



## Our Goals

**Children's opportunities for learning begin even before they are born.** In New York State, we're working to ensure that all children are given an equal start in life. The New York State Council on Children and Families, along with 11 other states, has a 5-year grant from The US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau to work together with families, state and community agencies to:

1. Promote child development, by making sure that pediatricians, child care providers, teachers and families are aware of how babies and young children grow and learn.
2. Identify young children who may need additional support and make sure that if they do they receive it quickly and easily, because we know that acting early makes a difference!
3. Create partnerships and share resources that support families and children living in our communities.
4. Empower families to support their baby's learning in ways that are meaningful to them.



## In the Communities

We're focusing our work in two communities: Western New York and Nassau County.

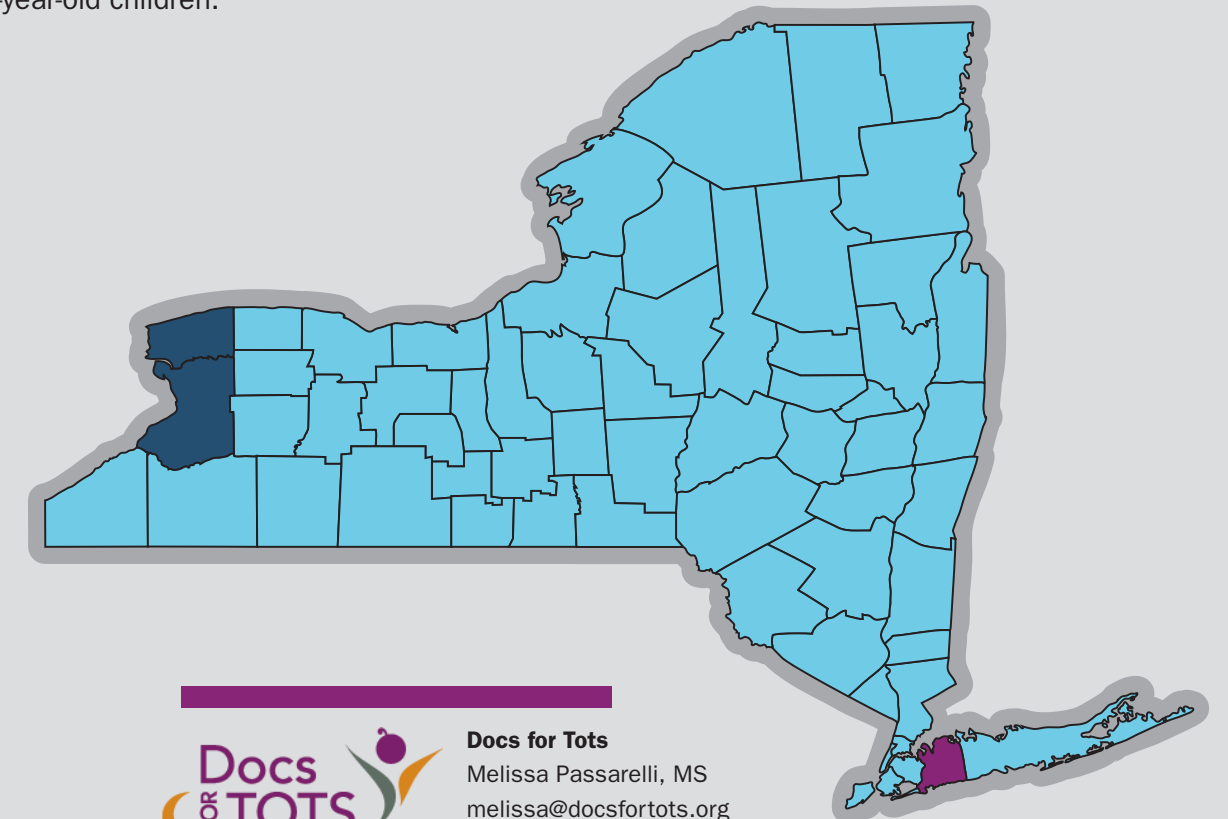
These two communities established teams representing early childhood that include family members, pediatricians, county organizations, community-based organizations and their local **Help Me Grow** initiatives. The partners agree that they have a role to play in supporting the success of families in their communities. Instead of working separately, the teams have come together to focus on the 5-year goal of increasing the developmental skills of 3-year-old children.

