

NYS ECCS IMPACT

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The NYS Council on Children and Families and grantees in 11 other states have been awarded the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Impact grant. This 5-year federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau seeks to enhance early childhood systems building and demonstrate improved outcomes in population-based children's developmental health and family well-being using a Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network (CoIIN) approach. **The overall 5 year aim of this project is to demonstrate a 25% increase from baseline in age appropriate developmental skills among 3 year old children in selected NYS communities.**

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ECCS Western NY CoIIN Team:

The NYS Council on Children and Families (CCF) is contracting with the Child Care Resource Network (CCRN) to support the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Impact initiative. The CCRN has partnered with Help Me Grow Western NY (HMGWNY) to build team capacity and promote collaboration to meet the goals of the ECCS Impact project. The Child Care Resource Network is a child care resource and referral agency based in Buffalo, NY. CCRN's mission is to promote quality, affordable, accessible care and learning for all children by supporting and empowering families, caregivers, education professionals, and employers. CCRN connects Western New York families, providers, and communities to quality child care services, and are leaders in early care and learning. CCRN acts as a collective voice representing child care providers, parents, businesses, and children, advocating on a local, state, and federal level. CCRN assists over 850 parents annually in finding the child care program that best suits their needs, free of charge. Child Care Resource Network also offers professional development training and credentialing opportunities to over 1,500 child care providers annually. Help Me Grow WNY (HMGWNY) is a cross-sector partnership that provides developmental monitoring, free access to an online screening portal, connection to resources on child development, and ongoing service coordination to families of children aged 0-5. The initiative currently serves more than 2,500 children, has conducted nearly 4,000 Ages & Stages (ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE2) screenings, and has a 99% successful connection rate. Through its early childhood population health database, HMGWNY identifies how children aged 0-5 are faring in multiple domains and social-emotional skills.

ECCS Project Update

March 2017

- Attended Nassau County's CoIIN Team Meeting and the NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council Member Meeting
- Met to discuss implementing the Pyramid Model in our two communities
- Met with NYS DOH

April 2017

- Met with the Western NY CoIIN Team, NYS DOH Medicaid Redesign, and Nassau County Team leads
- Met with HealthySteps at OMH. There is HealthySteps representation in both Nassau County and Western NY.
- Attended the Annual Child Care Council Meeting and the Healthy Child Development and Early Literacy for Pre-School Children Presentation
- Participated in the NYS Home Visiting Workgroup

May 2017

- Attended the National Institute for Children's Health Quality ECCS Virtual Learning Session
- Attended the Niagara Kindergarten Transition Summit
- Met with Western NY Team Leads
- Joined the Early Childhood Advisory Council's Strong Families and Community Initiatives Workgroups

June 2017

- Attending the Early Childhood Advisory Council Member Meeting and Nassau County's CoIIN Meeting
- Convening the ECCS Impact State Advisory Meeting 6/9/17



We are happy to answer any questions about the project that you may have. Feel free to contact us!

HealthySteps

Governor Cuomo has awarded pediatric and family medical practices throughout New York State \$6.5 Million to assist in the implementation of the HealthySteps program in 17 Health Centers. This funding will encourage the integration of child and family development professionals in pediatric and family medical settings which will in turn assist in addressing behavioral and developmental health concerns in young children. The increase in funding will allow for the HealthySteps program to serve nearly 6,000 families across the state of New York.

For more information visit the link below:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-65-million-expand-mental-health-services-children-across-new-york>

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What's next?

We will be featuring our other ECCS Impact partners, Docs For Tots from Nassau County, in our next ECCS Impact newsletter in August!