**VISION**

All young children are healthy, learning, and thriving in families that are supported by a full complement of services and resources essential for successful development.

**EQUITY FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN**
- Who are members of minority/ethnic groups
- Who are immigrants or refugees
- Who are homeless
- Living in multi-language households
- Living in low-income households
- Living in rural communities
- Receiving early intervention or special education services

**STRATEGIC PLAN**
- Support implementation of the Birth through Five Strategic Plan developed by the NYS Governor’s Early Childhood Advisory Council.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- Trainings on the Pyramid Model, Trauma Informed Approaches including Equity and Inclusion, ACES, and Strengthening Protective Factors.
- Expand the Early Childhood Career Development Centers and the Leadership Initiative.
- Increase Early Childhood Educational Scholarships.

**DATA AND EVALUATION**
- Enhance the NYS Pyramid Model Implementation Data System (PIDS).
- Support NYS Healthy Steps Program Data Coordination.
- Implement the NYSB5 Program Performance Evaluation Plan.

**ACTIVITY AREAS**
- Needs Assessment
- Strategic Plan
- Parent Choice and Knowledge
- Professional Development
- Quality
- Data and Evaluation
- System Coordination

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT**
- Regularly update the NYSB5 Needs Assessment.

**PARENT CHOICE & KNOWLEDGE**
- Recruit parents to participate in the Parent Advisory Council of the NYS Governor’s Early Childhood Advisory Council.
- Expand the NYS Talking is Teaching Media Campaign.
- Distribute Welcome Baby Bundles.
- Enhance the NYS Parent Portal App.

**QUALITY**
- Increase quality family child care opportunities.
- Expand early care and learning programs participating in QUALITYstarsNY and the ASPIRE Workforce Registry.
- Conduct a transportation study to understand the transportation needs of young children.

**SYSTEM COORDINATION**
- Conduct system coordination pilots including Strong by Six, Strong Starts Court Initiative, and the Shared Services Alliance.
- Coordinate Home Visiting and Fatherhood Programs in NYS.
- Explore Early Care and Learning Financing Strategies.
- Coordinate use of Family Engagement Best Practices.
- Align the NYS Technical Assistance System.
- Improve Transitions for Children 0-5.

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