

EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES NEWS

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**Counties Receive Federal Opioid
Targeted Response Grants**

Governor Cuomo announced the distribution of \$25.5 million in federal funding through the Opioid State Targeted Response Grant to programs that offer prevention, treatment, and recovery services in high-need areas across the state to increase access to treatment, and reduce unmet need and overdose-related deaths.

According to the press release, last year 16 counties were recipients of the grant funding. This year, 19 additional counties have been identified as having high needs, for a total of 35 counties being supported. New counties to receive funding were designated as having high needs based on the number of opioid overdose deaths, hospitalizations involving opioids and residents leaving the county to access addiction treatment services.

For a full list of providers who will be receiving funding in each county, click [here](#).

**Education Department Issues Guidance
on Professions Exemption**

As part of the 2018 enacted budget, licensure exemption for certain professions including social work, was amended. As part of this change in law, the State Education Department was required to issue guidance to the field which was released yesterday and can be found [here](#). It is expected that draft regulations will be presented to the Board of Regents in November.

Raise the Age Law Now in Effect

Governor Cuomo today [announced](#) that the Raise the Age law is now in effect. The law removes 16-year-olds who have committed a criminal act as of midnight today from the adult criminal justice system and places them in age-appropriate settings where they can receive needed services and treatment to avoid recidivism. Those 16-year-olds who are arrested for non-violent offenses will have the same opportunities for diversion and community-based services as youth 15 and under and 16-year-olds charged with serious offenses will be processed as adolescent offenders in a Youth Part of criminal court and placed in specialized secure detention facilities for adolescents. The law will extend to 17-year-olds in 2019.

**Website Highlights NYS Licensed
Professions**

The State Education Department [announced](#) the launch of a new website aimed at highlighting careers in the licensed professions. “Many students graduate high school undecided about what their next step to start a career should be,” Board of Regents Chancellor Betty A. Rosa said. “The Paths to the Professions website allows students to explore careers that match closely with their strengths and interests, helping to make the transition from school to a career in the licensed professions as seamless as possible.” The Department’s Office of the Professions, licenses over 50 professions and oversees nearly 900,000 active professionals.

News...

- Governor Cuomo announced approximately [\\$585.2 million in low-cost, tax-exempt bonds](#) has been issued through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York on behalf of 56 school districts to provide public school districts across New York State with an efficient financing alternative. This financing is the largest pooled school district issuance in DASNY history.
- At its tenth meeting, the [Smart Schools Review Board](#) approved investment plans submitted by the New York City School District, 44 additional school districts and six special education schools, as part of the part of the \$2 billion Smart Schools Bond Act. The approval includes \$400 million to remove portable classroom units and construct pre-kindergarten classrooms in New York City schools.
- An audit released by Comptroller DiNapoli earlier this month found that the State Education Department should do more to [reduce student absenteeism](#). "The State Education Department is doing well cautioning parents and school districts about the perils of chronic absenteeism. But given how vital it is for our children to be in school and learning, I urge the department to do even more and reexamine the guidelines provided to local school officials to make it clearer what efforts should be taken to reduce student absenteeism."
- The Department of Health announced nine finalists of the [Social Determinants of Health "Call for Innovations" Initiative](#). The solicitation for innovations, the first of its kind in New York State, attracted over 200 applicants from across the country, all of whom have come up with creative and effective ways to address social determinants of health for Medicaid members. The nine finalists represent community-based organizations, healthcare providers, and technology companies.
- Governor Cuomo announced \$5 million in funding for the State University of New York [to supply and distribute 225,000 comfort bags to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence seeking help at hospitals, shelters and rape crisis centers across the state](#). The funding will continue and expand the "SUNY'S Got Your Back" program, which has provided roughly 25,000 bags to victims throughout the state in the last three years.
- The State Education Department issued a memo to schools prohibiting the use of Title IV, Part A funds - or any federal or state funds - for the [purpose of purchasing, storing, or training school staff in the use of firearms](#).
- Governor Cuomo announced nearly \$224 million in federal funding to [support counterterrorism and emergency preparedness efforts in counties across New York](#). The funding will support regional preparedness efforts, including planning, organization, equipment, training and exercise activities that are critical to sustaining and improving community prevention, protection, response, and recovery capabilities.

Reports of Interest

- A new report by the Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness found that the [number of students experiencing homelessness for the first time](#) in New York City increased from less than 30,000 during the 2015-16 school year to more than 50,000 during the 2016-17 school year.
- The Center for an Urban Future released a report that suggests expanding [apprenticeships should be a priority for New York City and State](#), with clear benefits for workers and employers. The report states, "at a time when New York's economy is booming but far too many New Yorkers remain stuck in low-wage jobs, apprenticeships provide one of the most reliable springboards into the middle class."

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Emergency Adoption

- Advanced Home Health Aides [9/26/18 SED](#)
- Administration of Certain Vaccines by Pharmacists [9/26/18 SED](#)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Emergency Adoption

- New York State Achievement and Investment in Merit Scholarship (NY-AIMS) [9/5/18 HESC](#)
- New York State Get on Your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program [9/5/18 HESC](#)

NYSED OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS

STATE BOARD MEETINGS

- [Pathologists' Assistant](#): October 11, 2018 (Albany, New York City and Buffalo, via video)

BOARD OF REGENTS

2018

- October 15 - 16
- November 5 - 6
- December 10 - 11
- May 6 - 7
- June 3 - 4
- July 15 - 16

2019

- January 14 - 15
- February 11 - 12
- March 11 - 12
- April 8 - 9
- August (Recess)
- September 9 - 10
- October 7 - 8
- November 4 - 5
- December 9 - 10

EVENTS OF INTEREST

- 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.

