



## **Winning Beginning NY Emerging Leadership Initiative 2010 Application**

*Winning Beginning NY* is a statewide coalition working to inform policymakers and the public about the many benefits of early care and learning including home visiting, child care and Pre-K. The coalition aims to build a broad-based constituency to make investment in quality early care and learning a top public priority in New York State.

The WBNY Leadership Initiative is designed to cultivate and support a diverse group of emerging leaders who in their professional capacity have demonstrated a commitment to working to improve the lives of young children. This nine month program will help participants hone their leadership skills, deepen their understanding of critical early childhood policy issues, broaden their networks and strengthen their ability to be an effective advocate.

The Initiative's goals are to support these emerging leaders in their leadership and advocacy efforts throughout New York and to engage them as active and contributing members of WBNY.

Those selected will participate in a series of learning and networking events including a two-day intensive leadership institute to be held in Albany, NY June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The Institute will be an opportunity for leadership and policy training with skilled facilitators, to network with fellow emerging leaders and to learn more about Winning Beginning NY's work.

Candidates should have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree and 3-5 years professional experience. Further candidates should have the support of their supervisor to participate in all Leadership Initiative activities and submit the attached agreement of support.

**Winning Beginning NY  
Emerging Leadership Institute  
2010 Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit an essay (between 150 and 350 words) answering each of the following:**

1. Please describe your current professional position and responsibilities. Please describe how participating in the WBNY Leadership Institute would benefit you in that role.
2. Please identify three leadership principles you feel are important. Please describe how you have modeled these three principles in your work and advocacy efforts on behalf of young children.
3. Based on your experience, what do you perceive as one of the most important policy challenges in the field of early childhood?
4. Describe any advocacy efforts you have participated in and share your thoughts on the results of those efforts.



Send completed applications to:

**Winning Beginning NY Leadership Initiative**

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Applications are due by **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Checklist of materials to be submitted:

- Application form
- Responses to 4 essay questions
- Resume
- Two professional letters of recommendation (one should be from your current supervisor)
- Signed agreement of support from your supervisor