to federal changes in immigration policy by providing trusted information to the community through Know Your Rights (KYR) trainings and workshops
- ONA grantees are also offering legal consultations and family preparedness clinics
- ONA grantee KYR events can be found on our website: dos.ny.gov/ona-events
- ONA has also created a webpage with KYR information as well as other state resources available to the community: dos.ny.gov/know-your-rights

Know Your Resources, Know Your Rights

 Department of State
Office for New Americans

KNOW YOUR RESOURCES
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Resources are available to everyone,
including immigrants:
dos.ny.gov/know-your-rights



New Americans Hotline:

 **1-800-566-7636**
MULTI-LINGUAL AND ANONYMOUS

NEW EXTENDED HOURS
Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 8 PM EST
Saturday – Sunday, 9 AM – 5 PM EST

 To share information regarding
federal government action
in New York State:
ag.ny.gov/federal-actions-form



 Department of State
Office for New Americans

CONOZCA SUS RECURSOS
CONOZCA SUS DERECHOS

Hay recursos disponibles para todos,
incluidos los inmigrantes:
es.dos.ny.gov/know-your-rights



Línea directa nuevos americanos:

 **1-800-566-7636**
MULTILINGÜE Y ANÓNIMO

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De sábado a domingo, 9 AM – 5 PM Tiempo del Este

 Para compartir información
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en el estado de Nueva York:
es.ag.ny.gov/federal-actions-form



dos.ny.gov/know-your-rights

ONA Mailing List

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Signup here to receive the latest announcements from the New York State Office of New Americans.

- **ONA Webinars**

- For recordings of past ONA webinars visit:

dos.ny.gov/ona-resources

- **ONA Funding Opportunities**

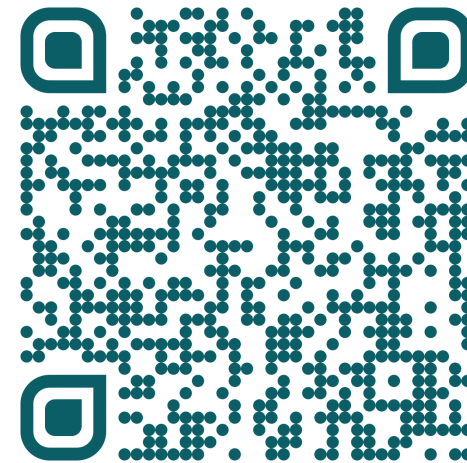
- Open RFAs can be found here:

<https://dos.ny.gov/funding-bid-opportunities>

- **ONA Employment Opportunities**

- Current openings can be found here:

<https://dos.ny.gov/employment-opportunities>



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Connect with ONA



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Questions?





Department of State
Office for New Americans



2026-27 Methodology

2.7% Growth

- % increase applied to tuition rates
- We proposed 2.7% based on the Consumer Price Index, consistent with State Aid calculations



4% Growth for Evaluation Rates

- Multi-disciplinary evaluation rates statewide will growth by 4%
- MDE rates grew by 5% in 2024-25 and 0% in 2025-26

Excessive Teacher Turnover Prevention Program (ETTPP)

- \$8 million to enhance teacher compensation
- ETTPP funds are added directly to prospective tuition rates
- If used for intended purpose, NYSED waives total cost screen accordingly



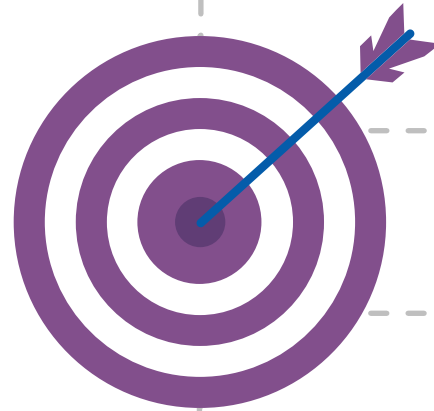


Tuition Methodology Redesign

Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2023

Tuition Rate Setting Methodology Redesign

The state education department shall conduct a comprehensive study of alternative tuition rate-setting 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.



