

## STEPS TO IMPROVE QUALITY

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Attending training helps you learn the skills you need to understand and support children's growth and development, and you will be able to offer a higher quality of child care to the children in your program. How do you improve the quality of the care you provide? Add follow up technique assistance after a training to help with implementation. Earn CEU's or college credits. Become accredited. Earn a Child Development Associate.

### **Early Childhood Courses**

[Earlychildhood.org](#) - Find a college near you that offers Early Childhood courses and degrees - [College Database](#)

### **Professional Development**

[CDA Council](#) - The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education (ECE) and is a key stepping stone on the path of career advancement in early childhood education - [Child Development Associate](#).

[National Association for the Education of Youth Children](#) - NAEYC's two quality assurance system levels equip programs with the tools to provide the best learning experiences for young children and provide the highest quality professional preparation of educators by meeting national standards of quality - [Accreditation](#)

[National Association for Family Child Care](#) - NAFCC sponsors the only nationally recognized accreditation system designed specifically for family child care providers. Accreditation is awarded to family child care providers who meet the eligibility requirements and the Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation - [Accreditation](#)

### **New York State Credential Programs**

[Network for Youth Success](#) - The New York State Network for Youth Success administers the New York State School Age Care (SAC) Credential, which promotes quality services to children and families by providing specific standards, training, and evaluation for afterschool professionals - [NYS School-Age Care Credential](#)

[NYAEYC](#) - Promoting excellence in early care and education services for New York State children and families, through education, advocacy and the support of the profession - [Family Child Care](#) | [Infant-Toddler Care](#) | [Children's Program Administrator](#)

### **Online Training and Distance Learning Resources**

[SUNY Learning Network](#) - Find an online degree program - [Open SUNY](#)

[Early Childhood Education and Training Program](#) - New York Office of Children and Family Services Approved Distance Learning Workshops - [Approved Distance Learning Courses](#)

[Care Courses](#) – Distance learning for Early Childhood Professionals - [Course Catalog](#)

## **Other Resources**

[Early Care and Learning Council](#) – ECLC's Early Care Management Training, New Director's Institute and workshops support child care center directors in all counties across the state by training both new and experienced child care center directors in all topics essential to running a safe, high quality program. For Day Care Centers Directors - Early Care & Management Training.

[SUNY Professional Development Program](#) - Offers trainings that are available for all child care providers in New York State.

- [Medication Administration Training \(MAT\)](#) - The [New York State Office of Children and Family Services \(OCFS\)](#) has specific regulations about giving medication to children in child day care settings. The regulations require all child day care programs that choose to administer medication, other than over-the-counter topical ointments, sunscreen and topically applied insect repellent, to meet certain conditions including having staff who are approved to give medication in a child care setting.
- [ECETP E-Learning Courses](#) - OCFS offers online training using several unique and innovative delivery methods to meet the needs of child care providers throughout New York State.

## **Scholarships, Grants and Rebates**

[SUNY Professional Development Program](#) - Education Incentive Program (EIP) The education program (EIP) is a scholarship program funded by New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYS OFCS). Its purpose is assist child care providers in paying for the professional development training and education they need to provide quality care to children.

[The MAT Rebate Program](#) - MAT Rebate program is for day care facilities to offset the cost of the training to certify staff administer medication in a child care setting

[Voice CSEA](#) - Provides grant up to \$500 to New York State registered family and licensed group family child care providers outside of New York City. The grants may be used to purchase items you need to provide quality child care and Development Training and infant Child CPR First Aid Training.



### **CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES**

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