

# Caregiver News

Publication of Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. for those who care for, educate, and nurture the young child.

## Teaching Children Independence and Confidence

Parents, caregivers and those who work closely with children, share similar goals for children and protective instincts. Whether children are in child care, school, clubs, playing sports or hanging out with their friends and other neighborhood children, the common goal is to keep them safe and flourishing.

In order for children to reach their full potential, they need to be safe and to feel safe. The challenge becomes keeping children safe when they are out of the caregiver's direct presence. There are skills that are very important to teach children and these skills become their very own arsenal of skills to keep themselves safe.

Caregivers start building basic skills from a very young age while singing songs like "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" or naming games played with babies asking them where their nose, eyes and mouth are and then asking where someone else's nose eyes and mouth are. These games teach children that they have their own bodies, and can touch and name their own body parts to build a sense of self awareness.

Having children successfully complete small tasks with the recognition from an adult helps to build confidence. Allow children to assert their independence by giving them tasks such as, setting the table at mealtime, cleaning up, tying their own shoes, getting themselves dressed, assisting younger children and packing their own bags. Puzzles and other learning materials can also build independence and confidence.

Talking to children about their interests, likes and dislikes, hearing about their day and friendships, builds trust and confidence that they will be heard and that they are important. Teaching manners, helps children learn respect. Respect should be given to everyone, themselves included. This includes respecting when someone says, no.

Teaching children to be respectful, benefits everyone as a society. Teaching children they should be respected and that they should not be made to feel uncomfortable, benefits each child as an individual.

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## First Aid & CPR

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services and the National Safety Council are working together to provide child care providers with First Aid, CPR and AED training online.

A large portion of this course can be taken online at your convenience and you will have 30 days to complete it. Upon successful completion of this course you will need to register for a skill test session provided by National Safety Council authorized instructors. Upon successful completion of the skill test session you will receive the completion cards for CPR/AED and First Aid.

**Northeastern NY Safety & Health Council**  
 Albany, NY 12206  
 518.438.2365  
[www.safetycouncilny.com](http://www.safetycouncilny.com)

\*Training slots are not guaranteed; there are limited number of slots. If there are no slots available check back every few weeks to see if slots have opened up.

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Featured Agency:

# Rape Intervention Services & Education (RISE)

Submitted by: Sarah Dittmar, LMSW, RISE Program Manager

Rape Intervention Services and Education (RISE) program of Sullivan County advocates for anyone who is or has been a survivor of sexual abuse. Founded in 1987, RISE provides an array of services to survivors of sexual abuse and offers prevention education, advocacy and assistance to survivors, and accompanies them to the hospital, police or district attorney after an incident. RISE also offers confidential individual, family or couples counseling, as well as, support groups and professional training sessions. Through education advocacy, RISE seeks to increase awareness of sexual assault, encourage support for survivors, and prevent sex crimes in our community. Our staff creates a safe, supportive and confidential environment where survivors of any race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, class or sexual orientation are welcomed and supported. The program maintains a 24-hour crisis hotline number, which is **845-791-9595**.

RISE helps those who were victims of sexual assault recognize their strength and to be empowered to move from victim to survivor and to go on to thrive in their lives. Survivors of sexual assault should not be ashamed and need to know it is not their fault. It is our goal to communicate openly about sexual violence and to believe a child or adult who reports a sexual assault.

RISE is committed to preventing sexual assault through education. RISE provides education sessions to children, teens and adults. This past summer RISE provided educational sessions to camp counselors and children at a local day camp. RISE encourages parents and caregivers to communicate and educate their children about personal safety and preventing sexual abuse. RISE provides services to children in every school district in Sullivan County.

Through schools, businesses, private and public forums, professional trainings and other community settings, RISE staff and volunteers work to engage community members in strength-based, positive discussions about the widespread reality of sexual violence and aim to replace misunderstanding and ignorance with compassion and knowledge. By engaging parents, caregivers, community members and bystanders to proactively work together to build a safer world, we can become a community that condemns sexual violence and all of its forms. It takes all of us to prevent sexual violence.

