

## Recommendations to the Assembly Workgroup on Child Care

In order to better meet the child care needs of working families in New York, there are several recommendations that NYSAN hopes the Assembly will champion. These recommendations are designed to move New York toward the long-term goal of building a comprehensive, fully-aligned child care system that provides all New Yorkers with safe, enriching options for their children.

- Fund the acquisition of a data system for School-Age Child Care (SACC) and other afterschool programs that collects program information, attendance, and relevant outcomes measures. Such a system would:
  - provide the state with a comprehensive overview of existing programs and access gaps;
  - help parents identify local programs, including those that are school run and thus not listed in OCFS's licensed and registered childcare sites database;
  - simplify programs' reporting to funders; and
  - align with the quality improvement and professional development system by identifying high-impact programs to serve as exemplars, as well as outcomes goals for which the field needs additional supports.
  - Please see attached summary and cost estimate.
- Encourage OCFS to release the revised SACC regulations and address unresolved issues legislatively.
  - Please see attached materials submitted to OCFS.
- Encourage OCFS to increase consistency in implementation of SACC regulations across the state.
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- Fund small feasibility studies for the inclusion of SACC workers in Aspire and SACC standards in QUALITYstarsNY.
- Designate funding for high-quality child care programs in the Regional Economic Development Councils' workplans; explore Opportunity Agenda funding for specific programs in high-need urban and rural areas.
- Create a comprehensive system that aligns early learning, pre-K, and K-5 school and afterschool programs along student-centered, developmentally-appropriate standards and linked services. Grow that system to serve all New York families, including making free or very low cost care available to all low-income families, beginning with an \$82 million investment in child care subsidies for FY 2014-15.