Stakeholder Engagement



Analysis of other NYS Agency Approaches

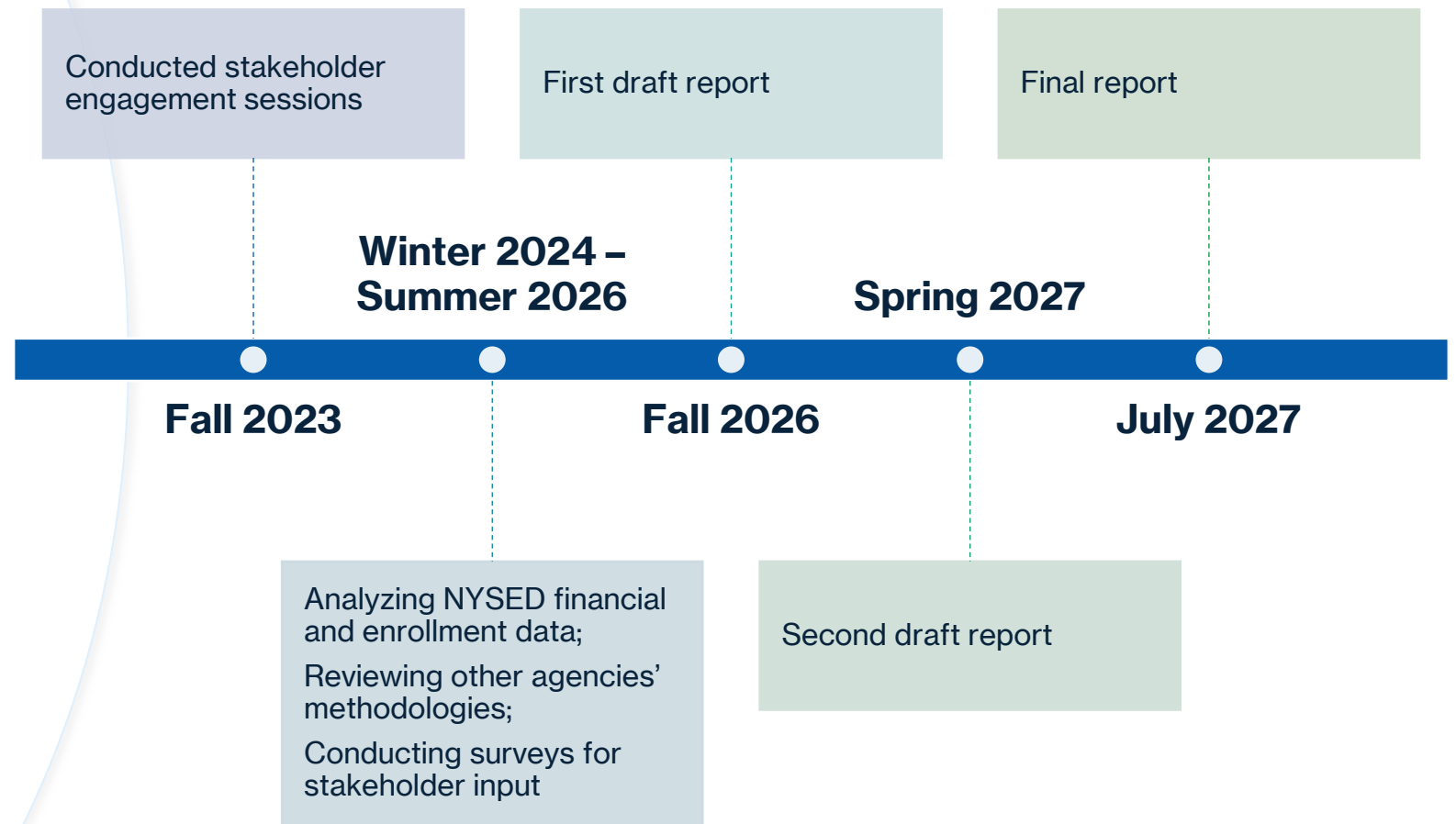


Methodology Options and Recommendations




Cost Estimates & Comparison Analysis

Tuition Rate Setting Methodology Redesign



Study of Alternative Tuition Rate Setting Methodologies

- The selected contractor has not made sufficient progress toward recommendations under the study.
- The Department terminated the contract in June 2026.
- NYSED has begun implementing a revised approach to keep the study on track, to the greatest extent possible, and to meet the statutory deadline.



Increasing support for study activities



Engaged University at Albany data /education finance experts



Increased Rate Setting Unit and Office of Special Education staff roles



Added support from data analysts in Office of State Aid and STAC

Upcoming Activities to Promote Inclusion

UPK & 4410 Inclusion Guidance

Parent Resource

School District IDEA Determinations

Target Setting and Slippage Stakeholder Engagement

Questions



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Advocacy Update

**Brigit Hurley,
The Children's Agenda**

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Network

Back at 2:00

Finalize 2026

ECAC Recommendations

Discussion

ECAC Meeting Survey



NEXT STEPS

2026 ECAC Meetings

September 17	10:30 am- 3:30 pm	Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12242
December 10	10:30 am- 3:30 pm	Virtual



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