



Winning Beginning NY's Vision Vision of an Early Care and Learning System

An early childhood system seeks to achieve three goals: **early learning, healthy children, and strong families**. Learning begins at home and continues in other settings. In order to learn, children must be physically, mentally and emotionally healthy. Families are understood to be the foundation of this healthy development and are supported as such.

Winning Beginning NY's vision of an early care and learning system is one that ensures that:

- All young children have access to the early care and learning services that they and their families need.
- Every community offers families the array of family supports and services, responsive to cultural and linguistic diversity, that are needed to raise healthy children.
- All early care and learning programs – in schools, early childhood centers, family child care homes, and including home visiting and after school – meet consistent, rigorous quality standards, promote inclusion, and are accountable for their performance.
- Every early care and learning professional is well prepared and has access to ongoing professional development.
- Equally credentialed early care and learning professionals are equally compensated, regardless of setting.
- A state-level Early Childhood Advisory Council addresses issues pertaining to our youngest children.
- Adequate financial resources support the system.