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# Charter School 101

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# NYC Charter Schools: True or False?



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TRUE

- Charter schools are public schools

FALSE

- Charter schools can choose who they want to enroll

FALSE

- Charter schools must allow unions

TRUE

- Charter schools must meet ALL New York State and Common Core academic standards

FALSE

- All authorizer (SUNY- CSI, SED) applications are the same

TRUE

- Charter schools have to administer all statewide performance tests

TRUE

- Charter schools cannot discriminate based upon disability, ethnicity, national origin, age or gender

FALSE

- New York City can open an endless number of charter schools

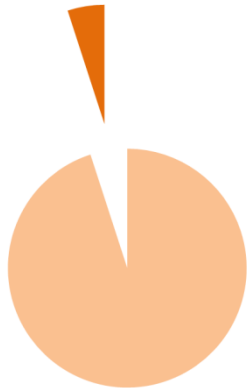
# What are Charter Schools?

[charternyc.org](http://charternyc.org) // [nyccharterschools.org](http://nyccharterschools.org)

- Charter schools are public schools that operate independently according to the terms of a five-year performance contract or “charter”
- Charter schools are free and open to all students; they can not charge admission or tuition
- All charter schools commit to meet or exceed specific goals for academic performance; if they don’t, they can lose their charter or close
- Charter schools are generally reviewed on an annual basis by their “authorizer”
- Upon meeting or exceeding agreed-upon academic and operations goals, a charter school can be granted a renewal for up to five more years by its authorizer.

# New York City Public School System

The New York City Department of Education is the largest system of public schools in the United States, serving about 1.1 million students in almost 1,800 schools.



Public school enrollment:  
charter vs. district (approx.)

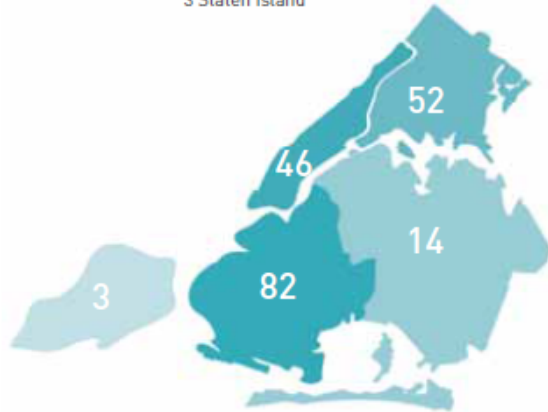
**About 8%** of New York City public school students attend charter schools.

*What is the current operating environment?  
<http://www.nyccharterschools.org/newlaw>*

**197**

**Number of charter schools in NYC**

82 Brooklyn | 52 Bronx | 46 Manhattan | 14 Queens  
3 Staten Island



**83,200**

**Students enrolled in NYC charter schools**

(2014-15 projections, as of June 2014)

In 2014, there were an estimated...

**70,700**

**Applicants to NYC charter schools**

**21,000**

**Available seats in NYC charter schools**

**14**

**Number of schools that are opening for the first time in fall 2014**

7 Brooklyn | 4 Bronx | 1 Manhattan | 2 Queens

**49,700**

**Students waitlisted for NYC charter schools**

### Charter schools by grades served:

- 102** Elementary Schools
- 22** K-8 Schools
- 20** K-12 Schools
- 19** Middle Schools
- 19** High Schools
- 15** Secondary Schools (6-12)

### Charter enrollment by demographics (2012-13)\*:

- 59%** African American
- 34%** Latino
- 77%** Free or Reduced-Price Lunch
- 6%** English Language Learners
- 13%** With IEPs for Special Education

\*Latest available data

<http://www.nyccharterschools.org/data>

# New York State Charter School Law

The New York State Charter Law (1998 – updated in 2010) states that the purpose of creating new charter schools is about:  
<http://www.nyccharterschools.org/content/laws-regulations>

1. Student achievement
2. At-risk students
3. Innovation
4. Opportunities
5. High quality choice
6. Performance based accountability

