Promoting equity and access to quality early childhood programs for all young children and families in NYS

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Today’s Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- NYSB5 and COVID-19
  - Response
  - Modifications
- NYSB5 Accomplishments
- Staying Connected
NYSB5 Renewal Grant

FEDERAL FUNDING AMOUNT:
$13.4 million per year for 3 years
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care

2020-2022 = $40.2 million

GOALS:

• Strengthening and building new partnerships
• Coordinating systems and improving transitions
• Expanding parent choice and knowledge
• Promoting equity with a focus on vulnerable populations*

*Vulnerable Children: Children who are: (1) members of minority/ethnic groups; (2) living in low-income households; (3) homeless as defined by McKinney-Vento; (4) receiving EI or special education services under Part B or Part C of IDEA; (5) living in rural communities; (6) living in multi-language households and/or (7) immigrants or refugees.
NYSB5 Response to COVID-19

Working closely with OCFS Division of Child Care and OCFS Operations Division we shipped books and early learning resources to promote high quality drop-In Child Care Sites for essential workers and OCFS Regional Offices.
NYSB5 Response to COVID-19

Created a printable resource document to support families and children during COVID-19. The parenting resource and live links have been posted to the Parent Portal www.nysparenting.org.

The document can be accessed here. It includes information on diaper banks, WIC, creating schedules, mental health support, books and articles and activities to do at home.
NYSB5 Modifications Due to COVID-19

- No Cost Extension until 12/30/20
- NYS Procurement Process
- Spending
- Modifying Timelines
- Modifying Activities
Support from HHS

Our federal partners from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Care are responsive to state’s needs. They provided opportunity to request an extension to the no cost extension for Initial year funds, held 2 conference calls to assess state’s need and will be releasing guidance in the next few weeks.

Also released a Dear Colleague Letter to promote family strengthening and virtual primary prevention during COVID-19 and beyond. You can read the letter here.
NYSB5
Accomplishments
(Initial Year)
Estado de Nueva York

PAUTAS PARA EL APRENDIZAJE TEMPRANO:
Recurso sobre el desarrollo infantil para educadores de niños desde el nacimiento hasta los ocho años

New York State

EARLY LEARNING GUIDELINES:
A Child Development Resource for Educators of Children Ages Birth Through Eight
Understanding the Value of Play from Birth Through 3rd Grade:
Supporting a Strong Foundation for the New York State Learning Standards

Guidance from
New York State Head Start Collaboration Office
New York State Association for the Education of Young Children
New York State Education Department
Core Body of Knowledge
New York State's Core Competencies for Early Childhood Educators
A Resource to Special Education Support Services

FROM BIRTH TO THIRD GRADE

The University of the State of New York
New York State Education Department
THE NEW YORK STATE PREKINDERGARTEN LEARNING STANDARDS:
A RESOURCE FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT 2019
Family Guide to NYS Early Childhood Services - Prenatal through Age 5
A resource guide for families to connect and link children to early childhood services throughout New York State

Home Visiting (age prenatal – 5)
Home visitors offer support to pregnant women and families with children birth to age 5 to promote healthy child development. Home visiting is provided at no cost to your family. To find a home visiting program near you: www.health.ny.gov/ParentingSupport

Home Visiting Programs connect families to community resources:
- Medical, Dental & Mental Health Services
- Child Care and Head Start
- Early Intervention Services
- Food, Housing, and Employment

Early Intervention (age 0 – 3)
Every county has an Early Intervention Program (EIP) to support infants and toddlers ages birth to 3 years with disabilities or developmental delays. Services are provided at no cost to eligible families. Find your county provider at: www.health.ny.gov

Child Care (age 6 weeks – 5+)
NYS Office of Children and Family Services provides information on:
- finding care
- paying for care
The website includes helpful videos and handouts and local child care resource and referral agency contacts.
www.acfs.ny.gov

QUALITYstarsNY (QSNY)
QSNY is the NYS quality rating and improvement system to ensure that young children in early care programs have access to excellence and their families can trust the quality of the programs they choose.
www.qualitystarsny.org/families

Head Start (age 0 – 5)
Head Start/Early Head Start offer services and supports to help families reach their goals. Programs offer full-day, half-day and home visiting options at no cost to eligible families. To find a program near you go to: edcs.ohs.act.hhs.gov