Teams meet regularly and are working to create a resource, referral, and follow-up pathway developed with families for families in their communities to ensure all families have the support they need to thrive. To learn more about the **Help Me Grow** initiative in New York State, go to [www.helpmegrownny.org](http://www.helpmegrownny.org).

To find out more about the ECCS work taking place in your community or to support your local ECCS team, use the contact information for the team leads below.



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## Partners

For more information on this project and to connect with our 60 plus partners in New York State and around the country, visit the ECCS Impact Resource section of our website at [www.ccf.ny.gov](http://www.ccf.ny.gov) to view our organizational chart.

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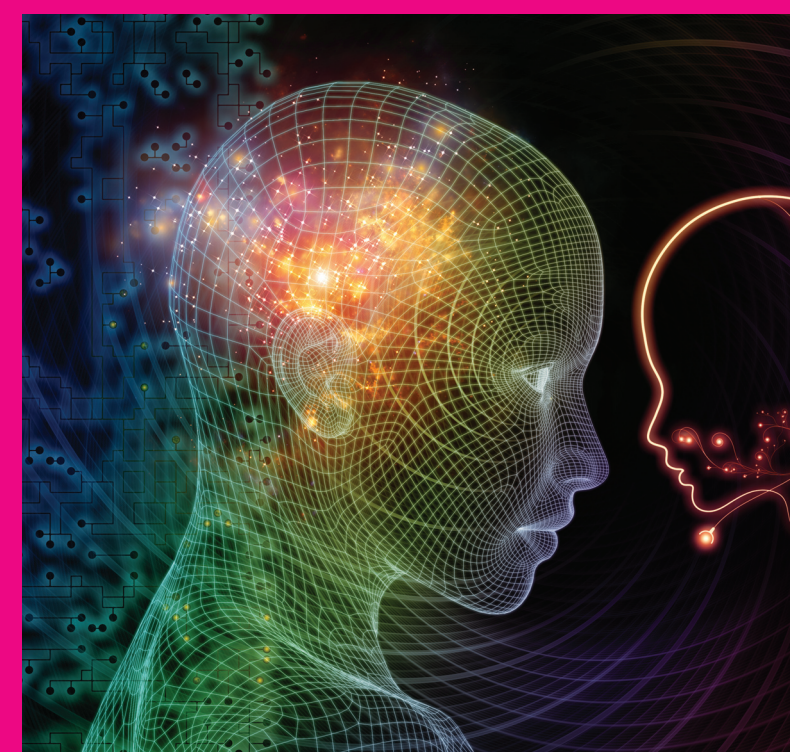
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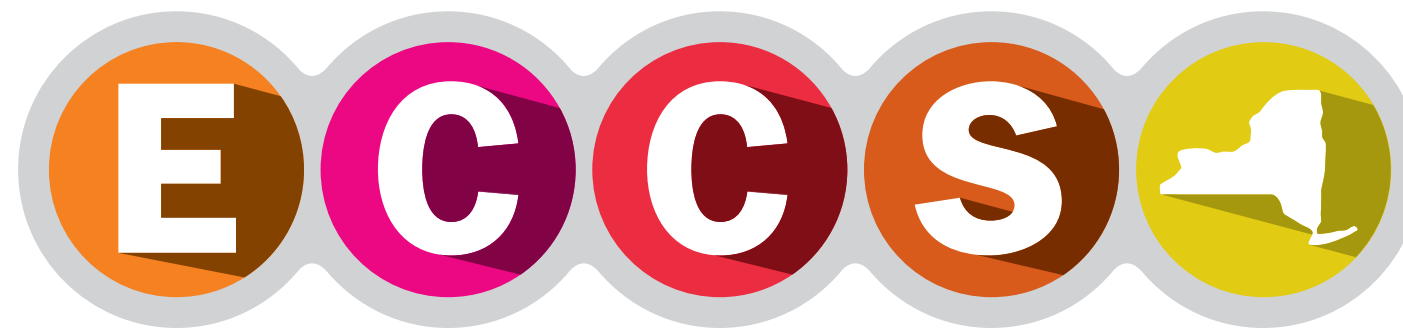
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