# Different Models

- **CMO: Charter Management Organization (not for profit)**
- **CBO Partnerships: Community Based Organization**
- **Independent Models**

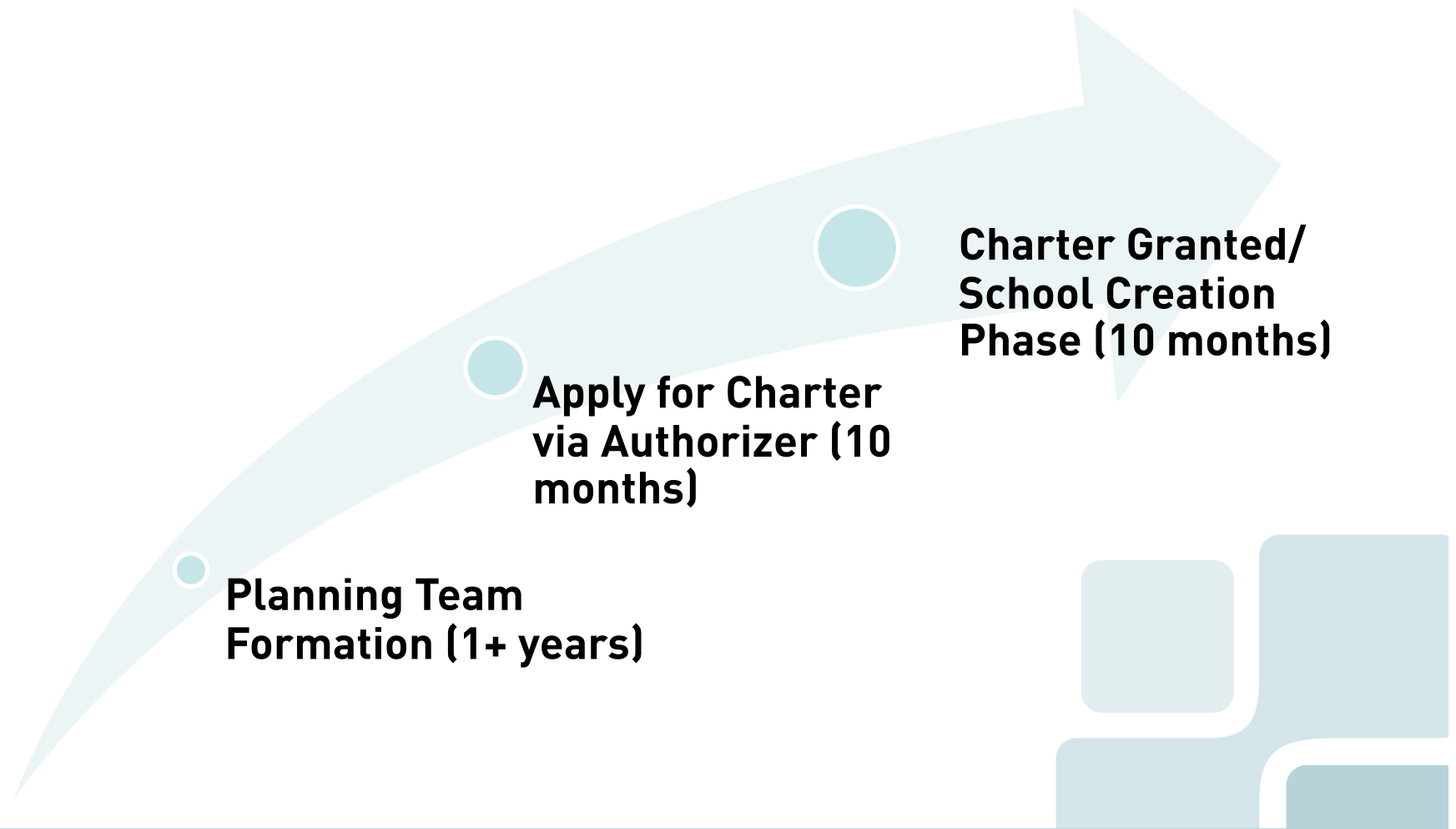
