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Governor Cuomo Announces the Launch of "No Student Goes Hungry"

In his 2018 State of the State address, the Governor announced a five-point plan to combat hunger for students in kindergarten through college.

Earlier this week, Governor Cuomo [launched](#) the "No Student Goes Hungry" program. This program addresses food insecurity by expanding access to free breakfast for students in poverty, increases access to farm-fresh foods and ensures that all students have access to school meals without fear of shame. The program also includes \$1.5 million to expand the Farm-to-School program. Subsequently the Governor also [announced](#) that 100 percent of all New York State public colleges at the State University of New York and the City University of New York will have a food pantry or stigma-free food access for students in need by the end of the fall semester. The accomplishment will make New York the first state in the nation to have such a comprehensive program to combat student hunger.

Funding Awarded to Help Long Island Communities Cut Off Gang Recruitment Pipeline

This week, Governor Cuomo [announced](#) \$8.35 million in grant awards to help communities on Long Island combat MS-13 gang activity and prevent young people from falling prey to gang recruiters.

As part of this initiative, the New York State Department of Labor is awarding nearly \$3.7 million to help serve 845 young men and women on Long Island by connecting them to job training and career opportunities. In addition the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, in consultation with the State Education Department, is awarding \$2.4 million to create 1,499 new after-school program slots at four high-need school districts and not-for-profit or community-based providers serving at-risk youth in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Lastly, \$2.25 million will be awarded to the Family and Children's Association to implement a Community Credible Messengers Initiative on Long Island.

Executive Order Reinstates NYC Speed Cameras Ahead of the New School Year

Earlier this week, Governor Cuomo [signed](#) an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in New York City and reinstating the speed camera program. The Executive Order temporarily suspends the sunset provisions in the speed camera program legislation, providing New York City the authority it needs to implement the program ahead of the school year. The Governor's Executive Order also directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide support, to the extent authorized by law, to the City of New York to implement the program in time for the 2018 school year.

News...

- The New York State Education Department awarded \$15.9 million grants to 185 school districts to assist with the [educational costs of more than 3,000 students displaced by natural disasters](#) and enrolled in New York schools in the 2017-18 school year.
- Governor Cuomo signed legislation to [further protect children from exposure to secondhand smoke](#). This bill (A.397B/S.7522), prohibits smoking in any facility that provides child care services in New York State, including private homes. All facilities required to be licensed or registered for child care services must comply with the smoking ban within 90 days, even when children receiving care are not present.
- The New York State Education Department announced new guidance and resources to implement [Social Emotional Learning \(SEL\) benchmarks, policies and programs](#) are now available for school districts.
- The Rockefeller Institute's released policy brief on the [convergence of K-12 and Higher Education](#).
- The New York State Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) is [advising parents and guardians to protect their children's personal information during the back to school period](#). With the new school year about to start and the activities such as school groups, teams and clubs, the DCP is calling on consumers to learn more about what they can do to help stem the tide against identity theft and prevent fraud victimization.
- New guidance has been released to state investigative agencies and localities to [protect undocumented immigrants who are the victims of human trafficking and other crimes committed in New York State](#). State and local agencies can now certify or endorse non-citizen U and T visa applications, which provide much-needed protection for undocumented New Yorkers by assisting vulnerable crime victims in obtaining humanitarian visas.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

DOH Social Determinants of Health Summit

The Department of Health recently launched an initiative to identify innovative solutions that can effectively address social determinants of health (SDH) for Medicaid members across New York State. On September 26, 2018, 'Call for SDH Innovations' finalists will have an opportunity to present their ideas at a SDH Innovation Summit, hosted by the Department of Health. While applicants will not receive funding or monetary awards, it is an opportunity for organizations to share best practices in the field.

September 26, 2018

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10029

New York Health and Wellness Summit

City & State is [hosting](#) a full-day conference to explore how public officials, corporations, advocacy groups, academia and the media can work to create effective policies to address overall health, physical activity and wellness and the impact on its communities. Hear from some of New York's leading experts and connect with top decision-makers from both the public and private sectors.

October 2, 2018

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

National Geographic Encounter, 226 West 44th Street New York, NY 10036

NYS Board of Regents Meetings

(Remainder of 2018)

September 17 - 18 (Monday and Tuesday)

October 15 - 16 (Monday and Tuesday)

November 5 - 6 (Monday and Tuesday)

December 10 - 11 (Monday and Tuesday)

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- Laboratory Experiences Required to Take a Science Regents Examination for Students in Certain State Agency Educational Programs [8/1/18 SED](#)
- Individual Evaluation Pathway for Teacher Certification [8/1/18 SED](#)
- Operation of Licensed Private Career Schools [8/1/18 SED](#)
- Teacher Certification Requirements for Teachers Who Hold SWD Generalist (7-12) Certificate and Teach in a Special Class [8/1/18 SED](#)
- Standards for Registration of Public, Free Association and Indian Libraries [8/1/18 SED](#)

Emergency Adoption

- Reports of Incidents of Harassment, Bullying and/or Discrimination Pursuant to the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) [8/22/18 SED](#)
- Instructional Time for State Aid Purposes [8/28/18 SED](#)

