

**EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES NEWS**

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**Governor Cuomo Focuses on Immigrant Children Separated from their Parents at the Border**

Over the past two weeks, Governor Cuomo has taken numerous steps to protect immigrant children who have been separated from their parents as a result of the federal Government's zero tolerance policy. These steps include:

- [Filing a lawsuit](#) challenging the Trump Administration's policy of forced family separation on the U.S. southern border. The multistate lawsuit was filed by a coalition of 18 Attorneys General in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. The lawsuit seeks to declare the family separation policy unconstitutional and orders that children be reunified with their parents.
- Announcing a number of [services and resources](#) for unaccompanied minor children currently residing in New York State since April, including additional personnel, resources and services to foster care providers that are caring for these children, and services for immigrant children discharged from facilities to family members, including education, mental health and health care services.
- [Signing legislation](#) to increase protections for immigrant children by providing their parents the opportunity to appoint someone of their choosing to step into their shoes and provide emergency care for their child.

**HECap Awards Announced**

Last week, Governor Cuomo [announced](#) more than \$67 million in grants for capital projects at 39 colleges and universities across New York as part of the Higher Education Capital Matching Grant Program (HECap). The HECap program provides matching grants to private, not-for-profit colleges and universities for projects that create construction jobs and drive investment in communities across the state. According to the Governor's press release, campuses that receive grants are required to invest at least \$3 of their own funds for every \$1 of state funds they receive. Campuses are also required to pay construction workers prevailing wage on projects funded by these grants. The HECap Board approved 39 projects at a board meeting on Wednesday, June 27. A full list of projects awarded funding from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, which administers the program on behalf of the Board, is available [here](#).

**Webinar: Value Based Payment for Community Based Organizations**

On Wednesday, July 11, 2018 from 10:00-11:30 a.m., the Department of Health, Office of Health Insurance Programs, Bureau of Social Determinants of Health, will be hosting a webinar for Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that are considering or are in the process of entering into a Value Based Payment (VBP) contract. If you are interested in joining the webinar, click [here](#) to register.

## News...

- Governor Cuomo announced the award of approximately \$4 million to [expand residential addiction treatment services in New York City](#). Five providers were awarded funding, and will add a total of 156 beds in the Bronx and Brooklyn. Funding for these projects is being administered through the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services.
- The New York State Education Department awarded \$28.5 million in [Student Support and Academic Enrichment \(SSAE\) grants to 38 school districts](#). The grants, newly authorized under Title IV of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, will help build state and local capacity to lift the academic achievement of students throughout the State.
- The City University of New York Board of Trustees has extended the authorization for its colleges and universities to authorize the extension of [in-state tuition for the 2018-19 academic year to students from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands](#) displaced by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.
- Governor Cuomo announced an agreement between [New York State and the Say Yes Buffalo Scholarship Fund](#) to provide \$10 million to assist Buffalo students with the cost of attending college.
- [49 Smart Schools Investment Plans totaling \\$34 million have been approved](#) as part of the \$2 billion Smart Schools Bond Act - a sweeping initiative aimed at reimagining teaching and learning for the 21st century.
- New York will be the first state in the nation to launch an innovative pilot program aimed at [reducing new suicide attempts among individuals who had previously attempted suicide](#). Funded through the \$3.5 million federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant, the Attempted Suicide Short Intervention Program reframes how suicide attempts are examined in order to develop individualized prevention strategies.
- Governor Cuomo announced 22 projects have been selected to be funded through the \$30 million Alliance for Economic Inclusion [anti-poverty initiative in Central New York](#).
- NYSED awarded \$14 million in grants to 19 recipients (13 school districts and six colleges) to implement [Smart Scholars Early College High School programs](#). These grants will support partnerships between public school districts and eligible higher education institutions to provide historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students with the opportunity and support to earn an average of 24 college credits by the time they graduate high school.
- Governor Cuomo announced [new actions to assist Puerto Rican families in New York who were forced to flee their homes](#) after Hurricane Maria. With federal rental assistance set to expire at the end of June, the Governor is directing the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to establish a new \$1 million program to provide robust case management services to displaced Puerto Ricans, and directing the Department of Labor to provide up to \$10 million in job training and placement.

### Justice Center Seeking Nominations for Code of Conduct Recognition Award

The Justice Center is seeking nominations for its annual [Code of Conduct Recognition Award](#). This award honors staff who embody the responsibilities set forth in the Justice Center's Code of Conduct for Custodians of People with Special Needs. The Code provides a framework intended to assist employees to help people with special needs "live self-directed meaningful lives in their communities, free from abuse and neglect, and protected from harm." The deadline for receipt of nominations for the Third Annual Code of Conduct Award is Friday, July 13, 2018. Complete information on the award can be found [here](#). Nomination forms can be submitted online and are available [here](#).