All RISE services are free. RISE is funded by Catskill Regional Medical Center, New York State Department of Health, and New York State Office of Victim Services. RISE is grateful for the generous support it receives from community members and local businesses.

A member of the Greater Hudson Valley Health System, Catskill Regional Medical Center is dedicated to providing the highest quality health care to residents in the Sullivan County region. For more information, please call 845-794-3300 or visit [www.crmcny.org/RISE](http://www.crmcny.org/RISE).

## **Services & Education for Children, Teens, Women & Men**

RISE offers a variety of workshops and programs for students, educators, law enforcement personnel and human services professionals.

### **Workshops & Educational Programs**

- Healthy Relationships
- Sexual Harassment
- Consent
- Date/Acquaintance Rape
- Sexual Assault
- No Touch Zone



RISE addresses common myths, attitudes and stereotypes that can lead to sexual violence.

### **Crisis Helpline**

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, RISE provides crisis intervention. Trained staff and volunteers are on hand at all times to provide comfort and confidentiality to our callers.

### **Information & Referral**

Callers are given factual information on a variety of community agencies that are available for further assistance. The caller's and/or client's needs are identified and appropriate referrals are provided--including phone numbers and addresses, enabling each individual to secure the help they seek.

### **Support Groups**

Several support groups meet weekly at the RISE office under the direction of a trained professional in an atmosphere that encourages participants to talk through their traumatic experiences and to help one another in their recovery.

### **Counseling**

The professional staff at RISE provides confidential counseling to survivors and survivors' family and friends.

### **Police, Court & Emergency Room Advocacy**

Specially-trained volunteers provide victims and their families with information and support throughout the medical and legal process.

### **Volunteer Training**

Each volunteer receives 30 hours of initial training on rape and sexual assault, victim reactions and referral sources, with an additional 10 hours of in-service training each year.

Empowerment & Healing for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

The RISE program of Sullivan County advocates for anyone who is or has been a victim of sexual abuse. Since 1987, RISE has provided an array of services to victims of sexual abuse and has offered prevention education.

#### **Main Harris Campus: RISE Office –**

68 Harris-Bushville Road, PO Box 800, Harris, NY 12742  
845.794.3300 ext. 2442

#### **Callicoon Campus: RISE Office –**

Physician Office Suite Ground Level Grover Hermann Division  
8881 NYS Route 97, Callicoon, NY 12723  
845.887.5530 ext. 2365

## Teaching Children Independence & Confidence

Adults should build trust through listening and giving meaningful feedback. Acknowledge children's feelings. Be willing to listen to their needs and help them work through anything that doesn't seem right.

Reassure children that when they feel that something is not right, it is probably not right. They can and should ask an adult for help. An adult should not ask a child to keep a secret. If a child is made to feel uncomfortable, they should seek out an adult they trust for help.

Teach children to include others; don't leave others out. Be kind and respectful to other. Teach them to be considerate of other's feelings. Model desired behavior and help children to understand that others should also respect them.

Child care providers are charged with a specific regulation in the Program Requirements section which states, "Children must receive instruction, consistent with their age, needs and circumstances, in techniques and procedures that will enable them to protect themselves from abuse and maltreatment." As caregivers you are accomplishing this type of instruction each and every day by teaching children that they are important by giving them praise and building confidence throughout your daily program routine.

## Message From Donna Willi, Executive Director

It is important to repeatedly stress the need for more child care to support economic progress in Sullivan County!

