

## **Application Insert**

The success of **this program** will be supported by the comprehensive, high-quality system of services that has been developed for infants and toddlers (children birth through three) in New York State. The work to create this system is led by the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) which was established in 2009 to develop a comprehensive system of supports and services for children prenatally to age eight. Recognizing the important opportunity to increase the number of low-income infants and toddlers served in high-quality programs, the ECAC has pledged to support the successful implementation of all funded Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships in New York State. In so doing, the ECAC will work to support the success of the funded partnerships by linking them to other components of New York's system of infant and toddler services, while ensuring that these partnerships become integral components of New York's birth to age eight continuum of care. These components include the state's quality rating and improvement system, Core Body of Knowledge, Early Learning Guidelines, early childhood educator professional development programming, parenting educator training, and other elements of the services system.