

November 1, 2018

Federal Funding Announced to Provide Civil Legal Assistance to Crime Victims

Governor Cuomo [announced](#) nearly \$16 million in federal funding will be distributed to 61 state-supported victim assistance programs and child advocacy centers to hire attorneys who will assist crime victims with civil legal matters, such as divorce, custody, immigration and financial issues. Administered by the state Office of Victim Services, the federally funded grants will allow these programs to provide free legal help to the victims they serve. Click [here](#) for a complete list of victim assistance programs receiving grants.

Three School Districts Receive Funding to Increase Mental Health Support

Earlier this month, the State Education Department and the State Office of Mental Health announced they have been awarded \$1.8 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to increase mental health support in schools. The grant is a 2018 Project Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education (AWARE) award and is intended to expand the capacity of states to detect and respond to mental health issues in school-aged youth. According to the press release, the Department has selected Rensselaer City School District, Burgard High School in the Buffalo City School District, and the Whitelaw Reid Educational Campus in Brooklyn to participate in the first phase of the program.

Governor Cuomo Announces Initiatives to Combat Gang Violence on Long Island

Governor Cuomo [announced](#) earlier this week that New York is investing \$20 million in new initiatives to combat MS-13 gang activity on Long Island, including:

- \$15 million in capital funding to support the creation of a new community hub in Brentwood to provide a one-stop shop for social services, as well as recreational and educational opportunities for the community,
- \$2.5 million will be dedicated to improving park safety through the installation of new lighting and surveillance cameras,
- \$1 million will be used for new surveillance cameras and other law enforcement technology to assist Suffolk County Police Department,
- \$1 million will be spent to support apprenticeship programs that teach at-risk youth both job and life skills, and
- \$500,000 to strengthen mental health and social services programs across Long Island.

"MS-13 is a scourge that has taken too many young lives and affected too many innocents," Governor Cuomo said. "Public safety is job one, and every child, every parent, has to know that we are protecting their life, and their liberty."

Next Board of Regents Meeting:

[November 5 & 6, 2018](#)

News...

- New York State will award nearly \$1 million each to The University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Suffolk County Community College as part of the [Energy to Lead Competition](#). The competition challenges New York colleges and universities across the state to develop plans for local clean energy projects on campus and in their communities as New York seeks innovative solutions to combat climate change.
- Governor Cuomo announced a \$3 million award to the [Boys & Girls Clubs of Schenectady, Inc.](#) that will allow the organization to construct a new \$13 million, state-of-the-art community facility serving children, teens, and families in Schenectady's Hamilton Hill and Mont Pleasant neighborhoods.
- All schools in New York State have [adopted plans to end "meal shaming" of students](#) who do not have money for lunch. This is the latest success in the Governor Cuomo's "No Student Goes Hungry" program, which addresses food insecurity by expanding access to free breakfast and farm-fresh foods as well as ensuring all students have access to school meals without fear of shame.
- Projects being funded under the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative in [Newburgh](#) and [Oneonta](#) have been announced.
- The State Department of Education and State Office of Children and Family Services announced [resources designed to better support students in foster care by increasing opportunities for them to remain in the same school](#) are now available to schools and social services agencies.
- The New York State Department of Health announced the next step in the [statewide rollout of eWIC](#), an electronic benefits transfer card which eliminates paper checks and provides a more convenient way for families in the Women, Infants, and Children program to shop for WIC foods.

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STATE BOARD MEETINGS

- [Architecture](#)—November 7, 2018

Public Hearing Notice

Assembly Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs and Assembly Subcommittee on Women's Veterans

To review the effectiveness of [veterans employment programs](#) in assisting transitioning servicemen and women obtain gainful employment following their military discharge.

December 12, 2018 — Albany, NY

Funding for Recruitment and Retention of Certified Recovery Peer Advocates Announced

The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services will [award](#) up to 170 grants to certified outpatient and opioid treatment providers to help secure approximately 120 nurse practitioner and 50 Certified Peer Recovery Advocate positions across the state. Certified Peer Recovery Advocates are individuals who hold an OASAS approved certification and provide peer support services. The funding will be made available through a Request for Applications administered by OASAS on October 17, 2018. Applications will be accepted through November 7, 2018. Interested parties can review the Request for Applications on the OASAS website.

EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES NEWS

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EDUCATION

Emergency Adoption/Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period

- School Breakfast Programs [10/3/18 SED](#)
- Prohibition Against Meal Shaming [10/3/18 SED](#)

Emergency Adoption/Revised Rule Making/30 Day Comment Period

- Implementation of New York's Approved ESSA Plan to Comply with the Provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act [10/3/18 SED](#)
- Administration of Certain Vaccines by Pharmacists [10/3/18 SED](#)

Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period

- Certificate Progression Pathway [10/3/18 SED](#)
- P-20 Principal Preparation Pilot Program [10/3/18 SED](#)
- Students with Disabilities [10/3/18 SED](#)
- Professional Development Plans and Other Related Requirements for School Districts and BOCES [10/3/18 SED](#)
- Limited Extensions and Program Requirements for Certain Career and Technical Education Teachers [10/31/18 SED](#)
- Alternative Pathways for Certificate for Certain Teachers Who Hold Students with Disabilities Certificate [10/31/18 SED](#)

Adoption

- Minimum Instruction Requirement for State Aid [10/3/18 SED](#)
- Reports of Incidents of Harassment, Bullying and/or Discrimination Pursuant to the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) [10/3/18 SED](#)
- Teacher Certification in Speech and Language

Disabilities (All Grades) [10/3/18 SED](#)

- Voluntary Institutional Accreditation for Title IV Purposes [10/3/18 SED](#)
- Reinstatement of the Educational Technology Specialist Content Specialty Test Safety Net for Candidates Seeking Certification [10/3/18 SED](#)
- To Implement Chapter 350 of the Laws of 2017 [10/3/18 SED](#)
- Safety Net for the Revised Library Specialist Teacher Performance Assessment [10/3/18 SED](#)
- Advanced Home Health Aides [10/3/18 SED](#)

Emergency Adoption

- NYS Part-Time Scholarship (PTS) Award Program [10/3/18 HESC](#)
- New York State Masters-In-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program [10/3/18 HESC](#)

HUMAN SERVICES

Emergency Adoption/Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period

- Standard Utility Allowances (SUAs) for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) [10/10/18 OTDA](#)

Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period

- Operation of Crisis Residences in New York State [10/24/18 OMH](#)

Revised Rule Making/30 Day Comment Period

- Problem Gambling Treatment and Recovery Services [10/17/18 OASAS](#)
- Credentialing of Addictions Professionals [10/17/18 OASAS](#)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[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. Not-for-profit organizations, governmental entities, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. *Due November 2, 2018*

[Sexual Risk Avoidance Education](#)—The Department of Health 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. 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) 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.

[State Fiscal Year 2018-19 Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes \(SCAHC\)](#)—Funding will be awarded to support safety and security activities to non-profit nonpublic schools, non-profit daycare centers including those housed in community centers and non-profit cultural museums, as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501 (a) of such Code that are at high risk of a hate crime due to their ideology, beliefs, or mission and are located within New York State. The program seeks to provide safety and security measures for these organizations to assist in mitigating risk/vulnerabilities as identified in their application. *Due December 19, 2018*

Click [here](#) to see the press release from the Governor.

[Faculty Development / Technology Transfer Program](#)—The Faculty Development Program provides interim State assistance to either attract distinguished faculty from throughout the world to New York's academic institutions of higher education; or retain leading researchers already working in academic institutions of higher education in New York. Top scientists and scholars are more successful in acquiring financial support for research and draw the best junior researchers and graduate students to New York's research institutions, and research conducted by topflight scientists generates the greatest interest from the business and investment communities. *Due November 28, 2018*

[Teacher Diversity Pipeline Pilot](#)—The purpose of the Teacher Diversity Pipeline Pilot program is to assist teacher aides and teaching assistants in attaining the necessary education and professional training to obtain teacher certification. For this grant opportunity, a high-need public school district, or a Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") that serves two or more such districts, must form an eligible partnership. *Due November 26, 2018*