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SharedSource ECNY: Save Time and Money!

Happy fall! This season, we want to highlight a resource that can help save you time, effort and even money (!) as you plan and prepare for the year ahead.

SharedSource ECNY is a web-based resource that offers videos, documents and other information gathered from experts in the early childhood field. SharedSource ECNY has something for everyone, regardless of your role: director, teacher, family child care provider, or trainer. Looking for help with your parent handbook? Ideas for creative fall projects to explore with your preschoolers? What about a discount on the paper products you order for your program? From tips for successful program management, to practical support in the classroom, SharedSource ECNY is a one stop shop for the early childhood professional.

Now is the perfect time to explore SharedSource ECNY – the site was just re-vamped and expanded! Here is a quick overview of the different sections you can explore:



In the classroom: Learning activities and resources for you and your kids.



Engaging Families: Guidance and knowledge to share with families.



Saving Money: Discounts on the products and services that you need most!



Successful program management: Programs, policies and forms to help you administer your child care program safely and smoothly.



NY Local: Specific resources for Infant and Toddler Specialists, Health Care Consultants and more.

There's no need to re-invent the wheel if you have access to high-quality resources like these! What are you waiting for? Take advantage of this collective knowledge and visit [SharedSource ECNY](#) today.

FAST FACTS

At this time, SharedSource ECNY is only accessible to QUALITYstarsNY participating programs and members of the New York Association for the Education of Young Children (NYAEYC).

To join or learn more about NYAEYC membership, [please visit their website](#).

Currently there are:

**Over
3000**

NYAEYC members

Also, save the date for their annual conference in the Spring:

**NYAEYC 2020 ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

**April 2-4,
2020**

**at Turning Stone Resort
in Verona, NY**

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SharedSource ECNY Savings

SharedSource ECNY members have access to exclusive cost saving programs, like discounts on classroom supplies, food service suppliers, insurance deals and other employee benefits. Instead of trying to find suppliers or calling to negotiate deals, SharedSource ECNY provides a list of vendors to choose from. There's even a calculator to estimate how much you can save with the savings program, and a personal liaison available to help you identify what vendors will make an immediate impact on your bottom line.

SharedSource ECNY savings include discounts from the following companies and services:

 Central RESTAURANT PRODUCTS WHOLESALE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES		 Lakeshore®	
 KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY		 DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY	
 Staples™		 Sprint®	

SPOTLIGHT

Meet Stacie Boelkins! She is the Director of Christ The King Early Childhood Education Center. She has been using SharedSource ECNY since 2016!



“ SharedSource ECNY helps professionalize my business practices and provides me with tools to improve my program. Within the Successful Program Management tab, I use the *Becoming an HR Expert*, the *Forms, Policies & Templates* and the *Business & Strategic Plans* sections regularly. I also research and take advantage of the different savings programs that are available to members.

My advice to all who are interested in using SharedSource ECNY is to block out some time on your calendar to explore the site. Select one task in a specific area that you want to improve on and search for resources or tips that can help you. Thereafter, make a plan to put those ideas into action. If you find it is helpful information, don't hesitate to let others know! Share information about SharedSource ECNY at board, networking, or staff meetings! ”