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### NEW YORK STATE REGISTER

#### EDUCATION

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

- Reinstatement of the Educational Technology Specialist Content Specialty Test Safety Net for Candidates Seeking Certification *SED* [6/27/18](#)
- Advanced Home Health Aides *SED* [6/27/18](#)
- Administration of Certain Vaccines by Pharmacist *SED* [6/27/18](#)

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

- Instructional Time for State Aid Purposes *SED* [6/27/18](#)

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

- Readers Aid Program *SED* [6/27/18](#)

##### **Emergency Adoption**

- Superintendent Determination for Certain Students with Disabilities to Graduate with a Local Diploma *SED* [6/27/18](#)
- Laboratory Experiences Required to Take a Science Regents Examination for Students in Certain State Agency Educational Programs *SED* [6/27/18](#)

##### **Adoption**

- Grade-Level Extensions for Certain Candidates Who Hold a Students with Disabilities Generalist Certificate *SED* [6/27/18](#)
- Superintendent Determination for Certain Students with Disabilities to Graduate with a Local Diploma *SED* [6/27/18](#)

#### HIGHER EDUCATION

##### **Emergency Adoption**

- New York State Achievement and Investment in Merit Scholarship (NY-AIMS) *HESC* [6/13/18](#)
- New York State Get on Your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program *HESC* [6/13/18](#)
- NYS Part-Time Scholarship (PTS) Award Program *HESC* [7/3/18](#)
- New York State Masters-in-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program *HESC* [7/3/18](#)

##### **Adoption**

- Income Used to Determine Financial Aid Awards *HESC* [6/6/18](#)

#### HUMAN SERVICES

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

- Specialized Secure Juvenile Detention Facilities for Older Youth (SSDs) *DOCCS* [7/3/18](#)

##### **Adoption**

- Expansion of Definition of Prospective Relative Guardian and KinGAP Eligibility *OCFS* [6/20/18](#)
- Group Size and Supervision Ratios in Legally-Exempt Child Care Settings and Legally-Exempt Group Child Care Financial Incentives *OCFS* [6/27/18](#)

**Next Board of Regents Meeting:  
July 16-17, 2018**

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### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[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*

[Sector Partnership - NEG Work-Based Training Initiative #SP-10](#)—New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) is making up to \$1,096,000 in funding available under this Sector Partnership National Emergency Grant (SP-NEG) Work-Based Training (WBT) Request for Applications (RFA). The purpose of this RFA is to promote partnerships between private sector businesses, Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs), and education and training providers in priority industries as determined through the Regional Economic Development Council strategic planning process. This RFA will support and invest in businesses seeking to empower dislocated workers to reconnect to the workforce through work-based training opportunities. Funds will support businesses that provide work-based training programs, such as on-the-job training (OJT), apprenticeships, or unpaid occupational skill based training to dislocated workers seeking employment in priority industries. Not-for-profit and for-profit organizations are eligible to apply. *Due July 13, 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*

[Request for Proposals - P-12 Schools Program: Benchmarking Software Tool](#)—New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is seeking vendors who offer a benchmarking software package as a method for the P-12 sector to measure, track, assess, and share their utility, greenhouse gas (GHG), and cost performance metrics across schools in New York State (NYS). The goal is to demonstrate the value of comprehensive and continuous benchmarking and how it can be used to identify inefficiencies and to maximize energy performance. For more

information on the Benchmarking Software Tool Eligibility Requirements, read the RFP 3788 Summary (Section II - Program Information). *Due July 17, 2018*

[Community of Practice: Re-entry for Youth with Developmental Disabilities](#)—NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is looking to fund one grantee in the amount of \$300,000 a year for up to 5 years to establish a statewide Community of Practice on Re-entry for Youth with Developmental Disabilities and up to (4) county-level grant projects focused on the establishment of re-entry supports for youth (ages 14-24) with intellectual, developmental, and other disabilities (ID/DD). Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations. *Due July 20, 2018*

[Psychologist Services](#)—The New York State Education Department's (NYSED) Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) is seeking qualified psychologists to provide comprehensive, neuropsychological and adaptive behavior scale evaluations of ACCES-VR participants served by the fifteen (15) District Offices in New York State. NYSED will award contracts up to a total amount of \$10.5 million to all psychologist and psychology practices that meet the minimum qualifications. *Due July 27, 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) invites 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 open-ended, 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.