

PDGB5 Planning Grant Overview of NY's Application (November 2022)

The PDGB5 Planning Grant (December 31, 2022 – December 30, 2023) provides the opportunity for states to create a road map that builds on prior PDGB5 activities and related efforts to further strengthen the NYS early childhood mixed delivery system to prepare all children including vulnerable children to enter kindergarten ready to learn. This opportunity also emphasizes examining the impact of the pandemic on the early care and learning programs and developing a bold plan in response.

Using largely the same outline as the past PDGB5 Renewal Grant application (2019-2023), this Planning Grant includes five activity areas (identified below). The NYS PDGB5 Planning Grant team, in collaboration with the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council, Child Care Availability Task Force, and the Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council, state agencies, parents, and community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, and most importantly, families with young children, will build on the significant strides made over the past four years with PDGB5 funding to implement the following:

Activity One: Update Comprehensive Needs Assessment

- The NYSB5 Needs Assessment will be substantively updated to assess the capacity and needs of the state's early childhood care and education programs and services to comprehensively serve infants and toddlers and rural and low-income communities, identify barriers to providing high-quality programs and services and gaps in data, and how to better engage families.

Activity Two: Comprehensive Statewide B5 Strategic Plan Update

- The NYSB5/ECAC Strategic Plan will be updated to align with the updated Needs Assessment. The plan will use an equity framework and be informed by a newly-created Equity Review Board, ensure cross-sector collaborations and have a heavy focus on supporting the workforce and elevating family voice.

Activity Three: Maximize Parent and Family Engagement in the NYSB5 System

- Strengthen the role of the ECAC's Parent Advisory Council to co-create NYSB5 Partner Meeting agendas, revise NYS Guide to Early Childhood Services to include plain language, expand kindergarten transition opportunities for families, and enhance CCF's Multiple Systems Navigator website to include early childhood resources.

Activity Four: Support for the B5 Workforce and Dissemination of Best Practices

- Increase career pathways and identify additional professional development strategies and opportunities such as better approaches to support staff wellness, align competencies and share best practices, increase application and coordination of trauma informed approaches, promote inclusion strategies, explore ways to eliminate suspensions and expulsions of young children, increase interdisciplinary collaborations and explore funding strategies, pay parity and compensation plans for the workforce.

Activity Five: Support Program Quality Improvement

- Coordinate efforts to expand access to QUALITYstarsNY in underserved communities and launch the Early Childhood Data Dashboard.

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Award Ceiling: \$4,000,000 - 27 states are eligible - 10 awards

Award Decision: End of December 2022

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