



Building Success for Children
Ensuring Success for New York

New York State's Early Childhood Advisory Council

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Why is Early Learning So Important?

- 40% of all children enter kindergarten without the necessary skills for success.
- 70% of children from low-income families do not have the foundational skills they need.
- Children rarely catch up without intervention.

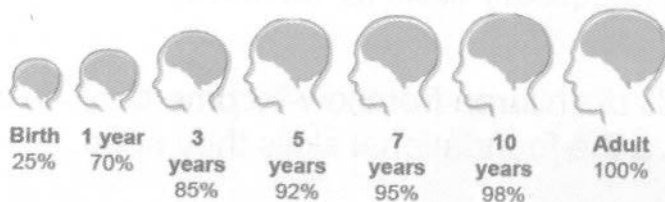


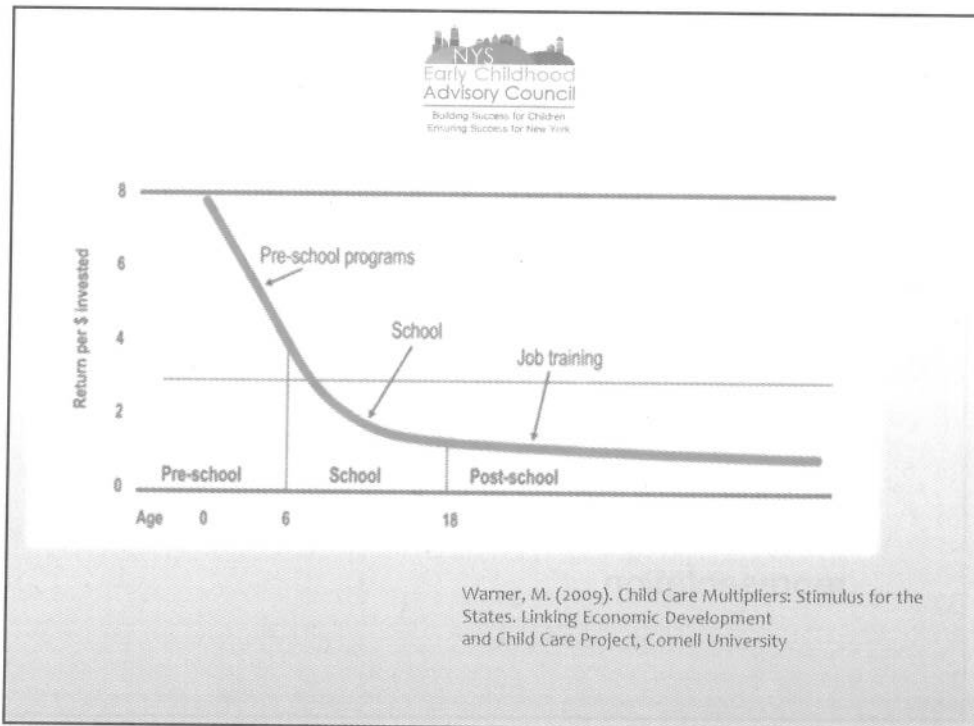
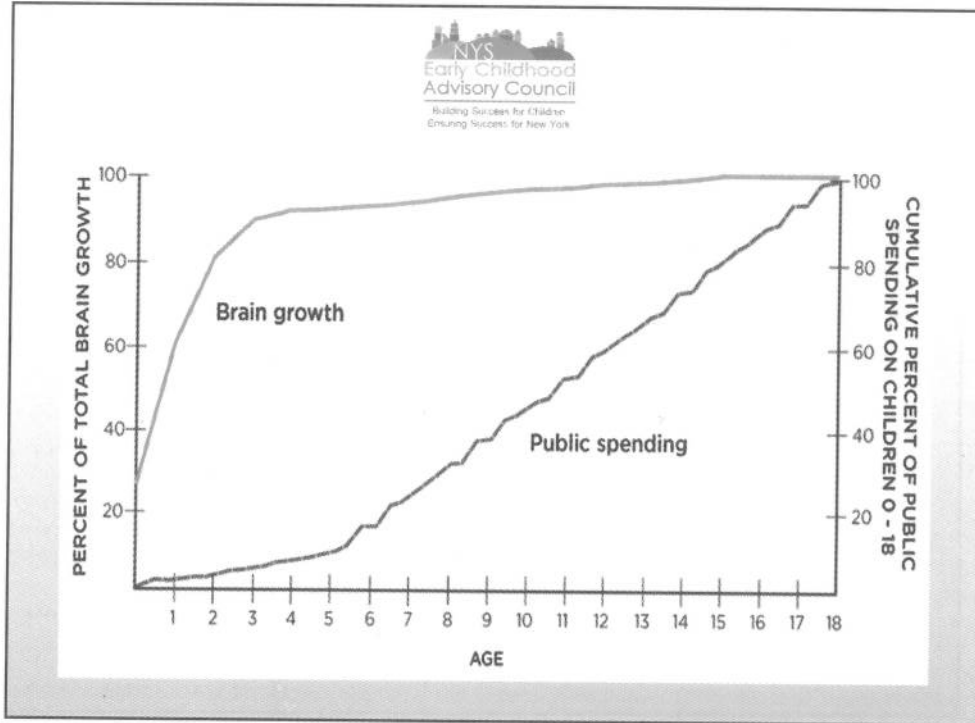
Without High Quality Early Education Children At-risk are:

