



New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council

The ECAC vision is that 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.

The New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC), the advisory body to the Governor on issues affecting early childhood, is actively seeking highly motivated parents to inform our efforts in advancing the early childhood agenda.

If you are interested in being part of a statewide collaboration to support efforts to ensure that children are ready to succeed in school and life, please consider this volunteer position with the ECAC, which is looking to expand its membership to include parent representatives. The ECAC is a public/private partnership comprised of representatives from government agencies, unions, higher education, foundations, and others interested in advancing the agenda for young children and their families, including pregnant women and families with children with developmental needs. The ECAC would benefit by having parents added to this group of stakeholders.

The responsibilities/expectations of the parent representatives are to:

- Attend a one day orientation in Albany, NY *.
- Participate in 4 ECAC Membership meetings per year (March, June, September and December) in Albany, NY *.
- Participate in an ECAC Work Group of your choice (Finance, Data, Strong Families, Promoting Healthy Development, Workforce Development, and Quality Improvement). Most work group meetings are monthly by conference call.
- Be able to represent the interests of parents across the state.

The benefits to you are to:

- Contribute to a statewide effort to promote better supports and systems that impact young children and their families.
- Represent the voice of parents on issues that affect families with young children and pregnant women.
- Learn more about the policies, programs and efforts that impact young children and families.

* Travel expenses, childcare, room and board will be reimbursed by the ECAC.

Attached to this letter is a form to fill out if you are interested in being considered as a parent representative to the ECAC. We look forward to hearing from you!

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Woodard, ECAC Project Manager, 518 486-4690 or Stephanie.woodard@ccf.ny.gov. To learn more about the ECAC and the six work groups, please visit <http://www.ccf.state.ny.us/initiatives/ECACHome.htm>.