

**EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES NEWS**

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**Raise the Age Implementation Task Force Announced**

Earlier today, Governor Cuomo [announced](#) members of New York State's Raise the Age Implementation Task Force. The Task Force will review and evaluate the implementation of Raise the Age at both the state and local levels. According to the press release, the Task Force will convene working groups comprised of a broad base of stakeholders who can provide analysis and address particular subject matter areas that relate to implementation of the legislation. The Task Force will be required to provide an initial report of their findings by August 1, 2019 regarding the first phase of implementation and an additional report one year later with respect to the second phase of implementation. Click [here](#) to view Task Force members.

**Governor Announces Measures to Protect Children from Sex Trafficking**

Governor Cuomo [announced](#) a multi-prong effort aimed at protecting children from sex trafficking, including a Program Bill that seeks to strengthen prosecutors' ability to seek justice on behalf of child sex trafficking victims without them having to appear in court. In addition, the Governor has directed the Human Trafficking Task Force to create action plans to address youth sex trafficking at the local-level in partnership with social service and law enforcement agencies.

**Child Care and Development Fund Plan Notice of Public Hearings**

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has announced three tentative public hearing dates for New York's [proposed plan](#) to receive assistance under the Social Security Act and the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014, also known as the Child Care and Development Fund. The Office is seeking comments on program priorities for child care and suggested avenues for local input in shaping the state's child care agenda. The tentative hearings are scheduled as follows: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 in NYC, Wednesday, May 2, 2018 in Rensselaer; and Tuesday, May 8, 2018 in Rochester.

**Report Outlines Blueprint for Integrating CBOs and Health Care Providers Amid Healthcare Reform**

As New York looks to implement changes in healthcare delivery through the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP), the Human Services Council released a [report](#) that offers recommendations that will allow human services community-based organizations (CBOs) to become true partners with health systems so that all parties can reap the long-term benefits of a system that fosters collaboration and rewards coordination and prevention.

**Next Board of Regents Meeting:  
May 7-8, 2018**

## News...

- Governor Cuomo announced a comprehensive initiative to target [maternal mortality](#) and reduce racial disparities in health outcomes, including efforts to review and better address maternal death and morbidity, expanding community outreach, and taking new actions to increase access to prenatal and perinatal care, including establishing a pilot expansion of Medicaid coverage for doulas.
- The Department of Health, State Education Department, and Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services announced the availability of flash drives loaded with materials in English and Spanish for coaches, teachers, school nurses, and other educators to use in conversations with students and in community forums to help [prevent and address substance use disorder among young people](#).
- Governor Cuomo announced the nation's largest state investment in [computer science](#). The FY 2019 Budget includes a \$6 million annual investment in professional development for teachers, which, paired with the creation of new academic standards for computer science, will ensure that every elementary, middle, and high school across the state provides computer science education by 2025.
- Five poverty reduction programs have been approved for funding in Elmira as part of the city's [Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative](#). Projects selected for funding will help to provide Elmira residents with job training and resources, promote business opportunities for entrepreneurs, and allow greater access to affordable housing.

### 2018 Regional Economic Development Competition Begins

Governor Cuomo [launched](#) Round VIII of the Regional Economic Development Council initiative, officially kicking off the competition for more than \$750 million in state economic development resources. The Consolidated Funding Application will open to applicants on May 1, enabling businesses, municipalities, not-for-profits and the public to begin applying for assistance from dozens of state programs, through a single application, for job-creation and community development projects. Regional Council priorities in 2018 include:

- Supporting Downtown Revitalization Plans and identifying downtown projects;
- Identifying workforce development strategies to meet business' needs and improving the regional talent pipeline;
- Identifying projects for the State life sciences cluster;
- Implementing strategies through the project pipeline; and
- Measuring the performance and progress of the strategic plan.