**Directory of NYC Charter Schools:**

**<http://nyc.gov/schools/community/planning/charters>**

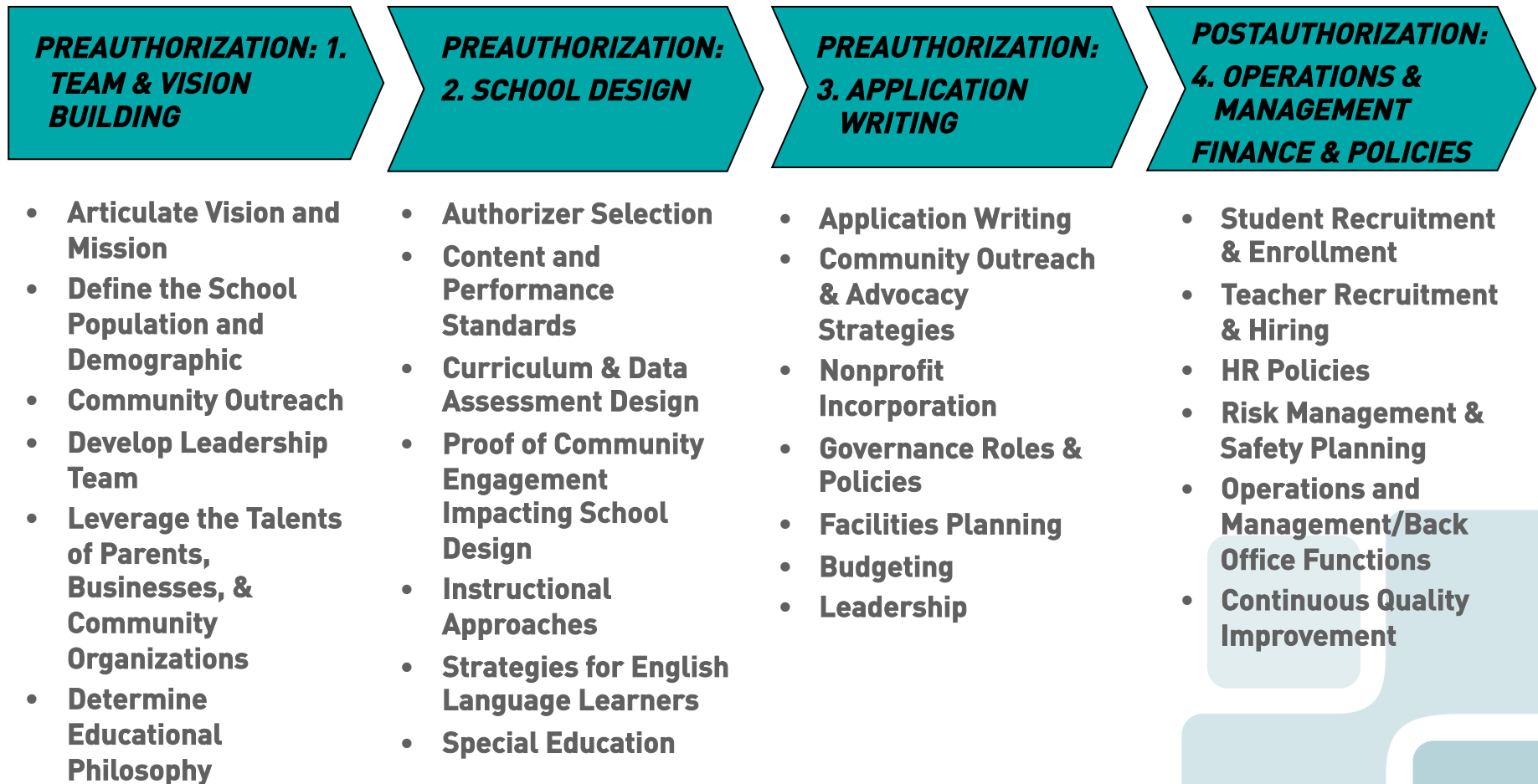




# How are Charter Schools Established?



