

Averting Educational Crisis:

OTL Conference

Successful Strategies for NY

February 11, 2013 10:30am-4:30pm

New York State Museum . Albany, NY

Workshop #2: Ready for Kindergarten, Ready for College

The best way to ensure that there is no achievement or readiness gap among our NYS students is to provide them access to high quality early learning programs. This workshop will concentrate on what quality early learning looks like. Following Governor Cuomo's recommendation of full-day, state-funded Pre Kindergarten, the workshop will delineate the proposal and include an action section for participants to ensure support from our elected officials. Participants should expect to leave the workshop with a clear understanding of the executive proposal and of ways that we can ensure that all children have access to quality early learning.

Facilitator: **Danielle Asher**, Early Childhood campaign coordinator, lead organizer for AQE in Long Island

Panelists

- **Ivette Alfonso**, child care provider Unity House, Citizen Action of NY statewide board member and AQE steering committee member. Ivette will give both the provider's perspective as well as the parent's perspective.
- **Jenn O'Connor**, Director Council for Strong America, leading expert in Pre Kindergarten.
- **Anne Mitchel**, PhD, President of the Early Childhood Policy Research, leading expert in quality early care and learning.