OTHER

Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period

- Procedures of the Surrogate Decision-Making Committee [8/1/18 Justice Center](#)
- New Rule 359: Role of Probation in Youth Part of Superior Court [8/8/18 DCJS](#)
- Preliminary Procedure for Article 3 JD Intake, Retitled To: Probation Services for Article 3 Juvenile Delinquency (JD) [8/8/18 DCJS](#)

Revised Rule Making/30 Day Comment Period

- Early Intervention Program [8/1/18 DOH](#)

Adoption

- Criminal History Information Checks [8/28/18 Justice Center](#)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Emergency Adoption

- Excelsior Scholarship [8/22/18 HESC](#)
- New York State Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Incentive Program [8/22/18 HESC](#)
- Enhanced Tuition Awards Program [8/22/18 HESC](#)

Preliminary Billing Manual for Children's Medicaid Services Released

The state [released](#) a preliminary billing manual for children's Medicaid services that includes new services and corresponding reimbursement rates that could roll out as early as January 1.

NYSED OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS

STATE BOARD MEETINGS

The following meetings have been scheduled:

- [Optometry](#): September 7, 2018 (Albany, New York City, Buffalo, Portchester and Staten Island, via video)
- [Veterinary Medicine](#): September 7, 2018 (Albany, New York City, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, via video)
- [Professional Engineering, Land Surveying & Geology](#): September 21, 2018 (New York City)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\) Targeted Post Adoption Services](#)—The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) currently supports post adoption community-based programs throughout New York State. The purpose of this targeted Request for Proposals (RFP) is to fund one post adoption program for families who meet TANF eligibility requirements and are residing within any of the five (5) boroughs of New York City. *Due August 31, 2018*

[NYS Education Training Voucher Program](#)—The Education Training Voucher (ETV) program is intended to help youth aging out of foster care to make the transition to self-sufficiency and receive the education, training, and services necessary to obtain employment. Federal funds are utilized by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to administer the ETV program. The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to obtain a vendor to administer the ETV Program on behalf of OCFS. *Due August 31, 2018*

[Targeted Regional Permanency Resource Center](#)—The purpose of this “targeted” Request for Proposals (RFP) is to fund one Regional Permanency Resource Center (PRC) which will increase the state’s capacity to strengthen families by providing critical post adoption and post guardianship services with programs designed based on the unique needs of adoptive and guardianship families. The PRC must demonstrate the capacity to serve families in all four (4) targeted upstate counties that no PRC currently serves: Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, and Chenango. *Due September 5, 2018*

[Socialization Skills Services for Children Who Are Legally Blind](#) —The Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) announces a Solicitation of Interest (SOI) for eligible organizations that provide a wide array of socialization skills programs for children who are legally blind that will help develop and reinforce their social skills, independence, confidence, and self-esteem. These programs may take place after school, on weekends, on a year-round basis, or during school vacations; they may be residential or day programs. Programs must focus on one or more of the following: Life Skills, Career Exploration, Technology Training, and/or Social Events. Eligible applicants include Not-For-Profit entities. *Due September 7, 2018*

[2018-14 Youth Development and Runaway Homeless Youth Learning Exchange / Training](#)—The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting qualified training providers who have the capacity to develop and deliver both regional in-person trainings for municipal youth bureau directors and their staff including municipal Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) coordinators, and statewide web-based trainings for RHY program staff, as well as organize and manage two annual learning exchanges. *Due September 12, 2018*

[2018 New York State Farm-To-School Program](#)—Farm-to-School is the promotion and use of foods produced by local farmers in meals served in cafeterias of K-12 schools. Associations between farms and schools through the cafeteria and classroom can enhance the quality of food served. With over 700 school districts in NYS, there is the opportunity to foster relationships among local farmers, food hubs, producers, processors, and distributors to benefit school-age children. Not-For-Profit, Governmental Entity, Tribal Organizations are eligible to apply. *Due October 1, 2018*

[Capital Improvements 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 October 10, 2018*

[Career Pathways III](#)—The purpose of the Career Pathways III (CP III) RFP is to secure the services of eligible organizations that can assist OTDA in addressing the employment and training needs of eligible individuals age 16 and up. The CP III program links educational and occupational training to subsequent employment through a continuum of educational programs combined with integrated support services to enable eligible participants to advance over time both to higher levels of education and to higher wage jobs in targeted occupational sectors. Providers will strive to place all participants in high growth/high demand employment sectors, and offer participants a clear and reliable course of action for building skills to progress in their careers. Eligible applicants include Not-For-Profit entities. *Due October 15, 2018*

[Opportunity Youth Career Exploration and Access for Albany County \(OYCEA-AC\)](#)—The New Department of Labor is making up to \$1 million in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding available under this Opportunity Youth Career Exploration and Access for Albany County. The funds will support the provision of career exploration services to youth, with programming focused on in-demand occupations as well as engagement with business partners and other organizations. Not-For-Profit, Governmental Entity, Tribal Organizations are eligible to apply. *Due October 19, 2018*