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## **Workforce Retention Grant**

On May 31, 2023, Governor Kathy Hochul announced a \$500 million investment in the FY 2024 budget to bolster New York's child care workforce through the Workforce Retention Grant program. Funding from the program will support up to 150,000 child care workers with bonus payments ranging from \$2,300 to \$3,000 to staff in caregiving roles, as well as funding to support child care programs' efforts to recruit new staff, offer sign-on and referral bonuses, and more.

The Workforce Retention Grant program is for eligible New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) licensed/registered school-age child care programs (SACC), day care centers (DCC), family day care homes (FDC), group family day care homes (GFDC), small day care centers (SDCC) and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) permitted Article 47 group day care centers (GDC).

Application portal will open on July 26, 2023.



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The Professional Development Specialist provides culturally and linguistically appropriate educational and consulting programs for child care providers and other early childhood professionals and parents with the goal of enhancing the quality of early care and education available in the communities we serve.

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