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**Department of Health Launches
Health Connector**

The New York State Department of Health [launched](#) the NYS Health Connector, a web-based application that allows quick access to a wide range of health information, such as the costs of various medical procedures and the frequency those procedures are performed at hospitals, empowering consumers to make more informed health care decisions. This new website, which also features health care service and utilization data, is a resource for policymakers and researchers interested in identifying needs and resources in communities throughout the state as well.

NYSED Seeking Input

The State Education Department is currently inviting public comment on two sets of regulations that impact students across the state: [Dignity for All Students Act \(DASA\) regulations](#) and [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) regulations](#). In addition to providing feedback on DASA and ESSA regulations, they are also encouraging comments on student data privacy as they continue to gather feedback from parents and other stakeholders across the state. Student data privacy public forums are currently underway and will continue through June 18. The complete schedule of public forums is available [here](#).

**Next Board of Regents Meeting:
June 11-12, 2018**

News...

- Governor Cuomo announced 49 [Smart Schools Investment Plans totaling \\$34 million have been approved](#) as part of the \$2 billion Smart Schools Bond Act.
- The State Education Department announced that [75 percent of the questions from the 2018 Grades 3-8 English Language Arts \(ELA\) and Mathematics Assessments](#) that count toward student scores are now posted online at EngageNY.org.
- Governor Cuomo announced a total of \$17.8 million for [gun violence prevention programs](#) in NYS. The 17 counties and 20 law enforcement agencies currently participating in the GIVE initiative will share \$13.3 million, while 11 SNUG sites throughout the state will share \$4.5 million.
- For the second year in a row, the Governor is providing [Open Educational Resources funding](#) to SUNY and CUNY. OER offers freely available, high-quality books and other materials that can be downloaded, edited and shared.
- Governor Cuomo announced a \$3 million investment for SUNY and the State Department of Labor to [partner with businesses on the development of registered apprenticeship positions](#). The Governor's program dedicates funding specific to the creation of new pre-apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship positions in advanced manufacturing and healthcare over the next four to six years.

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Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period

- Implementation of New York's Approved ESSA Plan to Comply with the Provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act [5/9/18 SED](#)
- Allow Individuals Completing a Program Accredited by the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (ASHA) to Obtain an Initial Teaching Certificate [5/23/18 SED](#)
- Voluntary Institutional Accreditation for Title IV Purposes [5/23/18 SED](#)

Emergency Adoption/Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period

- Reports of Incidents of Harassment, Bullying And/or Discrimination Pursuant to the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) [5/23/18 SED](#)

Adoption

- Lead Testing in School Drinking Water [5/9/18 DOH](#)
- Continuous Accreditation Requirement for Educator Preparation Providers [5/23/18 SED](#)
- Safety Nets for Teacher Certification Examinations [5/23/18 SED](#)
- Mental Health Education [5/23/18 SED](#)
- Graduate Admission Examination Requirements [5/23/18 SED](#)
- Endorsement Requirements for Licensure as a Dentist [5/23/18 SED](#)

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Emergency Adoption

- Enhanced Tuition Awards Program [5/23/18 HESC](#)
- Excelsior Scholarship [5/23/18 HESC](#)

- New York State Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Incentive Program [5/23/18 HESC](#)

HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period

- Credentialing of Addictions Professionals [5/23/18 OASAS](#)

Adoption

- Application Process for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) [5/16/18 OTDA](#)
- Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services for Children [5/30/18 OMH](#)

JUSTICE CENTER

Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period

- Protocols for Interviewing Service Recipients [5/23/18](#)

Public Hearing Calendar

To obtain input regarding the Department of State's Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Application and Plan

June 6, 2018, 10:00 AM in Albany

Central NY Receives Funding to Fight Poverty

Twenty-two projects have been [selected](#) to be funded through the Alliance for Economic Inclusion anti-poverty initiative in Central New York to complement "CNY Rising," the region's comprehensive blueprint to generate robust economic growth and community development.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[New York State Early Intervention Mediation Services](#)—The New York State Early Intervention Program is seeking submissions from not-for-profit organizations to administer the provision of early intervention mediation services provided by the Community Dispute Resolution Centers in all 62 counties for a period of five (5) years. *Due June 8, 2018*

[Learning Technology Grants](#)—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, BOCES and religious and independent schools including private, nonpublic, and 853 schools are eligible to apply. *Due June 8, 2018*

[New York State AmeriCorps Formula Pool](#)—The NYS Commission on National and Community Service seeks applicants for 2018-19 AmeriCorps formula grant funding. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit, governmental entity and tribal organizations. *Due June 11, 2018*

[Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative \(ESSHI\)](#)—New York State is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to advance the five-year goal of developing more than 6,000 units of supportive housing over five years for persons identified as homeless with special needs, conditions or other life challenges. Not for profits with experience in housing young people with mental health, foster care, or juvenile justice involvement are eligible to apply. *Due June 19, 2018*

[Health Workforce Retraining Program/Initiative](#)—The Department of Health in consultation with the Department of Labor, is soliciting applications from organizations proposing to train or retrain health industry workers to obtain new positions, meet the new job requirements of existing positions, or otherwise meet the requirements of the changing public health and health care market and the diversity of the populations seeking health care services. Eligible applicants include: not-for-profit, for profit, or governmental entities. *Due June 22, 2018*

[Empire State After-School Program](#)—The Office of Children and Family Services in consultation with the State Education Department invites eligible school districts and not-for-profit community-based organizations to submit proposals for the establishment and/or expansion of quality after-school programs for the Empire State After-School Program (ESAP). Eligible applicants include community-based organizations or eligible school districts. *Due June 27, 2018*

[Community Credible Messenger Initiative \(CCMI\)](#)—The Office of Children and Family Services is looking to improve the safety and well-being of children and families through the development of regionally placed Credible Messengers and Parent Partners as part of a core group of services strategically connected to OCFS Community Multi-Services Offices (CMSOs). All bidders must be an authorized and certified voluntary agency by New York State OCFS and operate as a voluntary agency. Bidders must have at least three (3) years of experience delivering community-based programmatic services; such as alternatives to detention and placement and/or supervision of court-involved youth in the juvenile justice system including juvenile delinquents, juvenile offenders, and their families. *Due June 29, 2018*

[Rapid Transition Housing \(formerly Nursing Home to Independent Living\)](#)—The Department of Health, Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP), Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Initiative announce the availability of State funds to re-procure and expand a rental subsidy and supportive housing services program for high-cost, high-need Medicaid members. This program was previously known as Nursing Home to Independent Living (NHIL). Eligible applicants include: not-for-profit or governmental entities. Funds will be awarded to up to three providers capable of administering this initiative in Onondaga County, and/or Nassau and Suffolk Counties, and/or up to one new area that is currently not served. *Due June 29, 2018*

[Opportunity Youth Career Exploration and Access \(OYCEA\)](#)—The Department of Labor is making up to \$3 million in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding available to provide youth career exploration services to eligible youth who are authorized to work or otherwise able to obtain authorization to work and reside in the select communities on Long Island. Not-for-profit organizations and governmental entities, including educational institutions, with two or more employees are eligible to apply. *Due July 9, 2018*

[Refugee Social Services Program \(RSSP\)](#)—The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance issues this Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit applications from qualified applicants to provide employability and other needed services to assist refugees and other eligible persons and their families in achieving economic and social self-sufficiency after their arrival into the United States. Eligible applicants include public agencies, county or municipal governments, or any subdivision; not-for-profit corporations, including charitable organizations incorporated, registered and in good standing with the Charities Bureau of the Attorney General in the State of New York; and faith based organizations and educational institutions. *Due July 12, 2018*

[Emergency Needs for the Homeless](#)—The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) is requesting proposals from nonprofit entities to be considered for funding through the Emergency Needs for the Homeless Program (ENHP). ENHP funding is used to enhance the quality and quantity of emergency services currently available to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Funds will be made available to support programs that meet the emergency needs of homeless individuals and families, and those at risk of becoming homeless in social services districts with a population in excess of 5,000,000. *Due July 16, 2018*

[Capital Grants for the Preservation, Enhancement or Restructuring of Children's Mental Health Clinics and Residential Treatment Facilities](#)—The Office of Mental Health announces the availability of capital funds for the preservation, restructuring and/or expansion of OMH Article 31 Licensed Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs) and Mental Health Clinics licensed to serve children throughout NYS. Successful Applicants will demonstrate in their proposal a direct relationship between the proposed capital project and an improvement in the program's viability, accessibility, the quality of service delivery/environment and/or the capacity to meet their population needs. *Due August 1, 2018*

[Homeless Housing and Assistance Program](#)—The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) invite applicants to apply for State-funded grants or loans to acquire, construct or rehabilitate housing to expand the supply of housing for low income persons who are, or would otherwise be, homeless. This RFP is an open-ended RFP, meaning proposals will be accepted for consideration on a continuous basis until it is determined funds are no longer available for award or this methodology no longer serves a purpose for HHAC.