

**Activity Title:** Updating/Revising the current NYS ECAC Birth through Five Strategic Plan

**Activity Background/Description:**

The NYSB5 staff and partners will work with the NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC), New York's SAC, to amend the ECAC cross-sector strategic plan using data from the NYSB5 needs assessment. The ECAC members include representatives from NYS child-serving agencies, community partners, unions, advocacy organizations, think tanks, philanthropic organizations, businesses, Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, early care and learning councils, P-12 school districts, Head Start and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start, child care, Special Education, Early Intervention, health and mental health. In addition, ECAC members will invite parents to participate in ECAC strategic planning as well as invite representation from the tribal councils and the NYS Medicaid Office.

Each of the four focus areas in the ECAC's current strategic plan has established work teams to drive implementation. Work teams include ECAC members as well as others across the state, allowing as many as 100 additional partners to inform the state's early childhood work.

An outside facilitator with expertise in strategic planning will work with the ECAC to lead a 2-day retreat to develop the strategic plan that includes the following components:

1. Identification of indicators to track progress
2. Incorporation of and alignment with statutory requirements
3. Plan for dissemination
4. Plan for implementation and progress monitoring

The plan will promote parent knowledge and equitable access to the state's early childhood system, and the use of best practices to help ensure that high quality care is available and accessible to all children and families.

**Implementation Timeline:** Summer 2019 – Fall 2019

**Additional Details:** To view the current ECAC strategic plan - <http://www.nysecac.org/about/strategic-plan/>

**Cross-sector Partners:**

The NYS ECAC members and focus area work team members, the Governor's Child Care Task Force, the NYS First 1000 Days on Medicaid initiative, the 2018 NYS Board of Regents Early Childhood Workgroup, Head Start Collaboration Project, the Governor's Early Intervention Coordinating Council.

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