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Proposal Announced to Provide Education and Employment Services to At-Risk Youth

A new program, the Workforce Development Demonstration Project, has been [announced](#) to provide \$5.5 million for qualified not-for-profit and charitable organization in targeted areas of the state to provide education and employment services to help at-risk youth success in life. This program will be funded by Pay for Success funds and targets low-income youth who have been disconnected from the traditional institutions of employment and education in their communities. Award recipients will provide education programming, occupation skills training, employment services and leadership development. One million dollars will be available for Long Island, and the remaining funding will be eligible for providers in Albany, Syracuse, Binghamton, Newburgh, Jamestown, Troy, Poughkeepsie, Spring Valley, Buffalo, Schenectady, Rochester, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Yonkers/Mt. Vernon, and Utica.

Executive Order Encourages State Agencies to Focus on Age-Friendly Principles

Building off the designation last year that declared New York as the first Age-Friendly State in the nation by AARP and the World Health Organization, Governor Cuomo [released](#) an [Executive Order](#) that promotes his Health Across All Policies approach by directing state agencies to work together to improve population health, promote healthy aging, and assist localities in planning and implementing elements to create age-friendly communities. As part of this Executive Order, all executive agencies, public benefit corporations, public authorities, and other commissions designated by the Governor shall incorporate the NYS Prevention Agenda priorities and the World Health Organizations Eight Domains of Livability, where practicable and feasible, into State plans, plans submitted to the federal government, as well as agency guidance, policies, procedures, and procurements.

Proposed Title IX Rule

The U.S. Department of Education released its proposal on improving schools' response to sexual harassment and assault. The [proposed regulation under Title IX](#), the federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities that receive federal funds, was developed after more than a year of research, deliberation, and gathering input from students, school administrators, Title IX coordinators, advocates, and other stakeholders ([fact sheet](#), [background and section-by-section summary](#), and the pre-published [full regulation](#)). The rule will be open for public comment for 60 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

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News...

- Nine projects are being funded under the [Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative in the Village of Hempstead](#). Programs funded will provide financial literacy to families, college and career readiness skills, peer mentoring to students in STEM fields, mental health and substance abuse counseling, bilingual services, and vocational training to help the Village fight poverty among residents.
- Governor Cuomo announced the opening of a \$3.2 million development that will provide 10 [transitional and seven permanent housing units for veterans throughout the Mohawk Valley](#). Completed last month, the project converted the third and fourth floors of the Utica Center for Development's Central New York Veterans Outreach Center into housing for veterans in need.
- More than \$372 million in assistance is available to help older adults and low- and middle-income New Yorkers heat their homes this winter. Applications for the [Home Energy Assistance Program](#) will be accepted by local departments of social services beginning on Tuesday, November 13.
- \$2.3 million in funding has been announced to support after-school programs, mental health and counseling services, job training initiatives, and other community-based programs for [at-risk youth in Central New York](#).
- \$6.8 million in [Empire State After-School Program funding](#) has been awarded to 15 high-need school districts and community-based organizations across the state. This funding will support the availability of 4,250 new slots to these programs, bringing the total number up to 89,000. This funding, in addition to the

\$2.4 million awarded to Long Island in September, brings the total expansion to \$10 million.

The [Rochester City School District Distinguished Educator's report](#) details 106 findings and 84 recommendations necessary to support and advance district improvements for the Board of Education and District to provide equitable access to high-quality education for all students.

\$160,000 in [Child Abduction Prevention Education \(CAPE\) grants](#) have been awarded to four school districts and three consortia of school districts and BOCES. The funds will be used to develop or adopt curriculum and training programs designed for K-8 students, parents, teachers, school librarians, and support staff to aid in the prevention of child abduction.

Education Department Releases Guidance on Substantial Equivalency of Instruction

The State Education Department [released](#) updated guidance and resources for local school authorities and religious and independent schools regarding the statutory requirement for substantial equivalency of instruction at nonpublic schools to ensure that all students receive the education to which they are entitled. In addition, the Department announced they will begin to hold trainings for both public and nonpublic school leaders on the guidance in December and continuing next year. School districts will begin to conduct substantial equivalency reviews during the 2018-2019 school year and NYSED expects school districts to complete initial reviews for religious and independent schools within their district by December 15, 2021. School districts should revisit schools in their district on a five-year cycle.

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Emergency Rule Making

- Implementation of New York's Approved ESSA Plan to Comply with the Provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act *SED* [November 21, 2018](#)
- Administration of Certain Vaccines by Pharmacists *SED* [November 21, 2018](#)

Emergency Adoption/Proposed Rule Making/60 Day Comment Period

- English Language Learner Grade Span Waiver Requirement *SED* [November 21, 2018](#)

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Emergency Rule Making

- New York State Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Incentive Program *HESC* [November 14, 2018](#)
- Enhanced Tuition Awards Program *HESC* [November 14, 2018](#)
- Excelsior Scholarship *HESC* [November 14, 2018](#)

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Proposed Rule Making

- Establish Standards for Providers Who Wish to Become Licensed Children's Mental Health Rehabilitation Programs *OMH* [November 21, 2018](#)

Adoption

- Rates of Reimbursement—Alcoholism Facilities *OASAS* [November 7, 2018](#)
- Standards for Alcoholism Facilities to Participate in the Medicaid Program *OASAS* [November 7, 2018](#)

