

# New York State Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative



The overarching goal of the ECCS initiative in New York State is to support families and communities in nurturing the healthy development of children aged 0-5 through the collaborative development and implementation of a cross-system early childhood plan. Goals and objectives outlined in the evolving draft plan, which may be further revised as the plan is completed, include:

## Goal 1: Healthy Children

- **Objective 1:** Increase the practice of healthy behaviors during pregnancy, including the use of early and comprehensive prenatal care.
- **Objective 2:** Increase the proportion of children, including children with special health care needs, who receive comprehensive health, mental health, and oral health care services through a medical home.
- **Objective 3:** Integrate the promotion of health, safety, and positive development in early care and education and other community settings in which young children and their families spend significant time.

## Goal 2: Strong Families

- **Objective 4:** Increase the readiness of potential parents for pregnancy and parenting.
- **Objective 5:** Increase the proportion of vulnerable/at-risk families that are identified and provided with needed supports and services.
- **Objective 6:** Increase opportunities for all families to gain the knowledge, skills, confidence, and social supports needed to nurture the health, safety, and positive development of young children.

## Goal 3: Early Learning

- **Objective 7:** Increase the proportion of children who have access to high quality, developmentally appropriate early care and education.
- **Objective 8:** Increase parenting practices that enhance children's early learning.

## Goal 4: Supportive Communities and Coordinated Systems

- **Objective 9:** Increase opportunities for staff and administrators in all disciplines that work with young children and their families to obtain the knowledge, skills, confidence, and support needed to nurture the health, safety, and positive development of young children and their families.
- **Objective 10:** Increase the capacity of state and local government to provide leadership and support efforts to improve the quality and accessibility of services for young children and their families.