



From the Playroom

## Welcome Back!

This past summer many of us tuned in to the Olympics held in Paris, France. We witnessed the pomp and circumstance of the opening ceremonies and watched the events like gymnastics, track, and swimming. These athletes have dedicated their lives to training both physically and mentally, displaying characteristics of grit, determination, persistence, and confidence! Attributes like these are what makes a champion!



**[Read on about how Primary Project teams are champions for children!](#)**

## Access to NEW Resources This Year

Two exciting new resources have been developed for schools to use:

- District Champions (and Beyond)
- Toolkit Teacher Toolkit

**[Click here to learn more & access the resources!](#)**

**What's Great In Our State: New York State**

Each year, Primary Project programs in New York State (NYS) complete an end of the year survey. Take a look at the results!



98 schools



47 districts



29 counties

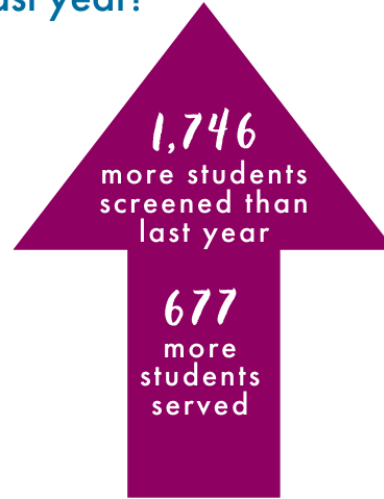
The number of students screened and served is up from last year!

**16,667**

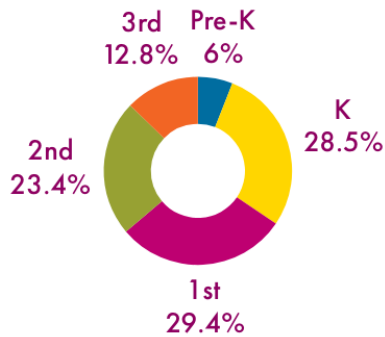
students screened

**2,234**

students served in Primary Project as a result of screening



K-2 students are the primary focus.



Primary Project Pre-K continues to grow, with 14 programs up and running across the state.



Respondents listed the relationship between the child and child associate as the most critical element.

**81%**

Would recommend Primary Project to a friend or family member



## Valuable Principles for Effective Parenting

Parents and caregivers play an important role in their children's learning. After all, parents are their child's first teacher! Even when our children enter their first formal school experiences, we can continue to be champions for their school success and work in partnership with teachers and administrators.

It is natural for families to want their children to do well in school, both academically and socially. Through guidance and support, families play a significant role in student learning.

The reality is, parents lead busy lives, juggling work, extracurricular activities, and managing a household. The list goes on! So how do we find this balance between the ever-growing to-do list while engaging in our children's learning, social, physical and emotional development? Below are some ideas for engaging with your child's school to support a strong partnership.

[Bringing the Lessons Home - English](#)  
[Bringing the Lessons Home - Spanish](#)

## Primary Project Proud

*We want to hear about your program!*

Primary Project teams across the country bring joy to their schools each day. The Primary Project team at Children's Institute often hears your powerful stories and we'd like to celebrate your successes more broadly. Share with us what you are proud of and we can feature you in an upcoming newsletter, blog post, or on social media.

**Share your Primary Project story!**

## Congratulations to our 2023-24 Nationally Certified Schools

**Ballston Spa Central School District**  
Milton Terrace Elementary  
Wood Road Elementary

**Chenango Valley Central School  
District**



Chenango Bridge Elementary

**Greece Central School District**  
Autumn Lane Elementary

**New Rochelle Central School District**  
Jefferson Avenue Elementary



**North Rose Wolcott Central School District**  
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**Pearl River Central School District**  
Franklin Avenue

**Rochester City School District (RCSD)**  
Pinnacle School #35  
Ida B. Wells-Barnett School #34  
Virgil I. Grissom School #7

**[Click here for a complete list of certified sites and to learn more about Primary Project national certification](#)**

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