# New Charter School Development Overview



# Authorizer Deadlines

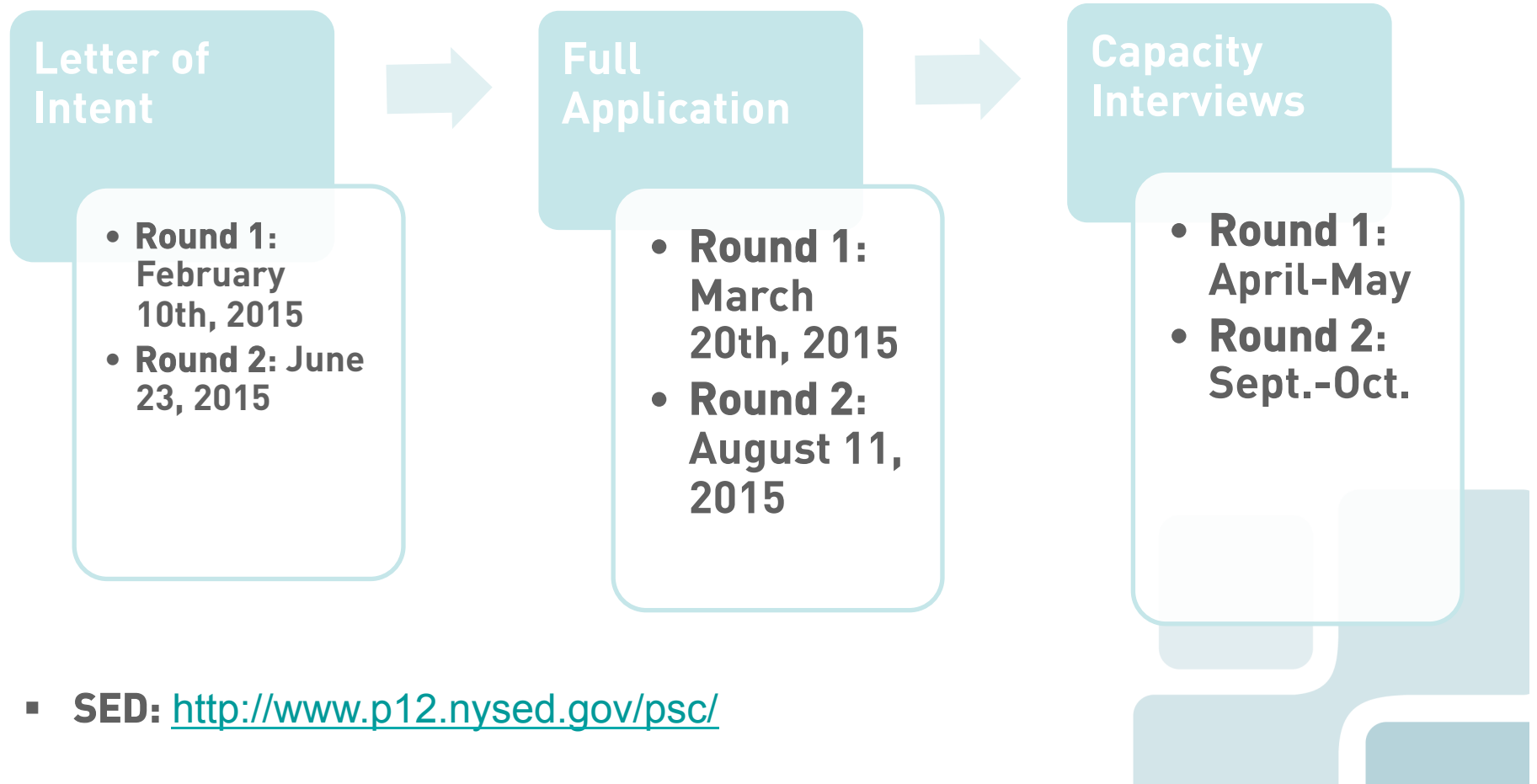
**NYSED**

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/documents/2015apptimeline.docx>

