Introduction

In 2018, the New York State Council on Children and Families was awarded the initial Preschool Development Birth through Five Renewal Grant (PDGB5), and then in 2019, was awarded the renewal PDG grant, both from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration of Children and Families. The renewal grant runs from 2020-2022, for a total of $40.2 million.

Using grant funds, the NYSB5 team identified and updated the following NYS early childhood resources and developed a plan to regularly share and distribute these resources to families and providers during the NYSB5 grant years.
Guide to Special Education Support Services

Authors: New York State Education Department, Office of Early Learning and Office of Special Education

Audience: Caregivers and Educators who work with children from birth through age 5.

Description: A written guide to navigate the special education system for children from birth to third grade.

It includes an overview of the Early Intervention Program (EIP) and programs and services available to preschool children and school age students with disabilities in New York State (updated 2020).
NYS Prekindergarten Learning Standards

Author: New York State Education Department

Audience: Teachers, specialists, and administrators responsible for designing programs for four-year-old prekindergarten students.

Description: The New York State Education Department has recently revised its Early Learning Standards for pre-K through second grade. These publications provide resources by grade in one comprehensive document in a uniform format for teachers, specialists, administrators, and parents. From a planning perspective, these documents highlight the importance of addressing children’s development and learning across all developmental domains. These resources are not a curriculum, assessment, or set of teaching strategies but rather, resources for the learning that students should accomplish by the end of prekindergarten.
Braiding and Blending Guide

**Author:** New York State Council on Children and Families

**Audience:** Early childhood directors and educators, local governments, non-profits, collaborative coalitions, 4410 Special Education Providers, school district administrators and educators, and program managers.

**Description:** This guide focuses on braiding and blending action steps and scenarios related to early childhood education programs. This publication was developed for programs to undertake a planning process that leads to a blended or braided fiscal model (2019).
Author: CUNY Early Childhood Professional Development Institute

Audience: Professionals who work with young children, directors and program administrators, those involved with training organizations, advocacy and policy initiatives, and teacher education programs.

Description: The NYS Core Body of Knowledge: New York State’s Core Competencies for Early Childhood Educators (CBK) outlines the knowledge, dispositions, and skills required to work with young children.

The CBK describes the actions that educators can take to build meaningful relationships with children, families, and colleagues; create stimulating environments; and develop professionally in this incredibly important field.

This resource will be revised in 2021-2022.
Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs)

**Author:** NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council

**Other languages offered:** Spanish

**Audience:** All early childhood professionals including students, directors, teachers, and providers.

**Description:** The NYS Early Learning Guidelines represent a child development resource for all early childhood educators working with children from birth through age eight, across all early learning settings. The Guidelines describe how children develop and provide strategies that educators can use to promote child development.
Authors: NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council, NYS Education Department, NY Association for the Education of Young Children, NYS Head Start Collaboration Office

Audience: Early childhood educators, leaders, administrators, home visitors

Description: As members of the NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council, the NYS Head Start Collaboration Office, the NYS State Education Department, and the NYS Association for the Education of Young Children provide guidance to support the youngest students, their families, teachers, and leaders by highlighting key features of high-quality early childhood teaching. This briefs provides helpful strategies related to various important topics that will help to put the State’s young learners on a path to social and intellectual success as they master the foundational skills to meet the New York State Learning Standards.
Family Guide to NYS Early Childhood Services- Prenatal through Age 5

Author: New York State Council on Children and Families

Other languages offered: Spanish

Audience: Caregivers of children under the age of 5 who are seeking early childhood services.

Description: A double sided resource guide placemat that is intended for families to help them connect and link their children to early childhood services throughout New York State. It provides a short overview of all the different programs and services that are available to caregivers of young children. It also includes information on family supports, health and safety, and basic needs, which include food, clothing and shelter.
Starting Life Together

**Author:** New York State Council on Children and Families  
**Other languages offered:** Spanish

**Audience:** Parents and caregivers of children; ages birth to 5 years old.

**Description:** This Guide is all about you, as a parent, and what you can do and say to grow a positive relationship with your child, using five key parenting behaviors. This Guide will help you discover how much you already know. It may also provide some new information and skills you can add to your “parenting toolkit.” This Guide provides many resources you can turn to for support. The Guide also encourages you to write down thoughts, ideas and memories as your child grows. So that one day, you and your child can reminisce together.
Early Childhood Mental Health Social and Emotional Supports and Services

Author: New York State Council on Children and Families

Other languages offered: Spanish

Audience: NYS Early Childhood Workforce

Description: This menu lists mental health social emotional supports and services that are currently available in New York state. This menu has six different categories of services:

• Mental Health Consultation,
• Coaching,
• Reflective Supervision,
• Early Childhood Technical Assistance,
• Training and
• Other.

