Child care is essential to rebuild our workforce

SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY

New York's ability to rebuild our workforce in the wake of COVID-19 is dependent on our child care system. In order to return to work, families must have access to child care. As the state turns its focus toward rebuilding the economy, high quality child care, Head Start, and pre-k must be an essential part of the solution.

As New York State’s Quality Rating and Improvement System for early childhood care and education, QUALITYstarsNY is fully invested in the state's economic recovery. QUALITYstarsNY provides more than 800 early childhood programs across New York State with the support and expert guidance they need to overcome the many obstacles they face in order to reopen.

New York’s early childhood programs are under enormous stress, with many programs still closed or facing unprecedented challenges as a result of COVID-19. Child care and pre-k programs are relying more than ever on the comprehensive support provided by QUALITYstarsNY.

While reopening their site is the first step, it's about more than that for many QUALITYstarsNY participants and the families they serve. Child care programs are focused not only on welcoming back staff, children, and families to their site, but maintaining high quality practices as they adapt to serve the needs of children and families during this time of heightened health concerns.

JUST THE FACTS

QUALITYstarsNY received responses from 98% of our 800+ participating programs to questions about their program operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

63% of participants are serving children

34% of participants are currently closed in response to COVID-19

27% are serving children on-site

36% are engaging families remotely

Even in crisis, the vast majority of QUALITYstarsNY participants remain committed to quality improvement with access to the support they need to better their program.

80% of participants have continued to work with their Quality Improvement Specialist to improve their program during the pandemic, including programs that have been closed.

Learn more at qualitystarsny.org