

Activity Title: Kindergarten Transition Summits

Activity Background/Description:

There has been an extensive body of research documenting the effectiveness and importance of transition practices from prekindergarten into kindergarten. In partnership with the NYS Education Department, the NY Association for the Education of Young Children and the Early Care and Learning Council, the NYSB5 team hosted a statewide Kindergarten Transition Summit Orientation (on March 12, 2019) for 88 participants to provide a process for convening regional summits. Participants were invited to apply for funding to host a regional transition summit that would bring together families, school districts administrators, prekindergarten and kindergarten teachers, Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, special education providers, Head Start, Community Based Organizations, family child care providers, child care centers, parent organizations, health care providers and local coalitions. Nine groups were selected to conduct local summits as well as provide seed money to local coalitions to strengthen transition practices. The goal of these summits will be to encourage the establishment of local transition teams, processes and activities that will support the needs of families with young children who are moving from one system of services to another.

Implementation Timeline: March 2019 – December 2019

Additional Details:

Transition Summit Orientation Materials

- https://www.ccf.ny.gov/files/2315/5232/7204/Summit_Orientation_Agenda_and_Slides_for_website_link.pdf
- https://www.ccf.ny.gov/files/2515/5233/1832/Orientation_Handouts_to_website.pdf
- https://www.ccf.ny.gov/files/8415/5233/1896/Transition_Resources_to_website.pdf
- [Kindergarten Transition Pre-Summit Questionnaire:](#)
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KT-presummit>
- [Kindergarten Transition Post-Summit Feedback Questionnaire:](#)
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KT-summiteval>

June & July 2019 Summits

* [Westchester Community Opportunity Program](#)

* [Columbia Opportunities, Inc.](#)

[Columbia Opportunities agenda](#)

[Columbia Opportunities video](#)

* [Capital District Child Care Council](#)

September 2019 Summit

NYSB5 Inspired Community – [Adirondack Birth to Three Alliance](#) sponsored by the Adirondack Community Foundation

October & November 2019 Summits

- * [Child Care Solutions](#)
- * [Child Care Council of Orange](#)
- * [North Country Alliance](#)
- * [Long Island Pre-K](#)
- * [United Way of the Valley and Utica](#)
- * [Wayne County Partnership for Strengthening Families](#)

Cross-sector Partners:

NYS Council on Children and Families, NYS Education Department, NY Association for the Education of Young Children, Early Care and Learning Council, NYS Head Start Collaboration Project

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