



Important Funding Updates for the New York State Early Learning Trainer Credential

Since the inception of the New York State Early Learning Trainer Credential (NYSELTC) in 2010 the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) had provided funding to offset the cost of the credentialing process for candidates who meet the eligibility requirements. OCFS will continue as a stakeholder in support of quality professional development for early childhood professionals, however, **the funding stream that has reduced the cost of obtaining the NYSELTC will expire on December 31, 2014.**

If you have applied or intend to apply to be a Level 1, 2 or 3 Credential Trainer or a Content Specialist Trainer, in order to receive the current OCFS funding support, you must successfully complete the credentialing process by December 31, 2014.

If you successfully complete the process and are awarded a Level 1, 2 or 3 Credential or Content Specialist Trainer by the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children (NYSAEYC) on or before December 31, 2014 you will receive, provided funds are still available, funding assistance through OCFS. Candidates will only be responsible for the \$75.00 certificate fee, as is the current policy.

If you do not successfully complete the process of a Level 1, 2 or 3 Credential or Content Specialist Trainer with NYSAEYC by December 31, 2014, you will be responsible for the entire fee of \$350.00 for the Level 1, 2 or 3 Credential or \$75.00 for the Content Specialist.

Please note that this credential is not eligible for the Educational Incentive Program (EIP).
