

Activity Title: Early Childhood New York (ECNY) Shared Services

Activity Background/Description:

One of the goals of the NYSB5 grant is to share best practices. The ECNY Shared Source web-based platform allows early childhood professional to share resources including handbooks, templates, procedures and much more to support early care and education programs. This resource rich platform grew out of a collaboration between the New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council, the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children, and the Early Care and Learning Council. On the current Shared Source website, practitioners can access information and training in key areas including business practices, family engagement and health and safety requirements. Resources available are policies and procedures, guides, forms, templates, trainings and checklists that support compliance with the federal Child Care Development Block Grant. Also, buying power is provided as Shared Source created a nationwide pool of purchasers and members can enjoy savings on child care products, from cribs to office products.

The B5 project seeks to expand the awareness about the existing ECNY Shared Source resource and expand its application beyond its current scope.

Implementation Timeline:

- Increase outreach to promote the use of Shared Source in New York. *Spring – Winter 2019.*
- Conduct up to 10 regional trainings across NYS to help programs become active Shared Source users. *Summer - Winter 2019.*
- Study expansion of Shared Source products and services and pilot recommendations. *Fall – Winter 2019.*

Additional Details:

SharedSource Early Childhood NY: <http://nysaeyc.org/sharedsource-ecny/>

Cross-sector Partners:

NYS Council on Children and Families, NYS Office of Children and Family Services, NY Early Childhood Advisory Council, NY Association for the Education of Young Children, Early Care and Learning Council, Child Care Resource and Referral agencies.

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