About Our Partnership

NYSPEP represents collaboration between qualified parenting educators and organizations that employ, fund, and support the educators. Its mission is to promote and improve parenting education, in order to enhance parenting skills, knowledge and behavior.

Convening Organizations

• NYS Council on Children and Families
• NYS Office of Children and Family Services / Children and Family Trust Fund
• NYS Office of Mental Health
• NYS Education Department
• Prevent Child Abuse New York

NYSPEP Steering Committee

• Conveners’ representatives
• Workgroup co-chairs
• Members of public and private agencies who lead the field of parenting education

www.NYSPEP.org

Credentialing: The NYSPEP Parenting Educator Credential is a professional recognition system that formally assesses and acknowledges professional parenting educators' education, training, skills and experience and also serves as a career path for those in the field.

Training Opportunities/Professional Development:

• Strong Roots
• Summer Institute
• Webinars

Resources: Provides links, documents, archives, toolkits, best practices, community and family supports, evidence and evaluation, and more.

NYSPEP Membership: Open to the public and free. Visit our website and join NYSPEP!

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New York State Parenting Education Partnership
NYSPEP

Because...
children don’t come with instructions
Parenting Education Matters!

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NYSPEP – A Labor Of Love

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At the time, there was little internet-based help for families to find parenting programs. Educators tended to be isolated within their niches, with few opportunities to work or learn together. Parenting education was often stigmatized. There was no quality standard for parenting educators.

Today, our Parenting Educator Credential sets a high standard that inspires confidence in qualified educators. NYSPEP maintains a family resources website and a searchable online database of parenting programs that is coordinated with a toll-free parent helpline. Training institutes and webinars are tied to core educator competencies. Conferences allow educators to support and learn from each other.

Our website, eNewsletter and media channels publicize professional development opportunities, resources, and tools that assist educators in supporting families with children. We promote evidence-based practices and encourage the use of evaluation tools and strategies.

We are working to increase funding and policies that ensure high-quality parenting education is accessible and affordable. We are shifting community norms to create a culture of positive parenting and help the public understand and value parenting education. We continue to work to enhance parenting skills, knowledge, and behavior, so that all children will grow up in nurturing environments.

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