



# NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION EDUCATOR PREPARATION NEWSLETTER

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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes current and upcoming activities related to higher education, with a particular focus on the preparation of educators. This newsletter, past newsletters, and a subscription link are available online on the [OHE website](#)

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A Presentation on the New York State My Brother's Keeper History. Angela Johnson, Deputy Commissioner for P12 Instructional Support, and Anael Alston, Assistant Commissioner for Access, Equity, and Community Engagement, presented the history of [New York State My Brother's Keeper](#) to highlight gains made in communities of color across New York State. One of the programs highlighted was the Teacher Opportunity Corps II (TOC II) [grant program](#). The TOC II program provides funds to educator preparation programs to enhance the preparation of teachers and prospective teachers in addressing the learning needs of students at risk of truancy, academic failure, or dropping out of school and to increase the participation of historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged individuals in teaching careers. [Araos](#) also announced that a RFP for TOC II literacy programs is currently under development. During the presentation, the booklet ["On a Path to Education Equity: The Story of MBK in New York State"](#), detailing the creation, growth, and success of the My Brother's Keeper Program in New York State, was also introduced.

Certification Reform Jim Baldwin, Chief Policy Advisor; William Murphy, Deputy Commissioner for Higher Education; Alex Trikalinos, Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Teacher and Leader Development; and Laura Glass, Chief of Staff for the Office of Education Policy, presented [an overview of several potential changes to educator certification](#) that would provide access and equity to enter and remain in the profession, build sustainable local education pipelines, and further simplify and modernize the certification process to the P-20 Work Group.

## ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF TEACH NEW YORK

The Department is excited to announce the launch of TEACH New York (TeachNY), a pioneering initiative aimed at reinvigorating the teaching profession and attracting diverse talent into education, in Spring 2024. TeachNY is a mission-driven effort focused on enhancing the perception of teaching and encouraging more individuals to consider a career in education. This initiative leverages a research-backed model, offering comprehensive support and resources for prospective teachers to navigate the path to

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certification. Through a blend of digital and person resources, TeachNY ~~serve~~ as a gateway to the teaching profession, offering insights, guidance, and inspiration to future educators.

Partnering with TeachNY provides Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and other educational organizations a unique opportunity to boost their teacher recruitment strategies. This collaboration promises increased visibility, access to proven ~~and~~ resources, and the potential to diversify and expand the educator workforce all at no cost

For more information or to express your interest in partnering, please visit [the TeachNY website](#) or email Courtney Graham, Supervisor of Education Programs in the Office of Teacher and Leader Development at [TeachNY@nysed.gov](mailto:TeachNY@nysed.gov)

## CHILD ABUSE/MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING

Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2021 amended Social Services Law § 413 to require additional training in protocols to reduce implicit bias in decisionmaking processes, strategies for identifying adverse childhood experiences, and guidelines to assist in recognizing signs of abuse or maltreatment while interacting virtually within the New York State Mandated Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse/Maltreatment/Neglect coursework.

The law now requires that mandated reporters, including those who have previously undergone the current

~~training, complete the updated training curriculum by April 1, 2025. For a list of certificate holders who need to take this training see the~~ [Updated Mandated Reporter Training Requirements](#)

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