### State Education Department Seeks Recommendations for Advisory Boards or Task Forces

The State Education Department [seeking](#) Talent Pool Recommendations for SED Advisory Boards or Task Forces. Nominees must be currently teaching or be a principal at the elementary K-5 level in a New York State public, private, parochial, or charter school, and be appropriately credentialed in New York State. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 4, 2018.

### Children's Medicaid System Transformation Updates

The Department of Health held a [webinar](#) on April 24 to provide various updates to children's Medicaid redesign and the transition to managed care. The webinar also provided information on new background checks, statewide central register checks, and mandated reporter requirements.

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##### **Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period**

- To Allow Individual Evaluation for Certain Certificate Titles in the Classroom Teaching Service [4/25/18 SED](#)
- Operation of Licensed Private Career Schools [4/25/18 SED](#)
- Teacher Certification Requirements for Teachers Who Hold SWD Generalist (7-12) Certificate and Teach in a Special Class [4/25/18 SED](#)
- Registration Standards for Libraries and Preservation of Library Research Materials [4/25/18 SED](#)

##### **Revised Rule Making/30 Day Comment Period**

- Grade-Level Extensions for Certain Candidates Who Hold a Students with Disabilities Generalist Teaching Certificate [4/25/18 SED](#)

##### **Emergency Adoption/Revised Rule Making/30 Day Comment Period**

- Superintendent Determination for Certain Students with Disabilities to Graduate with a Local Diploma [4/25/18 SED](#)
- Instructional Requirement for State Aid Purposes [4/25/18 SED](#)

##### **Adoption**

- New Pathway to a NYS High School Equivalency Diploma [4/25/18 SED](#)
- Biological Products in the Profession of Pharmacy [4/25/18 SED](#)

#### Emergency Adoption

- Lead Testing in School Drinking Water [4/11/18 DOH](#)
- Graduate Admission Examination Requirements [4/25/18 SED](#)

#### HIGHER EDUCATION

##### **Emergency Adoption**

- NYS Part-Time Scholarship (PTS) Award Program [4/18/18 HESC](#)
- New York State Masters-in-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program [4/18/18 HESC](#)

#### HUMAN SERVICES

##### **Emergency Adoption/Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period**

- Group Size and Supervision Ratios in Legally-Exempt Child Care Settings and Legally-Exempt Group Child Care Financial Incentives [4/4/18 OCFS](#)
- Specialized Secure Detention Facilities [4/11/18 OCFS](#)

##### **Revised Rule Making/30 Day Comment Period**

- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services for Children [4/4/18 OMH](#)

##### **Adoption**

- Specialized Secure Juvenile Detention Facilities for Older Youth (SSDs) [4/11/18 DOCCS](#)
- Clarification of Assessment of Functional and Health-Related Needs [4/11/18 OPWDD](#)

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### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Community Based Organization \(CBO\) Planning Grant Reissue for the Rest of State Region](#)—The New York State Department of Health, Office of Health Insurance Programs has re-issued this Request for Applications (RFA) to announce the availability of funds for the support of community based organizations (CBOs) in specific targeted areas that remain un-served/underserved as part of the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program. This RFA is intended to solicit applications for grants to assist CBO Consortiums in planning activities to identify business requirements and formulate strategies for short-term needs. This RFA is limited to applicants located in the Rest of State Region. *Due May 4, 2018*

[Outreach and Education to Increase Minority Enrollment in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program \(ADAP\) – Long Island Region](#)—The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) AIDS Institute (AI) and Health Research, Inc. (HRI) announces the availability of federal Ryan White Part B Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funds for outreach and education to increase the number of minorities participating in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and other public or private health care coverage programs. The intent of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to identify and fund one (1) community-based organization in the Nassau and Suffolk regions with a history of providing services to persons from disproportionately impacted Long Island communities of color living with HIV disease. *Due June 5, 2018*