NYSED State Board Meetings

- [Peer Review Oversight Committee](#): December 12, 2018
- [Medicine](#): December 7, 2018

Public Hearing Calendar

Maintenance of Effort Provisions for SUNY and CUNY

Assembly Standing Committee on Higher Education

December 5, 10:00 AM, Albany, NY

Mental Health and Developmental Disability Services and Supports

Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health

December 6, 11:00 AM, Albany, NY

Role of Libraries in their Communities

Assembly Standing Committee on Libraries and Education Technology

December 7, 10:30 AM, Albany, NY

Mental Health Services in the Juvenile Justice System

Joint -- Assembly Standing Committee on Children and Families and Assembly Standing Committee on Mental Health

December 11, 11:00 AM, Albany, NY

Veterans Employment Programs

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

December 12, 10:00 AM, Albany, NY

Education and Training Programs for Individuals Receiving Public Assistance

Assembly Standing Committee on Social Services

December 17, 11:00 AM, Albany, NY

Impact and Implementation of the State Budget for Housing

Assembly Standing Committee on Housing

December 20, 10:00 AM, Albany, NY

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Grants to Reduce Wasted Food Through Increased Distribution of Wholesome Food to Emergency Food Relief Organizations](#)—The Department of Environmental Conservation 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.

[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.

[Opportunity Youth Career Exploration and Access](#)—The Department of Labor is making up to \$1 million in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding to 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. Two grants have been announced:

City of Albany (OYCEA-AC) *Due December 17, 2018* and [City of Syracuse](#) (OYCEA-SC) *Due January 04, 2019*

[Advancing Tobacco-Free Communities](#)—The Department of Health Tobacco Control Program (TCP) seeks applications from organizations for the Advancing Tobacco-Free Communities (ATFC) initiative that will foster environments supportive of policies that reinforce the tobacco-free norm in communities throughout New York State (NYS). Not-for-profit organizations, governmental entities, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. Core awardees will, among other requirements, administer a youth-oriented component called Reality Check (RC). RC will engage a core group of youth ages 13-18 in action-oriented activities and impart the necessary leadership skills to engage in policy-related tobacco control work of the contract. Youth will be involved through a supportive peer group, working with adult guidance, to work toward the overall goals of the contract. *Due January 7, 2019*

[Commodity Supplemental Food Program](#)—The Department of Health announced the availability of funding to implement the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). CSFP works to improve the health of low-income residents 60 years of age and older by supplementing their diets with nutritious foods provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Department is seeking applications from agencies to determine eligibility of applicants, manage participant caseload, receive and store USDA commodities, distribute supplemental foods, and provide nutrition education and health care referrals to eligible participants. Applicants may also apply for optional funding to receive, store, inventory and distribute \$5.8 million per year in federally donated commodities (approximately 10 million pounds) delivered directly from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) throughout the year. *Due January 10, 2019*

[Office for New Americans ONA Opportunity Center Grant](#)—This Request for Applications (RFA) seeks organizations within New York State to comprise a network of neighborhood-based "ONA Opportunity Centers" to offer programming to help interested, eligible new Americans through the naturalization application process, provide citizenship classes, provide community workshops on relevant topics to the immigrant communities being serviced, and host free legal consultations in conjunction with the ONA Legal Counsel. *Due December 17, 2018*

[Workforce Development Demonstration Project](#)—The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Division of Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth (DJJOY) is pleased to announce this funding opportunity and will award grants for a Workforce Development Demonstration Project (WDDP) that will provide education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while also providing them with opportunities to perform meaningful work and service to their communities. Please note services provided as a result of this RFP will be based on the "Pay for Success" (PFS) program model. *Due December 28, 2018*

[McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant](#)—The purpose of McKinney-Vento funding is to facilitate the improved attendance, engagement, and academic success of homeless children and youth. For this funding opportunity, New York State local educational agencies (LEAs), which for the purposes of this RFP are public school districts, BOCES, and charter schools, are eligible to apply (BOCES may only apply as a part of a consortium). The NYC Department of Education is the eligible school district applicant in NYC, not individual Community School Districts. LEAs must have identified a minimum average of 100 students in temporary housing in the 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-2018 school years to be eligible for funding. LEAs that have identified a three-year average of fewer than 100 students in temporary housing may apply as a consortium of LEAs to bring the total to 100. *Due December 19, 2018*

[Documentary Heritage Program 2019-2020](#)—Documentary Heritage Program (DHP) grants are designed to build a more comprehensive and equitable documentation of New York State's history and culture by supporting projects that identify, survey, collect, arrange, describe, and make available records that relate to groups and topics traditionally under-represented in the State's historical record. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations, archives, libraries, historical societies, and similar institutions within New York State and consortia or partnerships of such agencies. *Due January 15, 2019*

[Naturally Occurring Retirement Community Program](#)—The Office for the Aging seeks applications from eligible not-for-profit organizations to operate a NORC program to provide services to older adults, aged 60 and older, residing in areas that qualify per NYS Elder Law 209 as Classic NORCs or Neighborhood NORCs. NYSOFA currently funds 16 Classic NORC programs and 13 Neighborhood NORC programs. The purpose of this RFA is to expand NYSOFA's NORC program by funding additional Classic and Neighborhood NORC programs throughout the state, particularly in underserved areas or for underserved populations. *Due February 1, 2019*