

*New York Association for the Education of Young Children*  
**Champions for Children**  
 2003 ~ 2014

**2003 Champions**

<i>Dianne Meckler</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Chancellor Robert Bennett</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Anne Mitchell</i>	<i>Early Childhood Benefactor</i>
<i>Christina Lynch</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

**2004 Champions**

<i>Nancy Kolben</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Suzanne Zafonte Sennett</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Barbara Blum</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Marilyn Scudder Barnwell</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

**2005 Champions**

<i>Barbara Nilsen</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Alice Sterling Honig</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Robert and Peggy Wegman</i>	<i>Early Childhood Benefactor</i>
<i>Suzanne McLain</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

**2006 Champions**

<i>Jennifer Birckmayer</i>	<i>Lifelong Excellency</i>
<i>Anne Ryan</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Trudy Mollenberg</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Double "H" Ranch</i>	<i>Early Childhood Benefactor</i>
<i>Alice Sample</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

**2007 Champions**

<i>Marilyn Cohen</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>
<i>Lynda Merchant</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>
<i>Karen Schimke</i>	<i>Early Childhood Benefactor</i>
<i>Patricia Amanna</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>

**2008 Champions**

<i>Mary Jo Hunt</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Mary Lavin</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Kelli Simpson</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>
<i>Colleen Walling</i>	<i>Student Leader</i>
<i>Kathleen Burton</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>

**2009 Champions**

<i>Tammy Dunn</i>	<i>Student Leader</i>
<i>Linda Landsman</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Sara Wilford</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Caroline Zinsser</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>

**2010 Champions**

<i>Thomas Blumer</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Ric Frank</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Ellen Wohl</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Darcy Barber</i>	<i>Student Leader</i>

**2011 Champions**

<i>Vickie F. Calderon</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Marcia Scheer</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Peggy Liuzzi</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Marsha Dumka</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

**2012 Champions**

<i>Bob Frawley</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Doris P. Fromberg</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Abbe Kovacik</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>
<i>Joy Farina Foskett</i>	<i>Student Leader</i>

**2013 Champions**

<i>Sherry Cleary</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Mary Louise Musler</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Susan Antos</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Joyce M. Guimaraes</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

**2014 Champions**

<i>Maggie M. Evans</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Kathleen Hursh</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>
<i>Janice M. Molnar</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Lisa Poelle</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

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2015 ~ 2020*

*2015 Champions*

<i>Margaret Meehan</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Nancy Kaplan</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Berke</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>
<i>Shareefah Pereira</i>	<i>Student Leader</i>

*2016 Champions*

<i>Kate Dust</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Mary Hayes</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Jacqueline Cady</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>
<i>Louis Hamlyn-Harris</i>	<i>New Professional Leader</i>

*2017 Champions*

<i>Leslie Bushara</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Jane Brown</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Kathleen Pickel</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Ella Ames</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

*2018 Champions*

<i>Nancy Jenner Gabriel</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Patty Persell</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Carolyn J. Lee-Davis</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Karen Koness Dearing</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

*2019 Champions*

<i>Melissa Hasty</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Pamela Wells</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Jenn O'Connor</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Jeanne Loysen</i>	<i>Member of the Year</i>

*2020 Champions*

<i>Sarah Gould-Houde</i>	<i>Early Childhood Leader</i>
<i>Community Playthings</i>	<i>Early Childhood Supporter</i>
<i>Pamela Grant</i>	<i>Member Leader</i>
<i>Wei Dai</i>	<i>New Professional Leader</i>

*The New York Association for the Education of Young Children's mission is to promote excellence in early care and education services for NYS children and families through education, advocacy and the support of the profession.*