Each service includes a short description along with contact information and web addresses for further information.
PDGB5 Needs Assessment Report (update coming soon)

Author: New York State Council on Children and Families and SUNY Center for Human Services Research.

Audience: NYS Early Childhood Workforce, State and Local Agencies

Description: The purpose of this NYSB5 Needs Assessment is to provide a comprehensive view and nuanced understanding of the state’s ECCE system’s strengths and weaknesses so that the state can design and build a mixed delivery system (MDS) that is informed by parent voice and provides access to high quality, equitable, and comprehensive ECCE programs and services essential for successful development and lifelong success. Accordingly, this Needs Assessment is informed by approximately 2,500 early childhood administrators, direct care staff, parents, policymakers, and stakeholders in NYS.

This NYSB5 Needs Assessment examines the current availability, accessibility, and quality of the ECCE system and the possibility of a MDS where more than one funding stream is used to enhance or expand services for children and families, especially as it pertains to vulnerable or underserved populations. It identifies areas of success and promise and analyzes areas in need of improvement. As described in this report, NYS is actively engaged in a number of innovative, cross-sector initiatives to break down silos; yet much work remains to ensure that efforts are not duplicated, and program efficiency and quality are increased.
The New York State Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Manual

**Voices Together: Building and Improving New York State’s Early Childhood System**

**Authors:** 2020 Parent Advisory Council, facilitated by Yvette James

**Audience:** Parents/Caregivers who are interested in the PAC

**Description:** The PAC manual provides an overview of the purpose and functions of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and how the PAC connect with the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC). The PAC provides insights and opinions from a family voice perspective, to the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC), in arena of early childhood system design.

This booklet is designed for parents who are interested in lending their voice to the PAC. It contains information about how to apply, meeting schedules, specifics on how ECAC and PAC connect and other information about the benefits of being part of this team.
Talking Is Teaching Posters

Author: NYS Council on Children and Families

Year: 2016

Other languages offered: English, Bengali, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Haitian-Creole & Korean

Audience: Parents/Caregivers

Description: Located on the NYS Parent Portal, these different posters provide various topics that parents and caregivers can talk about with their young children.

All these posters are available in a variety of languages can be printed and posted in your environment.
Talking is Teaching Coloring Book

Author: NYS Council on Children and Families

Other languages offered: Spanish

Audience: Parents/Caregivers

Description: Similar to the “Talking is Teaching” posters, this coloring book provides different topic for caregivers to discuss with their children.
Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Flyers

Ready, Set, Grow…with WIC
Author: Hunger Solutions NY
Other languages offered: Spanish
Audience: Pregnant women, and caregivers with children under the age of 5
Description: A one page resource flyer that provides a description and eligibility criteria, of the Women, Infant, Children (WIC) program. It also provides information on what to bring and expect during the initial WIC clinic appointment.

WIC Breastfeeding Flyer
Author: Hunger Solutions NY
Other languages offered: Spanish
Audience: Pregnant women, and caregivers with children under the age of 5
Description: A flyer that provides details on how WIC services includes breastfeeding experts and eWIC. A great resource to be distributed to new parents and caregivers.

eWic Flyer
Author: Hunger Solutions NY
Other languages offered: Spanish
Audience: Pregnant women, and caregivers with children under the age of 5
Description: A one pager that provides an overview on the new eWIC program. This flyer provides information on how to get, use and manage eWic.
MULTIPLE SYSTEMS NAVIGATOR
Access helpful health, education, human service and disability information on one user-friendly website. Built for youth, parents, family members and caregivers that rely on supports from multiple child and family serving systems.

PARENT GUIDE
STARTING LIFE TOGETHER
This is your Guide, the story of the first five years of your parenting journey. Whether you are the mother or father (through birth, adoption, or foster care), a grandparent, partner, family friend, aunt or uncle with parenting responsibilities, what you say and do in your role as a parent matters.

NYS CHILD CARE, AFTER SCHOOL, AND HOME VISITING PROGRAMS LOCATOR
FIND CHILD CARE AND HOME VISITING PROGRAMS NEAR YOU
This website provides information on child care, after school and home visiting programs in one easy-to-access location.

EVERY STUDENT PRESENT
WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY
Learn how to boost your child’s confidence, keep your child on track with school work, protect your child from bullies and keep your child healthy.

Parent Portal
Find caregiving tips and resources to enhance your role as a parent.
What’s included?
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Message and data rates may apply.