

**NYS Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention Coordinating Council**

Current Membership, Term Expirations, and Vacancies (Updated 4/3/2026)

\*Executive Committee Member

NAME/TERM EXPIRATION	BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS	TITLE/OCCUPATION AND ADDRESS	COUNTY	FY 2025-26 Expenses **	Est. FY 2025-26 Expenses
<b>Katie Heath, PhD</b> <i>Term Exp: 12/31/2025</i>	Parent of child w/ disability age 6 or younger	Parent hometown: Victor, NY 14564 heath_katie@roberts.edu	Ontario		\$1,484
<b>Emily Mondschein</b> <i>Term Exp: 12/31/2025</i>	Parent of child w/ disability age 12 or younger	Executive Director GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Centers 326 Kenmore Ave Buffalo, NY 14223 emondschein@gigisplayhouse.org	Erie		\$1,484
<b>Cheryl Shaefer-Coppola, MSW</b> <i>Term Exp: 12/31/2017</i>	Parent of child w/ disability age 12 or younger	Parent hometown: Fairport, NY 14450 rahrahala2@gmail.com	Monroe		\$2,020
<b>*Leah Esther Lax, PhD</b> <i>Term Exp: 12/31/2015</i>	Parent of child w/ disability age 12 or younger	Parent hometown: Brooklyn, NY 11210 acclax@aol.com	Kings		\$976
<b>Victoria Collins, Esq.</b> <i>Term Exp: 12/31/2027</i>	Discretionary (also Parent of child w/ disability age 12 or younger)	Parent hometown: Croghan, NY 13327 vcollins@carthagennylaw.com	Lewis	\$30	\$1,684
<b>*Amy De Vito</b> <i>Term Exp: 12/31/2019</i>	Parent of child w/ disability age 12 or younger	Parent hometown: Glenville, NY 12302 adevito23@yahoo.com	Schenectady	\$108.40	\$535.00
<b>*Angella Timothy, MPA, RN, C-PH, CHE (Designee)</b>	Commissioner, NYSDOH (Dr. James McDonald, MD, MPH)	NYS Department of Health Corning Tower, 14th Floor Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12237 Angella.Timothy@health.ny.gov	Albany		\$0
<b>*Elina Tsenter, MS, Ed (Designee)</b>	Commissioner NYS Education Department (Betty A. Rosa)	Commissioner State Education Dept Education Building 89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234 Elina.tsenter@nysed.gov	Albany		\$0
<b>Raymond Bowman (Designee)</b>	Commissioner NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (Willow Baer)	Acting Commissioner NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities 44 Holland Avenue Albany, NY 12229 Raymond.Bowman@opwdd.ny.gov	Albany	\$60	\$100

<b>Bonnie Catlin, LCSW</b> (Designee)	Commissioner NYS Office of Mental Health (Ann Marie T. Sullivan, MD)	Commissioner NYS Office of Mental Health 44 Holland Avenue Albany, NY 12229 Bonnie.Catlin@omh.ny.gov	Albany		\$0
<b>Patricia Zuber-Wilson</b> (Designee)	Commissioner NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (Dr. Chinazo Cunnigham))	Commissioner NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services 1450 Western Avenue Albany, NY 12203 Patricia.Zuber- Wilson@oasas.ny.gov	Albany		\$0
<b>Timothy Conway</b> (Designee)	Acting Superintendent NYS Department of Financial Services (Kaitlyn Asrow)	Acting Superintendent NYS Department of Financial Services One Commerce Plaza Albany, NY 12257 timothy.conway2@dfs.ny.gov	Albany		\$0
<b>Joy Connolly, MPA, MA</b> (Designee)	Commissioner Office of Children and Family Services (Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden)	Commissioner- Division of Child and Family Services NYS Office of Children and Family Services 52 Washington Street Rensselaer, NY 12144 Joy.Connolly@ocfs.ny.gov	Rensselaer		\$0
<b>*Heidi Bond, BSN, CPH</b> <i>Term Exp: 12/31/2019</i>	Local Early Intervention Official	Early Intervention Official Public Health Director Otsego County Department of Health 140 County Highway 33W, Suite 3 Cooperstown, NY 13326 bondh@otsegocountyny.gov	Otsego	\$30	\$769.92
<b>Jordan Kase, MD</b> (Designee: Sherlita Amler, MD) <i>Term Exp: 12/31/2023</i>	Local Early Intervention Official (Designee)	Clinical Professor of Pediatrics- NY Medical College/ Director of Regional Neonatal Follow up Program Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical jordan.kase@wmchealth.org	Westcheste r	\$413	1020.2
<b>*Steve Held, MEd, CAGS,</b> <b>SDA- Council Chair</b> (designated 3/24/23) <i>Term Exp: 12/31/2020</i>	Public or private provider of Early Intervention services	Executive Director, Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center PO Box 12, Longwood Road Middle Island, NY 11953 jkschool@aol.com	Suffolk	\$30	\$1,488
<b>*Marina Yoegel, CCC/SLP,</b> <b>TSHH, SAS- Council Vice-</b> <b>Chair</b> <i>Term</i> <i>Exp: 12/31/2019</i>	Public or private provider of Early Intervention services	Assistant Commissioner for Children with Special Health Care Needs Westchester County Health Department 145 Hueuenot Street, 8th Floor New Rochelle, NY 10801 mry1@westchestercountyny.go v	Westcheste r	\$30	\$40.00