Head Start Supports:
- Early Learning
- Health
- Family Well-Being

Play Grow Learn

Preschool Special Education (age 3 – 5)
Preschool Special Education provides services to meet the needs of identified preschool children with disabilities. Services are provided through your local school district at no cost to your family.
www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed

State-Funded PreKindergarten
PreKindergarten helps prepare children for school. Programs are offered through your local school district or community based organizations at no cost to your family. Check with your local district to see if a program is available in your community.
www.p12.nysed.gov/earlylearning

Steps for seeking child care
1. Start Early
2. Call Your Local CCR&R
3. Visit and Ask Questions
4. Get Involved

Preschool Special Education includes:
1. IFSP
2. An Individualized Education Program (IEP)
3. Annual Review

Transition to Early Childhood Education or Preschool Special Education
Examples of Early Intervention Services include:
- Speech therapy
- Physical therapy
- Home visits
- Family counseling
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Health and Safety
Growing Up Healthy Notice
Provides information about health care, nutrition, and other family needs.
Available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week in English, Spanish, and other languages.
All calls are confidential. 1-800-522-6496

Medicaid - Child Health Plus
Your family may qualify for Medicaid or CHIP if you meet certain financial requirements. Apply through the NY State Health Marketplace, or by calling the Medicaid Helpline at 1-800-414-3368.

NY State Health Marketplace
Online resources to help you shop, compare, and enroll in a low-cost health insurance plan.
www.nysh bushalthy.net

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Dental Services and Resources
Get resources for prenatal and childhood oral health.
www.health.ny.gov/prevention/dental

Injury Prevention
SAFE-KIDS NY is an organization dedicated to empowering families.
For more information: safe-kids@nysed.gov

Child Passenger Safety
Get resources for child passenger safety.
www.safety.ny.gov

Basic Needs
(Food, clothing, shelter)

WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)
WIC provides and supports the good health of pregnant women, children, and women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum.
www.health.ny.gov/wic

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
SNAP provides monthly food benefits for eligible families to purchase fresh, healthy food.
www.fns.usda.gov/snap

The NYS Parent Portal
www.nyss parenting.org
Connects parents to family friendly websites including:
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• The NYS Child Care and After School Programs Locator
• The Multiple Systems Navigator
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Mental Health and Social Emotional Development
The New York State Office of Mental Health
Connects you to local resources for services for mental illness, child mental health, and other social emotional needs for your family.
www.ohmny.org

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Talking is Teaching Media Campaign
Download the NYSB5 funded Parent Portal app on your Android or IOS device today. Available for FREE in the Apple and Google Play stores now. Link available from the NYS Parent Portal:

www.nysparenting.org
Smart Phone App AVAILABLE on Google Play and App Store
Quick Links to Parent Friendly Websites

www.nysparenting.org
During the initial year we worked with Prevent Child Abuse NY who leads the **NYS Home Visiting Coordination Initiative**. They held 25 home visiting summits in every economic development region of the state between August 2019-October 2019. The summits were each facilitated by a local back bone organization and brought together home visiting programs including home visiting staff, administrators and parents in each of the surrounding counties. The report is currently in final review and we’re excited to share this when completed.

In addition to the Home Visiting Coordination Initiative Report, Prevent Child Abuse worked with Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy who developed **Home Visiting Data Snapshots** for each of the counties in NYS. We’ll be sure to post these as soon as they are completed!
NYSB5
Accomplishments
(Renewal Year)
NYSB5 Renewal Year Accomplishments

New Positions:

• NYSB5 Transition Coordinator, Nancy Hampton
• NYSB5 Parent Engagement Coordinator, Yvette James
NYSB5 Renewal Year Accomplishments

Procurements:
Several procurements are currently in process. We have been working with the OCFS Bureau of Contract Management to help process the many procurements connected to the B5 project.

Posted Funding Opportunities:
• Infant Mental Health Basics Courses
• Promoting 2-Generational Approaches to Supporting Maternal & Child Health
• Kindergarten Transition Summits
• Seed money to support innovative approaches to transitions

Reporting:
The NYSB5 Initial and NYSB5 Renewal quarterly progress reports have been submitted.