- 25% More likely to drop out of school
- 40% more likely to become a teen parent
- 50% more likely to be placed in special education
- 60% more likely not to attend college



Brain Growth: Birth to Adulthood





Warner, M. (2009). Child Care Multipliers: Stimulus for the States. Linking Economic Development and Child Care Project, Cornell University



New York Working to Meet the Needs of Young Children

- Established the Early Childhood Advisory Council to Build a Comprehensive System of Early Childhood Services
- \$25 million for full day prekindergarten program as an initial investment in meeting the needs of children at risk



Place in NYS Government

Housed in *Council on Children & Families (CCF)*

- ECAC reports to the Governor and to Commissioners of state agencies
- Co-Chairs from CCF & outside state government
- 50 member Council with a range of early childhood expertise and statewide representation



Vision & 4 Focus Areas

"All young children are healthy, learning, and thriving in families that are supported by a full complement of services and resources essential for successful development."

Strategic Plan focus areas:

- Healthy Children
- Early Learning
- Strong Families
- Coordinated & Responsive Systems



Healthy Children

- Meeting the social-emotional development needs of young children
- Ensuring that all children receive routine developmental screens
- Preventing obesity/supporting healthy lifestyles
- Strengthening our network of child care health consultants



Strong Families

- Strengthening family engagement practice and policies
- Expanding access to evidenced-based parenting education
- Supporting efforts to develop a comprehensive home visiting system



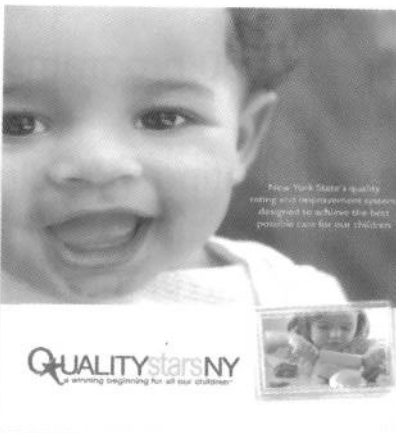
Early Learning

Developed:

- Competency-based Core Body of Knowledge
- Early Learning Guidelines
- Early Learning Workforce Registry –ASPIRE
- State Trainer’s Credential
- Supporting higher education teacher preparation and leadership development



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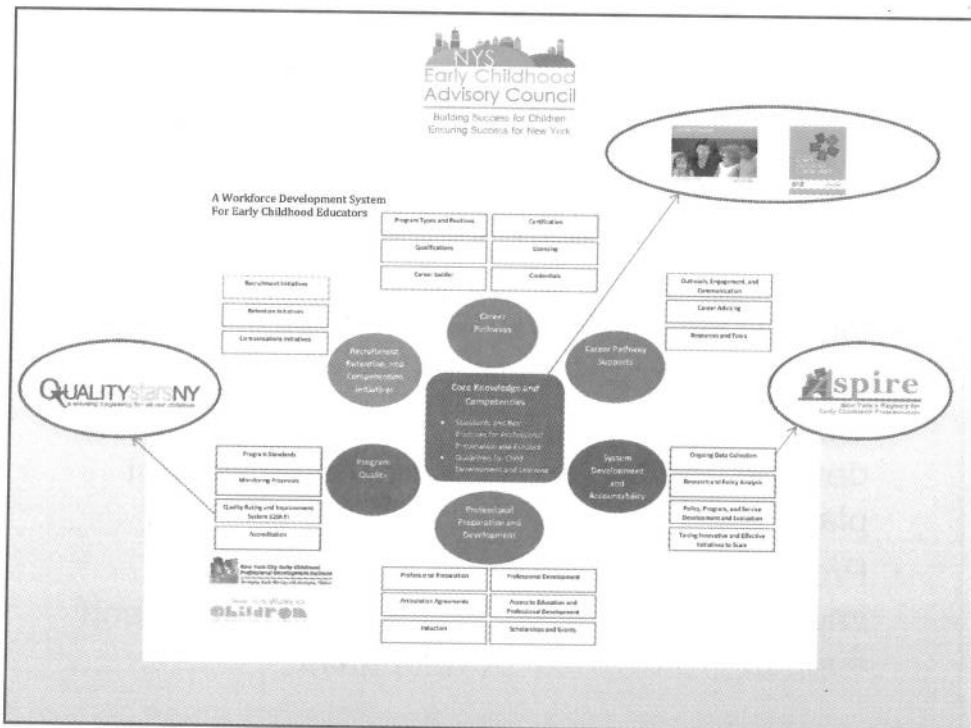
QUALITYstarsNY

- QUALITYstarsNY is New York's quality rating and improvement system
- Quality improvement specialists help programs develop and implement quality improvement plans
- Provides financial support to make improvements, obtain technical assistance and support professional development



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- Implementing in 450 programs across the state
- Programs participating including family and center-based child care, Early Head Start, Head Start, and Universal Prekindergarten Public Schools





Coordinated and Responsive Systems

- Developed a plan for a comprehensive early childhood data system
- Developed an early childhood cost estimation model with a return on Investment component
- Developing financing strategies



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