<b>Carlo Cuccaro</b> Term Exp: 12/31/26	Public or private provider of Early Intervention services	Visiting Assistant Professor at SUNY Oswego Counseling and Psychological Services Department Baldwinsville, New York 13027 carlocuccaro@gmail.com	Onondaga	\$10	\$1,684
<b>Julie Opalecky, MS, PT</b> Term Exp: 12/31/2027	Discretionary (also Public or private provider of Early Intervention services)	Opalecky Physical Therapy Services, PLLC 965 Kent Rd, Kent NY 14477 julieopalecky@hotmail.com (585)520-6067	Orleans	\$504	\$2,280
<b>*Robin Stegman, PhD, SLP</b> Term Exp: 12/31/2027	Public or private provider of Early Intervention services	Robin Stegman, PhD, FAAA, CCC-SLP/A, TSHH Rockville Centre, NY 11570 rfstegman@aol.com	Nassau	\$10	\$1,320
<b>Brigitte C. Desport , DPS, OTR/L, BCP, ATP</b> Term Exp: 12/31/2028	Personnel preparation or training	Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Associate Professor, SUNY Downstate Health Science University, 450 Clarkson Avenue, MSC# 94 Brooklyn, NY 11203 Brigitte.Desport@downstate.edu	Kings		\$1,016
<b>Lynn Chavanne Shea, MA, SLP</b> Term Exp: 12/31/2028	Discretionary (also provider)	Early Childhood Program Director Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center 50 E. North St. Buffalo, NY 14203 lshea@askbhsc.org	Erie	\$232	\$2,540
<b>*Lidiya Lednyak, MA, Esq.</b> Term Exp: 12/31/2028	Discretionary (also municipal representative)	Assistant Commissioner NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Bureau of Early Intervention 42-09 28th St, Fl 9 Gotham Center CN#12 Long Island City, New York 11101-4132 llednyak@health.nyc.gov	Queens		\$0
<b>Tracy Lyman, MEd.</b> Term Exp: 12/31/2028	Discretionary	Pyramid Model Policy Coordinator, NYS Council on Children and Families 44 Hawley Street Binghamton, NY 13901 tracy.lyman@ccf.ny.gov	Broome	\$10	\$1,671
<b>Shelbi McIlroy, MPA</b> (Designee) Term Exp 12/31/2025	Member of the Legislature (Assemblywoman Amy Paulin)	700 White Plains Rd Suite 355 Scarsdale, NY 10583 mcilroys@nyassembly.gov	Monroe		\$1,252

VACANT (Designee)	Member of the Legislature (Senator John. W. Mannion)		Albany		\$0
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\*\*Pursuant to PHL § 2553(5), members of the Council are entitled to reimbursement of "their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties." This information reflects those reimbursements for the period FY 2025-2026.

**Members with expired terms continue to serve in hold over until they are reappointed or replaced.**