Our WIC Vendor Management offices recently opened their satellite locations from Schenectady to Rotterdam.

CEO Breaks Ground on CRC Bridge Building

On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, CEO was joined by the office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and local officials to break ground on the two-story expansion of a new building at 5th Avenue. The Community Resources Center Bridge will offer early childhood education, youth programs, and expanded facilities and resources to the community. The building is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2023.

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Read about 5 staff who recently earned their Family Development Credential (FDC) at one of our centers.

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AMANDA NOWICKI | Center Assistant UTC
It was a great training. Kathy and Michelle were a great help, and it was nice to see new faces on our campus.

SHELLEY JOHNSON | FA at SFRC
With the FDC course I got a lot of different information on how I can engage with the families. It was difficult at times, but it made all the more rewarding.

MEGAN REED | FA at BFRC
It was interesting to learn the different aspects of being a Family Advocate. It helped me grow. This is my second year in the role, and I opened my heart and home to you this fall, with the parents.

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