[New York State Early Intervention Mediation Services](#)—The New York State Early Intervention Program is seeking submission from not-for-profit organizations to administer the provision of early intervention mediation services provided by the Community Dispute Resolution Centers (CDRC) in all 62 counties in New York State for a period of five (5) years. Eligible bidders must be a not-for-profit entity and have a professional relationship with, and be currently authorized by, the statewide system of Community Dispute Resolution Centers to act on their behalf. Eligible Bidders must maintain such relationship and authorization for the duration for the contract period. *Due June 8, 2018*

[Community Growers Grant Program](#)—The Community Growers Grant Program will have funds available through a competitive process to support the development and expansion of community gardens, school gardens and urban farms across the state. The Commissioner, in consultation with the New York State Community Gardens Work Group, has developed this grant program to recognize the important impacts of community growing spaces on food security and to promote the expansion and sustainability of these sites. Eligible entities include not-for-profit organizations, educational institutions, and government entities. *Due May 21, 2018*

[Risk Reduction Enhanced Response Pilot Program](#)—NYS Office of Prevention of Domestic Violence is accepting proposals from NYS domestic violence service providers that are licensed and/or approved by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to coordinate and implement the RRER Pilot Program. Applicants must be domestic violence service providers and must be licensed and/or approved by NYS Office of Children and Family Services. *Due May 17, 2018*

[After School Partners to Support Extended Learning \(Buffalo\)](#)—Buffalo Public Schools Department of Extended Learning is seeking proposals from qualified entities to serve as a partner/support organization for District schools. Partners will support quality, sustainable, after school programs to help students become healthy, college and career ready, contributing members of their community. *Due May 17, 2018*

[Learning Technology Grant](#)—The State Education Department is looking to develop, implement, and share innovative programs that utilize learning technologies to personalize learning and/or increase access to high-quality, rigorous learning experiences (such as through online, distance, or blended learning), as well as professional development programs to assist teachers and educational leaders in effectively utilizing learning technology to enhance teaching and learning. Public school districts and consortia of districts or district(s) and BOCES. Charter Schools are not eligible to apply. *Due May 11, 2018*

[Model P-20 Partnerships for Principal Preparation Grant](#)—The State Education Department will use state set-aside monies from its federal Title IIA funds to establish model P-20 partnerships for principal preparation. Partners will collaborate on the re-design of preparation programs so aspiring building leaders who emerge are better equipped to take on the challenges of leading high-need schools and to achieve improved outcomes for all students. For this grant opportunity, an eligible public school district (listed in Eligible Applicants and Allocation of Funds) must form an eligible partnership and submit a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by all partners and initialed on every page by each partner. The public-school district partner must serve as the applicant/fiscal agent for this grant program. *Due May 8, 2018*

[2019-2023 Clinically-Rich Intensive Teacher Institute in Bilingual Education and English to Speakers of Other Languages](#)—The State Education Department (NYSED) Office of Bilingual Education and World Languages (OBEWL) is seeking proposals for the creation of a Clinically-Rich Intensive Teacher Institute (CR-ITI) in Bilingual Education (BE) and/or English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program, addressing the shortage of certified bilingual and ESOL teachers in New York City (NYC). Eligible applicants include Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) in New York City (NYC) that have a NYS certified program in Bilingual Education leading to a bilingual extension, and/or English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program leading to a certification in ESOL. The IHEs must collaborate with LEA partners to select teacher candidates and/or mentor teachers to work with candidates. A signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required between the IHE and the collaborating LEA(s). *Due May 11, 2018*

[Western New York Workforce Development Challenge](#)—The Western New York (WNY) Regional Office of Empire State Development (ESD) is pleased to announce the opening of the application process for the WNY Workforce Development Challenge (WDC). The WDC was created to ensure the region's workforce pipeline is being responsive to industry demands and is designed to promote and invest in innovative approaches to workforce training for underserved populations. The WDC will help scale up organizations doing high impact, results-oriented workforce training that can demonstrate strong outcomes in training, job placement, and retention. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporations that are located in or provide services to Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua and/or Allegany counties. *Due May 18, 2018*