

# Accessing **QUALITY** Infant & Toddler **CARE**



## NEW YORK STATE NEEDS MORE **QUALITY INFANT & TODDLER CARE**

*Infants and toddlers are children birth to three*

**700,000** The approximate number of *Infants and Toddlers* across *New York State*, according to available Census Data

**354,554** The number of *Infant and Toddler seats needed* to serve even 50% of our youngest children in child care

**95,956** The number of existing *Infant and Toddler seats* in *licensed & registered* settings across *New York State*

**7:1** There are *7 Infants or Toddlers* who may be in need of care for *every 1 seat of licensed & registered care* that is available across New York State

**60%** The percentage of *parents with infants* who are *in the U.S. workforce*

**19,757** *Requests for Infant and Toddler Care made to CCR&Rs*  
In a 12-month period between July of 2017 and June of 2018, 35 Child Care Resource and Referral agencies across New York State received 19,757 requests from parents and families for infant and toddler child care

**5,860** *Available Openings for Infant and Toddler Care*  
Between July 2017-June 2018 the number of registered and licensed, infant and toddler child care seats available (not currently filled) across the state.

**3:1** *Requests made to CCR&Rs* for licensed & registered quality Infant and Toddler care, *outnumber available seats across New York State 3 to 1*



The Early Care & Learning Council (ECLC) is a statewide, not-for-profit membership organization that represents the 35 Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) programs across New York State.

In 2002, The Early Care & Learning Council developed the Infant Toddler Project. Delivered through our statewide network of CCR&Rs., the Project provides support when it can have the greatest impact - during the first 3 years of life.

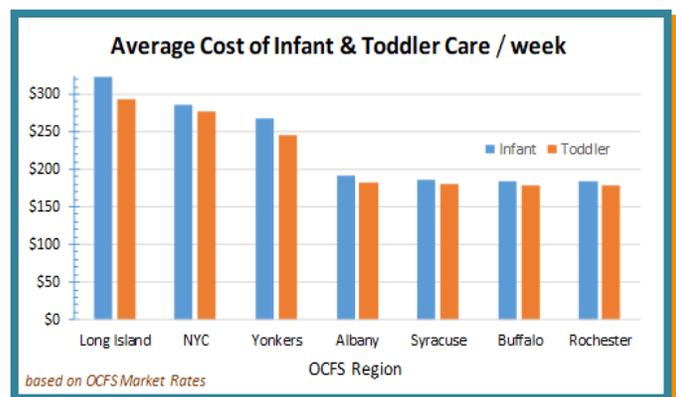
Our Infant Toddler Project reaches out to communities, child care providers, and families to promote safe, nurturing environments for the youngest New Yorkers. It emphasizes high-quality early care that's essential to long-term social, emotional, and intellectual development. That in turn has a positive ripple effect on schools, businesses, and communities across New York State.

With nearly **90%** of all Infant & Toddler child care seats filled, parental requests to CCR&Rs for Quality Infant & Toddler Care across New York State outweighs availability.

**Market Rate\* of Annual Cost for Infant Care: \$12,057**  
In Long Island \$16,796 In NYC \$14,872

**Market Rate\* of Annual Cost for Toddler Care: \$11,410**  
In Long Island \$15,288 In NYC \$14,404

**\*Market Rate is woefully inadequate and does not reflect actual cost of care**



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## The Challenge: Too Many Barriers to Finding Affordable Quality Child Care

Even when licensed & registered infant and toddler seats exist in an area, parents often face daunting challenges, including: unaffordable fees; inaccessible locations; and program hours that don't align with their needs.

*“Child care assistance reaches only a fraction of eligible families, and even when available, it is rarely sufficient to cover the cost of providing infant and toddler care.”*

- Center for American Progress, Oct 2018 report: Understanding Infant & Toddler Child Care Deserts.

### Barriers to Finding Infant & Toddler Care

**New York City Data Not Included**

Based on CCR&R Survey of Clients

No Openings	39%	<b>52%</b> of families who contact CCR&Rs for referrals qualify for the child care subsidy for their Infant or Toddler.
Cost	14%	
Provider business hours	12%	

### Barriers to Finding Infant & Toddler Care

**New York City Data ONLY**

Based on CCR&R Survey of Clients

No Openings	58%	<b>79%</b> of New York City families who contact CCR&Rs for referrals qualify for the child care subsidy for their Infant or Toddler.
Cost	29%	
Location	5%	

*“A shortage of licensed/registered child care has long lasting and significant impacts on children and families.”*

- Center for American Progress, Oct 2018 report: Understanding Infant & Toddler Child Care Deserts.

## The Solution: Increase **QUALITY & SUPPLY**

### CCR&Rs Support Quality Child Care for Infants and Toddlers across New York State

A network of 24 skilled Infant Toddler Specialists support providers across the state to help raise the level of quality care available to infants and toddlers through specialized training, technical assistance, support and resources.

These Specialists have participated in nationally recognized Infant Toddler training programs. The knowledge that they deliver to care givers reflects the most important and impactful teachings necessary to guide providers to achieve the benchmarks of high-quality care for infants and toddlers.

### 2019 Executive Ask

**\$5 million for Quality Child Care for New York's Infants and Toddlers**

- **\$2.5 million for the expansion of the Infant Toddler Specialist Network**  
*To serve nearly 2,000 additional programs and enhance the quality of programs serving infants and toddlers*
- **\$2.5 million to recruit, train and support new quality providers to the field**