



Office of Children and Family Services

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Announcing Valuable Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility (DEIA) Resources!

Dear Provider,

OCFS has created a DEIA Toolkit to support child care programs and families.

What is the Toolkit?

The Toolkit includes materials, available in a variety of languages, to intentionally weave DEIA into your child care community.

The Toolkit includes:

- Self-assessment activity
- Best programming practices tip sheet
- 'Ways to Celebrate Diversity' flyer
- Materials lists and ideas for recommended learning areas
- Book list for children

What is the purpose of the Toolkit?

This Toolkit is meant to support you and your child care program.

This Toolkit is a direct result of OCFS's efforts to address inequities that impact all aspects of child care.

Using this Toolkit, you can help create an enhanced environment that creates safe, joyful, healthy, nurturing and comforting spaces.

Why is DEIA in child care important?

DEIA fosters acceptance, confidence and empathy with all people. Diverse, multicultural spaces also lead to enriching environments.

Check out the DEIA Toolkit here:

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/info-for-providers.php#deia-resources>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nora Yates".

Nora Yates, Deputy Commissioner
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