



# OFFICE OF FAITH & NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

March 2025 Newsletter

Greetings and welcome back! Please use this newsletter for information on upcoming events, funding opportunities, and resources to ensure your organizations can thrive.

## Ramadan and Eid Celebration Traditions Shared by Carolynn Barbara Sozen, NYS Interfaith Council Member



As a proud American Muslim, I am grateful to celebrate the month of Ramadan in my diverse and supportive community. Ramadan is a holy time for Muslims all over the world, and it is no different in Western New York. As the Islamic Calendar follows the lunar calendar, Ramadan falls on a different day each year. This year, it will begin at sunset on February 28th, lasting for 29 days, and end at sunset on March 29th. During this blessed month, Muslims fast, pray, and donate to charity. My days consist of working, cooking, reading the Holy Quran, praying, and breaking my fast with my family in the evenings. Then, we attend our local Masjid for the evening prayers.

These prayers go until 1am sometimes! It is a beautiful time to strengthen my self-control, reflect on my purpose, and build gratitude for every gift in my life, down to the last morsel on my plate or sip of water left in my cup. Most importantly, for Muslims it is a time to re-connect with our Creator, God-Almighty. On March 30th, we will celebrate Eid- Al-Fitr by wearing our best clothes, going to the morning prayers at the Masjid, and spending the day eating and rejoicing with family and friends!! I pray that Muslims across the great State of New York have a blessed, fruitful Ramadan and joyous Eid- al-Fitr!! And I pray that our brothers and sisters in faith feel our holiday spirit, and we all find ways to support one another during the holiday seasons and beyond.



# NYDIS Disaster Chaplain & Religious Literacy Training

This 3-day training prepares spiritual caregivers to volunteer as a disaster chaplain in mass-care settings or to serve as a crisis chaplain within a house of worship, religious community, or professional institution.

The training’s NDIN Spiritual Care Curricula is compliant with NIMS (National Incident Management System) and includes FEMA Incident Command System ICS 100c and FEMA IS 505 Religious & Cultural Literacy & Competency in Disaster trainings & certifications. The course & its contents also conform to the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) Spiritual Care Points of Consensus & Disaster Spiritual Care Guideline.

The NYDIS flyer for this training is on the page 8 of this newsletter.

**Register Now:** [NYDIS Disaster Chaplin Training](#)

**Questions?** [LCUMMINGS@NYDIS.ORG](mailto:LCUMMINGS@NYDIS.ORG)

## Does your organization have public events coming up?

[Fill out our form](#) to have your event included in our next newsletter.

## Connect with us!

### Important Interfaith Dates in March

- March 1: Islamic: Ramadan begins
- March 5: Christian: Ash Wednesday
- March 14: Hindu: Holi
- March 20: Baha’i: Naw-Ruz
- March 31: Islamic: Eid al-Fitr

### To join our mailing list for faith-based and nonprofit organizations:

[CLICK HERE](#)





# Statewide Financial System Webinar



**WHAT:** Have questions on how to prequalify for NYS grants in the **Statewide Financial System (SFS)**? Check out our recorded webinar for an overview of the process and a Q&A session. The topics covered include registering in the Statewide Financial System, the NYS Prequalification process, and searching for NYS grants. This is a critical first step for any organization looking to apply for New York State grant funding.

**WHERE:** Follow the link below for the full webinar recording:

[SFS Prequalification Webinar](#)

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions about prequalification or the webinar, we encourage you to email our SFS Help Desk at:

[helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov](mailto:helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov)



## GRANTS INFO – UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **N.Y.S. Department of Health**

#### Department of Health - Community Aging in Place

The New York State Department of Health, Office of Aging and Long Term Care (OALTC) announces the availability of \$6,300,000 annually in New York State (NYS) funding to support the implementation of the Community Aging in Place - Advancing Better Living for Elders (CAPABLE) pilot initiative which aims to improve the health and functioning of older adults with low income, enabling them to age in place safely and independently.

**Application Deadline:** April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 4:00PM

### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

#### DHHS- HIV/AIDS Program Capacity Development Program

The purpose of this program is to strengthen organizational capacity to respond to the changing health care landscape and increase access to high-quality HIV primary health care services for low-income and underserved people with HIV.

**Application Deadline:** March 18, 2025



## GRANTS INFO CONT.

### **N.Y.S. Office of Mental Health**

#### Office of Mental Health - Critical Time Transition Program for Children

The New York State (NYS) Office of Mental Health (OMH) announces the statewide availability of funds for the development of up to four (4) Critical Time Transition Programs (CTTP) for Children, Youth, and Families. The CTTP is comprised of a Critical Time Intervention (CTI) team and a Transitional Residential Setting (TRS) with allowance for up to a 120 day stay.

**Application Deadline:** April 1, 2025, 4:00PM

#### Office of Mental Health - Childrens Community Residences

Transition age youth with or at risk of child welfare involvement and on an independent living trajectory often have longer lengths of stay in restrictive settings. When young people are not prepared with knowledge, resources, and skills, they may not meet eligibility criteria for adult programs or be successful in an adult program. Transition age youth with child welfare involvement, including those with mental health and autism or intellectual disability diagnoses, are at particular risk for challenges in the transition to adulthood.

Children's Community Residences (CCRs) are 8 bed short term (4-6 months) home-like therapeutic programs for youth with serious emotional disturbance due to a mental health diagnosis. CCRs offer a rehabilitative treatment setting which provides 24/7 supervision, structure, care coordination, skill building, and behavior support. The intent of a CCR is to assist youth in achieving optimal level of functioning so that they can successfully transition to less restrictive settings to continue their recovery journey. Not-for-profits with the capacity to provide these services are encouraged to apply.

**Application Deadline:** April 3, 2025, 2PM



## **GRANTS INFO CONT.**

### Office of Mental Health - Home Based Crisis Intervention

The New York State Office of Mental Health announces the availability of funds for the procurement of new Home-Based Crisis Intervention (HBCI) teams in New York State counties not that do not currently have HBCI available. The HBCI team serves children/youth ages 5 to 20 years who are at imminent risk of psychiatric hospitalization or admission to a group treatment program, or who are at risk for a rapid readmit to such settings. HBCI teams deliver intensive crisis intervention to children and families to help maintain the child/youth in the home, school, and community.

**Application Deadline:** March 13, 2025, 2:00PM

### **N.Y.S. Office of Addiction Services and Supports**

#### Office of Addiction Services and Supports - Street Outreach

The New York State (NYS) Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) announces the availability of funding for organizations to provide services through mobile outreach to expand harm reduction education, support, resources, and linkages. Providers will target individuals who actively use drugs and: are not engaged in harm reduction or treatment services, face chronic barriers to care, or live far from traditional brick-and-mortar harm reduction services. This may include individuals served previously by the SUD treatment system but who have disengaged from treatment services. Street outreach teams build trust with individuals over time while providing services that reduce potentially negative consequences associated with substance use and link them to appropriate, sought out/or requested additional care. The ultimate objective of the initiative is to reduce drug related fatalities, transmission of infectious diseases (such as HIV/HCV) and expand access to care.

**Application Deadline:** April 1, 2025, 4PM



# NYDIS



## DISASTER CHAPLAIN CERTIFICATION & RELIGIOUS LITERACY TRAINING

**REGISTRATION  
IS NOW OPEN!**

Tue - Thu, Apr. 8-10  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

In person @ NYDIS,  
4 West 43rd Street  
New York, NY 10036



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**FREE for NYC Religious Leaders**  
**\$250 for other Participants**

**Register Now:** <https://disasterchaplainApril25.eventbrite.com>  
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