Early Childhood Resources & Training Opportunities

Promoting equity and access to quality early childhood programs for all young children and families in NYS

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Introduction

In 2018, the New York State Council on Children and Families was awarded the initial Preschool Development Birth through Five Renewal Grant (PDGB5), and then in 2019, was awarded the renewal PDG grant, both from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration of Children and Families. The renewal grant runs from 2020-2022, for a total of $40.2 million.

Using grant funds, the NYSB5 team identified and updated the following NYS early childhood resources and developed a plan to regularly share and distribute these resources to families and providers during the NYSB5 grant years.
Guide to Special Education Support Services

Authors: New York State Education Department, Office of Early Learning and Office of Special Education

Audience: Caregivers and educators who work with children from birth through age 5.

Description: This guide is a resource to help navigate the special education system for children from birth to third grade, providing an overview of the Early Intervention Program (EIP) and programs and services available to preschool children and school age students with disabilities in New York State (updated 2020).
NYS Prekindergarten Learning Standards

Author: New York State Education Department

Audience: Teachers, specialists and administrators responsible for designing programs for four-year-old prekindergarten students.

Description: The New York State Prekindergarten Learning Standards incorporate recently revised standards and provide resources by grade in one comprehensive document for teachers, specialists, administrators and parents. The Guide highlights the importance of addressing children’s development and learning across all developmental domains. These standards are not a curriculum, assessment or set of teaching strategies, but rather set forth expectations for prekindergarten students.
Braiding and Blending Guide

Author: New York State Council on Children and Families

Audience: Early childhood directors and educators, local governments, non-profits, collaborative coalitions, 4410 special education providers, school district administrators, educators and program managers.

Description: *The Blending and Braiding Funds to Support Early Childhood Education Programs: Your “How to” Guide* is a practical tool to support New York State early childhood providers undertaken a planning process that leads to a blended or braided fiscal model, by providing actionable steps and scenarios for early childhood education programs.
NYS Core Body of Knowledge (CBK)

**Author:** CUNY Early Childhood Professional Development Institute

**Audience:** Professionals who work with young children, directors and program administrators and those involved with training organizations, advocacy and policy initiatives and teacher education programs.

**Description:** The *NYS Core Body of Knowledge: New York State’s Core Competencies for Early Childhood Educators* (CBK) outlines the knowledge, dispositions and skills required to work with young children.
Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs)

Author: NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council

Other languages offered: Spanish

Audience: All early childhood professionals including students, directors, teachers, and providers.

Description: The *NYS Early Learning Guidelines* are a child development resource for all early childhood educators working with children from birth through age eight, across all early learning settings. The *Guidelines* describe how children develop and provide strategies that educators can use to support child development.
Authors: NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council, NYS Education Department, NY Association for the Education of Young Children, NYS Head Start Collaboration Office

Audience: Early childhood educators, leaders, administrators and home visitors

Description: Briefs support New York’s youngest students, families, teachers and leaders by providing helpful strategies on various important topics that will help place the State’s young learners on a path to social and intellectual success as they master the foundational skills to meet New York State Learning Standards.
Family Guide to NYS Early Childhood Services - Prenatal through Age 5

Author: New York State Council on Children and Families

Other languages offered: Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian and Yiddish

Audience: Caregivers of young children (prenatal through age 5).

Description: This Family Guides to NYS Early Child Services is a double-sided placemat that describes available programs and services to support young children and families in New York state. It also includes information on how to access a range of related services family supports, health and mental health care, food, clothing, shelter and more.
Starting Life Together

Author: New York State Council on Children and Families

Other languages offered: Spanish

Audience: Parents and caregivers of children; ages birth through 5 years.

Description: The Starting Life Together Guide is all about being a parent and how to grow a positive relationship with your child, using five key parenting behaviors. This Guide provides information and skills that can used to build a “parenting toolkit” and resources for support. It also encourages parents to write down thoughts, ideas and memories as their child grows.
Author: New York State Council on Children and Families

Other languages offered: Spanish

Audience: NYS early childhood professionals

Description: This Guide lists mental health and social emotional supports and services available in New York state, broken down into service categories including: mental health consultation; coaching; reflective supervision; technical assistance; training and other. Each service includes a short description along with contact information and web addresses for further information.
Author: New York State Council on Children and Families and SUNY Center for Human Services Research.

Audience: NYS early childhood professionals and state and local agencies

Description: This 2019 report provides a comprehensive view of New York state’s early childhood system. It examines the availability, accessibility and quality of services and identifies areas of success and promise and also analyzes areas in need of improvement. This report was informed by approximately 2,500 early childhood administrators, direct care staff, parents, policymakers and stakeholders.
The New York State Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Manual

**Voices Together:** Building and Improving New York State’s Early Childhood System

**Authors:** 2020 Parent Advisory Council

**Audience:** Parents and caregivers of children through age 8 years

**Description:** The PAC Manual provides an overview of the purpose and functions of the PAC and how the PAC connect with the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC). The PAC provides a family perspective, helping to inform the state’s early childhood system. This manual is designed for parents and caregivers who are interested in joining the PAC.
Talking Is Teaching Posters

Author: New York State Council on Children and Families

Other languages offered: English, Bengali, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Haitian-Creole & Korean

Audience: Parents and caregivers of young children

Description: Located on the NYS Parent Portal (nysparenting.org), these posters illustrate various topics that parents and caregivers can talk about with their young children to promote development.

All these posters are available in a variety of languages and can be downloaded and printed.
Talking is Teaching Coloring Book

**Author:** NYS Council on Children and Families

**Other languages offered:** Spanish

**Audience:** Parents/Caregivers

**Description:** This coloring book provides different topics for caregivers to discuss with their children.
**Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Flyers**

**Ready, Set, Grow...with WIC**  
**Author:** Hunger Solutions NY  
**Other languages offered:** Spanish  
**Audience:** Pregnant women, and caregivers with children under the age of 5  
**Description:** A resource flyer that describes the Women, Infant, Children (WIC) program and eligibility criteria.

**WIC Breastfeeding Flyer**  
**Author:** Hunger Solutions NY  
**Other languages offered:** Spanish  
**Audience:** Pregnant women and caregivers with children under the age of 5  
**Description:** A flyer that details how WIC services include breastfeeding experts and eWIC. A great resource to be distributed to new parents and caregivers.

**eWic Flyer**  
**Author:** Hunger Solutions NY  
**Other languages offered:** Spanish  
**Audience:** Pregnant women, and caregivers with children under the age of 5.  
**Description:** A flyer provides an overview of the new eWIC program and how to get, use and manage eWic.

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**HungerSolutionsNY.org to view all WIC materials**

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This is your Guide, the story of the first five years of your parenting journey. Whether you are the mother or father (through birth, adoption, or foster care), a grandparent, partner, family friend, aunt or uncle with parenting responsibilities, what you say and do in your role as a parent matters.

NYS CHILD CARE, AFTER SCHOOL, AND HOME VISITING PROGRAMS LOCATOR
FIND CHILD CARE AND HOME VISITING PROGRAMS NEAR YOU
This website provides information on child care, after school and home visiting programs in one easy-to-access location.

Parent Portal
Find caregiving tips and resources to enhance your role as a parent.
What’s included?

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