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ACAP CHILD CARE PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA 2012

Aging Services
Nutrition Program
Senior Transportation

GOAL: TO ENSURE VITAL SERVICES TO YOUNG CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Child and Family
Services
After School
Child Care Resource
and Referral
Early Head Start
Family Development
Head Start

Child Care Resource and Referral Agency Capacity

- o **Build Services.** Assure that all families have access to information to make the best child care choices to meet their family needs.
- o **Promote child care resource & referral services,** particularly training and technical assistance, as an integral part of the implementation and delivery of services.
- o **Support Early Childhood Professionals:** Align professional development services with State initiatives designed to improve knowledge, competencies and dispositions; ensuring professionals have adequate supports including scholarships.
- o **Expand Research and Evaluation.** Improve the capacity of the program to assess R&R services and how they can adapt and expand.
- o **Increase Public Education.** Promote R&R services to parents and providers and increase education about the importance of early childhood development and quality childcare.

Community Services
Emergency Needs
Food Pantry
Homeless Assistance

Subsidy Reform

- o **Advocate for Funding for Child Care Subsidies.** Support working families and ensure young children have access to quality early care and education programs. Care for children with special needs must also be reimbursed at a higher rate.

Employment and
Training
OneWorkSource
Business &
Employment
Center
(Partner Agency)

Social and Emotional Health

- o **Advocate for Funding for Infant & Toddler Project.** Provide social/ emotional consultation in early child care settings to identify problems early, improve access to care and provide effective interventions which are central to children's mental health needs.

Weatherization and
Energy Services
Assisted Home
Performance with
Energy Star
EmPower NY
Weatherization
Network Initiative

Physical Health and Well-Being

- o **Support Obesity Prevention in Early Childhood.** With approximately one in five children overweight or obese by their 6th birthday, ACAP CCR&R will continue to offer and promote efforts to prevent childhood obesity through education and collaboration that support the improvements the quality of early learning environments.

Child and Family Well-Being

- o **Increased Education on the Need for Programs Which Support Strengthening Parenting Skills.** Advocate for more support for programs that increase and support parents in strengthening communication and relationship building to ultimately improve the well-being of their children.

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