

Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Taskforce Update 9/2014

New York State applications for the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership grant

Area to be served in Proposal	# of Applicants	# of Children to Serve
Orleans & Genesee Counties	1	100
Brooklyn	7	876
Bronx	2	244
Manhattan	2	100
Chemung County	1	75
Erie County	1	336
Westchester, Putnam & Dutchess Counties	1	189
Rockland County	1	112
Rensselaer County	1	72
Syracuse	1	96
Long Island (Suffolk)	1	90
Long Beach Long Island	1	200
Jefferson, Madison, Lewis, St. Lawrence Counties	1	108
Schenectady & Albany Counties	2	181
Rochester	1	120
Kingston	1	40
Sullivan County	1	60
Total	26	2,999

All but three of the applications were for partnerships, two were for a combination of expansion and partnership, and only 1 was for expansion only. We know of 25 New York programs that applied and their total grant requests exceeded the \$24 million allocated to the state.

Janice Molnar, who attended a national meeting last week learned that:

- Nationally 550 applications were submitted
- 60% of applications were Partnership only
- 20% were both Partnership & Expansion
- 20% were Expansion only
- 25% came from organizations new to EHS
- Applications came from every state except Alaska
- 6 states applied as a state grantee

FOA Funding Opportunity Announcement

Estimated number of awards: 300 nationally

Estimated award ceiling: \$54,933,590

Estimated award Floor: \$750,000 **Application due date: August 20, 2014**

Estimated award date: 11/30/14 (this is expected to be rolled back)

Estimated start date: 12/01/2014 (this is also expected to be rolled back)

Funding awards must be made by March 31, 2015

These grants will allow new or existing Early Head Start programs, states, tribes or local governments, to partner with local child care centers and family child care providers serving low-income infants and toddlers.

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NYS EHS/CCP Taskforce:

Bob and Sherry established **NYS EHS/CCP Taskforce** in April 2014 and charged it to determine how best to maximize this opportunity in New York. Janice Molnar and Patty Persell were appointed as co-chairs. Several ECAC members have served on the task force including Denise Dowell (CSEA), Liz Hood (SED) Bob Frawley (CCF), Donna Noyes (NYSDOH) Ira Katzenstein, Maggie Evans (Agri-Business Child Development Migrant and Seasonal HS, Early Head Start), Jackie Jones (Infancy Leadership Circles) and David Voegelé (ECLC). Other members include people representing the Infant/Toddler consultant network, Head Start Association, existing Early Head Start programs, Head Start Technical Assistance network, and the NYC Administration for Children's Services.

The NYS Taskforce worked to prepare the state for this funding opportunity by sending a state team to the BUILD TA meeting in Chicago in April, conducting readiness webinars with potential grantees and partners, conducting surveys, holding video conferences with CCRRs across the state and answering questions. To determine interest, we surveyed existing EHS and HS programs and had several conference calls with David Voegelé and the CCRR Directors about the potential of partnering with programs considering applying or considering submitting an application to lead a partnership. There are applicants in nearly every area of the state and all major metropolitan areas.

The 5 webinars included: (all are archived on the ECAC website)

1. Using Data to Show Need in Your Community *by Cate Bohn and Robin Miller*
2. Early Head Start Family Child Care Partnerships in Action: *Showcasing 2 FCC EHS Programs in NYC*
3. Fiscal Management: Budgeting and Allocation of Shared Costs with support from BUILD
4. New York State's Vision for Infant & Toddler Care *by Bob Frawley*
5. Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships: The Role of Local Social Services Districts *by Janice Molnar & Patty Persell*

The Taskforce provided the following resources to potential applicants:

- Data collection resources and how to show need in one's community.
- A list of all child care agencies and Family Child Care providers who serve infants and toddlers and participate in QUALITYstarsNY and earned 3 to 5 stars.
- A list of current child care subsidies by county and age.
- Currently there are approx. 400 children enrolled in EHS that receive a child care subsidy.
- An inventory of state supports for infant and toddler programs and providers
- A document that discusses the ECAC's vision of a comprehensive, high quality infant and toddler services system and how this funding opportunity will enhance this system as well as how New York's system of infant/toddler services will ensure the successful implementation of the EHS/CC Partnerships.
- The ECAC provided letters of support for 25 applicants.
- An insert for each application describing the the ECAC's system building work and how the systems developed will support the successful implementation of their proposals.

As a little background there are currently 61 Early Head Start grantees in the state serving 6,254 infants and toddlers and an additional 584 pregnant women. If all applications are funded an additional 3,000 infants and toddlers in New York will receive Early Head Start comprehensive services.