10/2/18, 9 AM– 3:30 PM, New York, NY

- VBP Bootcamp** The NYS Department of Health is [hosting](#) a Value Based Payment (VBP) Bootcamp to equip VBP contractors and interested parties such as managed care organizations healthcare providers, associations, and community based organization with the knowledge necessary to implement payment reform.

10/10/18, 8:30 AM–3 PM, Albany, NY

- Refresher Webinar for Children and Family Treatment and Support Services: OLP, CPST, and PSR** The Managed Care Technical Assistance Center of NY is [hosting](#) a webinar for providers serving individuals under 21, who are designated or plan to be designated to provide the new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services: OLP, CPST, and/or PSR.

10/25/18, 3:00–4:00 PM

- Beating the Odds and Building Opportunities Second Annual Leadership Conference** Better Outcomes Research group is [hosting](#) a conference to discuss the disparity of educational outcomes between students in poverty and their non-economically disadvantaged peers.

11/14/18, 8:30 AM-3 PM, New Paltz, NY

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[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*

[Social Opportunities Initiative](#)—The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) announces the availability of one (1) grant up to \$750,000 (\$250,000 per year, for three years) to develop, pilot, and evaluate a mini-grant program model which supports community based social opportunities for people with intellectual, developmental (ID/DD) and other disabilities living in rural and urban communities with high rates of poverty and disparate access to social opportunities and other community resources. Not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply. *Due October 19, 2018*

[Public Private Partnership](#)—OCFS is pleased to announce this funding opportunity designed to increase services for at-risk children, youth and families to prevent involvement with the child welfare or juvenile justice systems through the establishment of Public Private Partnerships (PPP) programs. These programs are intended to target at-risk infant, children, youth and families in high need areas in New York State. For purposes of this RFP, high need areas are defined as those with high rates of child abuse and maltreatment, as well as high admission rates for foster care and detention. Applicants are required to leverage private funds as a cash contribution to support the state funds being made available through this competitive Request for Proposals (RFP). Not-for-profit organizations, governmental entities, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. *Due October 26, 2018*

[Rescoring Audit - Grades 3-8 English Language Arts \(ELA\) and Mathematics Tests](#)—The Office of State Assessment is seeking proposals for a vendor to conduct a rescoring audit on a sample of constructed-responses from English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests in Grades 3 through 8 administered to students on computer. During the term of this contract, a rescoring audit will be conducted once for each school year; 2018–19, 2019–20, 2020–21, 2021–22, and 2022–23. For each audit, a written technical report summarizing statewide results must be submitted to NYSED. Local scoring reports on the results of the audit must be sent to each computer-based

scoring consortium leader that was included in the audit. The eligible applicants are for-profit or not-for-profit entities, including any testing companies and/or consultant and/or educational organizations with demonstrated capacity for scoring student computer-entered responses to open-ended questions on large-scale assessments in English language arts and mathematics. *Due October 19, 2018*

[2018-2019 Additional Grants for Expanded Prekindergarten for Three and Four year old Students](#)—The purpose of Additional Grants for Expanded Prekindergarten for Three- and Four-Year Old Students is to increase the availability of high quality prekindergarten placements for high need children and schools within New York State. Initial period: July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. *Due October 29, 2018*

[RFQ Qualifications of Professional Development and Support Services Providers](#)—NYSED is soliciting applications from non-profit partners or institutions of higher education qualified to serve as Professional Development and Support Services Providers to assist New York State School Districts in increasing K-5 educator expertise in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Subject Areas, including Computer Science, as well as Educational Technology. Though, over the course of its implementation, the Smart Start Grant program will build expertise among K-8 educators, the program's initial rollout will be targeted to K-5 educators to enable a phase-in of opportunities for students as they advance in grade levels. Applications in future years will include professional development and support services for K-5 as well as middle-level (6-8) educators. To the extent authorized by Capital Projects Enacted Budget Bill (S.7504-D, A9504-D), entities eligible to apply to provide professional development and support services include Non-Profit Organizations; and Institutions of Higher Education. BOCES and for-profit companies are not eligible to apply. *Due October 31, 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 organizations, governmental entities, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. *Due November 2, 2018*

[Sexual Risk Avoidance Education](#)—DOH is issuing this Request for Applications (RFA) to announce the availability of funding to implement the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) initiative. The SRA Initiative will support the implementation of program models that incorporate education and supervised activities provided by adults for early adolescent youth ages 10-13, including those in foster care, to ease their transition into young adulthood. New York's State SRAE plan focuses on evidence-based education and adult supervision programs as an innovative strategy to promote abstinence from sexual activity and support a healthy transition to adolescence among early adolescent youth and SRAE projects need to be consistent with federal SRAE requirements. Not-for-profit organizations, governmental entities, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. *Due November 30, 2018*

[Grants to Reduce Wasted Food Through Increased Distribution of Wholesome Food to Emergency Food Relief Organizations](#)—The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced \$2 million in grant funding for food pantries and other emergency food relief organizations of wholesome food to New Yorkers in need and to municipalities as part of a comprehensive effort to reduce food waste and increase food waste recycling. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2019, for food rescue organizations, and March 1, 2019, for municipalities.