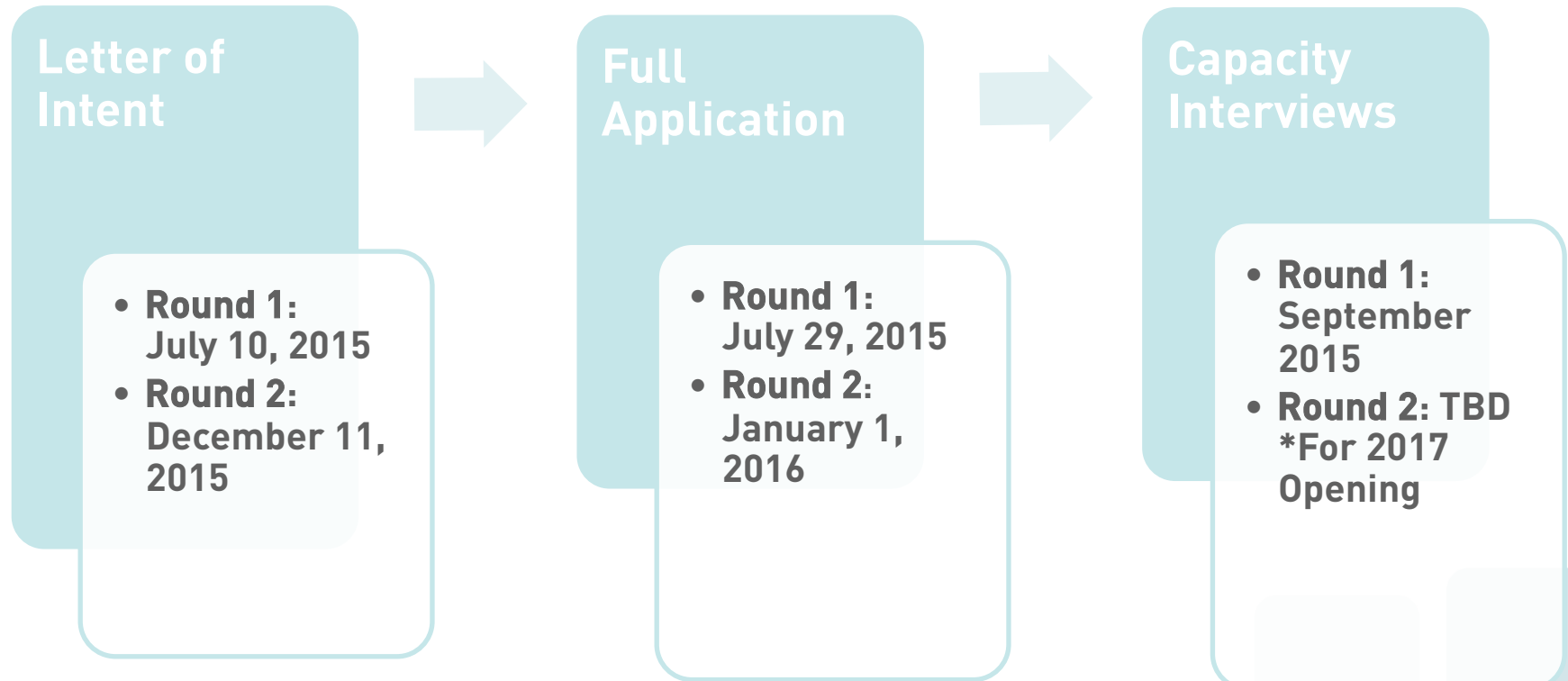
**SUNY**

<http://www.newyorkcharters.org/create/>

# SED Authorizer Deadlines



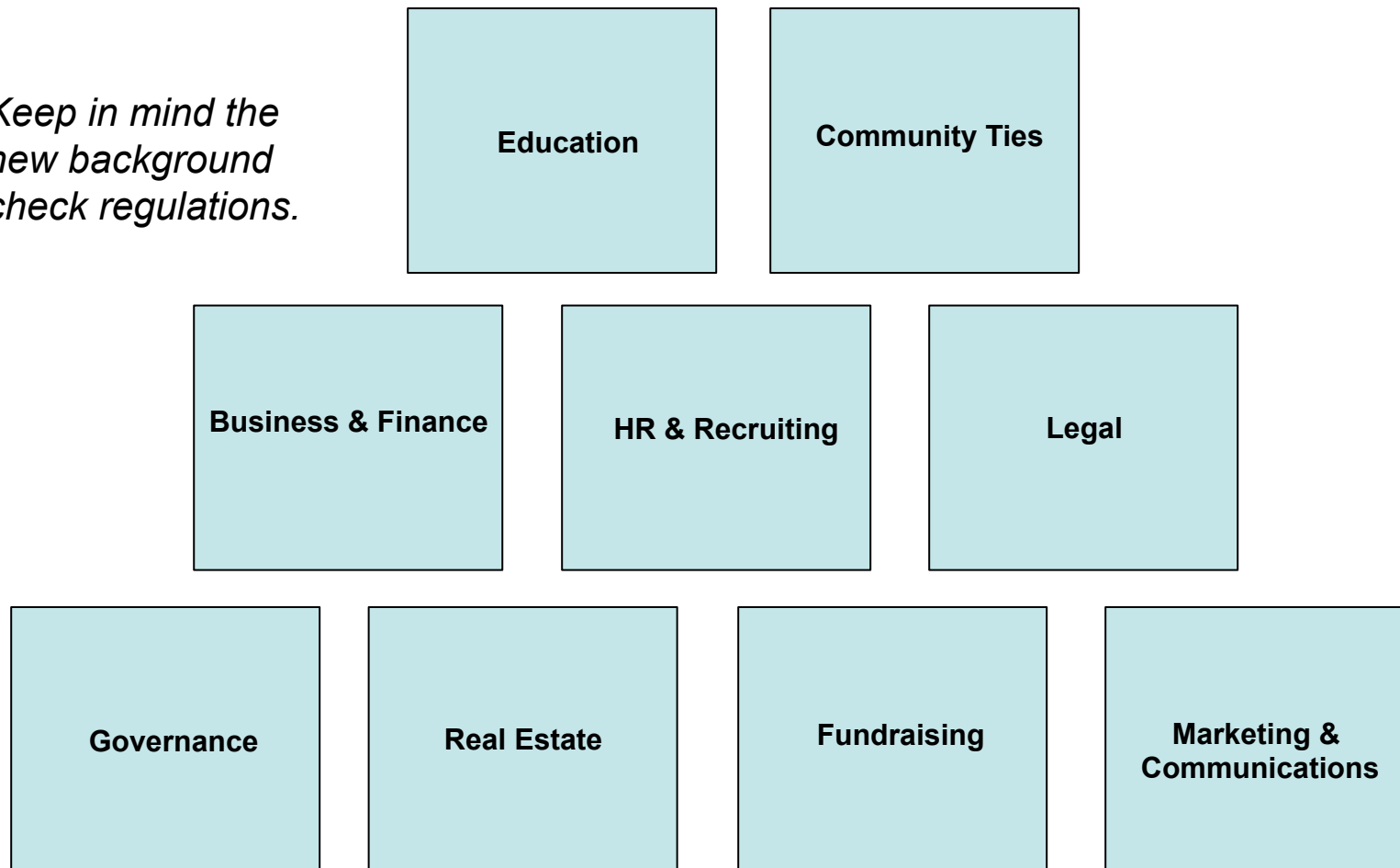
# SUNY Authorizer Deadlines



- SUNY CSI: <http://www.newyorkcharters.org/>

# First Step: Creating a Strong Planning Team

*Keep in mind the new background check regulations.*



**THANK YOU**

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