

Activity Title: Developing Career Pathways for Early Childhood Educators

Activity Background/Description:

It is widely recognized that a well prepared and highly qualified workforce is essential for the growth and development of young children. In direct response to the needs of the early childhood workforce and the needs of programs and services to serve young children, the New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute designed and implemented a Career Center. The Career Center provides a range of services to support the workforce at all levels. Activities of the Career Center include personalized career advisement, higher education advisement, career seminars and workshops, teacher certification support, and study plan support. To address the need of early childhood care and education providers to meet this need in underserved areas of New York, the Career Center will be replicated in up to three regional Child Care Resource and Referral agencies. This activity will replicate the work of the Career Development Center at the New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute and build upon the work of the State Education Department's Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations for strengthening the early childhood workforce and aligns with the Governor's Child Care Task Force.

Implementation Timeline: June 2019 – December 2019 (or end of the grant period)

Additional Details:

To learn more about the Governor's Child Care Task Force:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-launch-child-care-availability-task-force>

NYS Board of Regents Early Childhood Workgroup's Blue Ribbon Committee: Final Recommendations, September 2018.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/earlylearning/documents/ECBRCFinalReport2018.pdf>

New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute:

<https://www.earlychildhoodny.org/>

Cross-sector Partners:

NYS Council on Children and Families, NY Early Childhood Professional Development Institute, NY Education Department, NYS Office of Children and Family Services, Early Care and Learning Council, Child Care Resource and Referral agencies

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