Staying Connected:
NYSB5 Newsletters were sent out in April and June
Activity One

Needs Assessment
Activity TWO

Strategic Plan

New York ECAC Early Childhood Systems Approach

http://www.nysecac.org/application/files/7615/8715/6568/ECAC_Strategic_Plan_Final_2.20.2020
Activity TWO

Strategic Plan

GOAL 1
- The Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) strengthens its structures and capacity to provide strategic direction and formal recommendations to the Governor, while communicating to and engaging with its stakeholders and other agencies and organizations to ensure that every young child thrives in early childhood, particularly the most vulnerable populations.

GOAL 2
- Family engagement and leadership are strengthened and inform the ECAC’s early childhood system-building efforts.

GOAL 3
- All New York State ECCE programs and schools are prepared to provide young children and families with high quality settings and have supportive services and resources in place to improve quality.

GOAL 4
- All system building efforts are informed by a whole child perspective that includes mental health, oral health and physical health as integral for high-quality early care and education programs.

GOAL 5
- An increased number of successful partnerships will further develop the mixed-delivery system for high-quality early care and education programs.
Activity TWO

Strategic Plan

GOAL 6
- Comprehensive interdisciplinary strategies are in place to grow the workforce and to support children from birth through age five and their families.

GOAL 7
- The State’s early childhood education workforce system, New York Works for Children, is fully implemented.

GOAL 8
- Actionable short- and long-term strategies are in place to fund essential elements for New York State’s mixed-delivery system.

GOAL 9
- An early childhood integrated data system is created for tracking service delivery, outcomes and system improvements to drive accountability, policy development, funding and best practices across the state.

GOAL 10
- Research findings and evaluation results are used to recommend policy, statutory and regulatory changes, as well as structures and best practices to strengthen the NYS early childhood system.
Time for Questions
Parent Choice and Knowledge

- Online Parent Portal Mobile App Enhancement
- Talking is Teaching Campaign
- Promoting Tax Credits for Parents
- Welcome Baby Bundles*
- Parent Advisory Council*
- Parent Leadership Conference

*new activities
Highlights:

Parent Choice and Knowledge

1. Welcome Baby Bundles
2. Parent Advisory Council
Sharing Best Practices

Career Development Opportunities
- Zero to Three® DC: 0-5
- Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Basics
- Infant Mental Health Endorsement
- Reflective Practice for IECMH Specialists
- Strengthening Protective Factors
- ACES Training
- Equity and Inclusion Curriculum & Training
- Infant/Toddler CDA Credential
- Aspire Registry Expansion
- Leadership Mentoring
- Career Center Pathways
- Core Body of Knowledge
- Early Learning Guidelines
- NYSED P3 Summer Institute
- EIP Scholarships

Promoting Best Business Practices
- Blending and Braiding of Funds
- Infant Toddler Business Development
- REDCs and CCRR Partnerships
- Financing Strategy Consultant
- Shared Services Alliance

Coordinating Activities
- Pyramid Model Implementation
- Kindergarten Transition Summits
- Technical Assistance System Coordination
- Home Visiting Coordination Initiative

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Sharing Best Practices

Highlights:

Career Development Opportunities
1. Aspire Registry Expansion
2. Leadership Mentoring
3. Career Center Pathways
4. Core Body of Knowledge
5. Early Learning Guidelines
6. NYSED P3 Summer Institute

Coordinating Activities
1. March 3 - Technical Assistance Alignment Summit
2. March 5 - Kindergarten Transition Summits
3. Pyramid Model Implementation
Sharing Best Practices

BE sure to go to the Aspire Registry to find NYS Pyramid Model Training Opportunities!

https://nyworksforchildren.org/aspire/go/default.aspx
Expanding Quality

• QUALITYstarsNY Expansion
• Strong by Six*
• Healthy Steps Initiative*
• PreK Transportation Study*

*new activities
ACTIVITY SIX

Data and Performance Evaluation

• Program Performance Evaluation Plan
Stay Connected…

- CCF will hold bi-monthly NYSB5-R meetings – we’ll be sending invites and posting the dates on our website.
- CCF will disseminate, at least quarterly, email newsletters for information about funding opportunities, training registration and provide project updates (please share widely).
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