According to the US Census 4,396 children under the age of four are living in Sullivan County. There are currently 46 regulated family based child care programs serving approximately 504 children; 9 child care centers and 7 school-aged programs, serving approximately 1,212 children. Taking into account stay at home parents, Universal Pre-K programs and Sullivan County Head Start there are still nearly 2000 children not included in the child care program numbers. Additionally, it is estimated that there will be a need for more than 175 additional child care slots when the Montreign Casino Resort is open which does not include the overflow of other new businesses and employment opportunities. **There is already a great need for child care programs that have second shift,**

**late night and/or weekend care hours and specifically for children under two years of age;** the economic development coming our way will only increase this need. Our providers work hard yet alone, they will not be able to meet the demand for child care in Sullivan County. We need more child care!

Any new business takes time to open and establish, now is the time to get started! Child care in New York has a support system both at the state and local levels like no other business. There are national, state and local organizations advocating and in support of quality child care giving child care providers information, support and guidance on how to build and sustain a quality child care program.

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## Aspire is on the ground in the Spring Valley Region!

Aspire has spent the past several months working closely with some amazing programs in the Spring Valley region. We identified the region as an area of focus for 2015 and wasted no time in getting started! Since last November our team has partnered with a number of child care centers to help get organization accounts up and running and to support teachers in these programs to create their own Aspire profiles. We had the pleasure of working with some exceptional day care centers in the Spring Valley region who have truly excelled at maintaining their Aspire Organization accounts. From administrators, to teaching staff, to support staff, all of the important members of the program community have created their own Aspire profiles. Not only that, but they work hard to keep those profiles up to date by sending in new training certificates and education information throughout the year! In addition to these programs we are also working closely with the OCFS Spring Valley Regional Office. Just last month we met with licensors to talk about how Aspire can help support their important work.



We got some great feedback on ways to make our system even more useful. Do you work at a program in the Spring Valley region? Talk to your licensor about using Aspire reports today.

## Medication Administration Training (MAT)

Only topical ointments, sunscreens and repellents are legally permitted to be applied in a child care setting without a license or registration to administer medication.

**To sign up for MAT training or to make an appointment for your 3 year renewal practicum, please email [info@scchildcare.com](mailto:info@scchildcare.com).**

MAT grant applications (**up to \$100 reimbursement**) can be obtained online at [www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtm](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtm) or contact the SUNY MAT Grant Program at **800-295-9616** or [mat@pdp.albany.edu](mailto:mat@pdp.albany.edu).

## MAT Approved Programs

The following providers hold a license/registration to administer medication:

Best Friends Services, Inc.

Jessica Dean

Tonya Dirie

Early Childhood Cooperative Experience

Easter Seals of New York, Inc.

Giggle-N-Grow, Inc. (Jody Bruno-Rysdyke)

Deborah Gubiotti

J&C First Steps Daycare, LLC (Diane Harvey)

Angel Morton

**Nana's House Child Care Center, Inc.**

New Hope Manor

**Marlena's Family Daycare**

(Marlena Pittaluga-Egan)

**Deborah Silon: Little People's Express**

TLC for Young Children, LLC

Twin Bridge Play School Inc.

Kristy Petrowsky

Sullivan County Head Start, Inc (All locations)

### Medication Administration

Obtain your MAT Certification or Renewal with a new independent at **home study program & testing with a SUNY MAT instructor.**

**You *must* renew your MAT Certificate every three years, *prior to the expiration date!***

Please visit the following website for specific information and direction on renewing your MAT Certificate  
[www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtm](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtm).

You may also contact the Council at  
(845) 292-7166 or [info@scchildcare.com](mailto:info@scchildcare.com).

## Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

### New CACFP Participants:

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**Karen Gonzalez & Tarri-Lou Bailey**

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For more information call Aimee Pittaluga  
(845) 292-7166 x306.

### The Benefits of Dance For children or in your Child Care Program

Children have boundless energy. Dance is a great way for them to exert their energy in a positive manner and express themselves. Dance is enjoyed regardless of ethnicity, culture or sex of the child. Below are a few benefits pertaining to physical health, social skills, educational, and emotional health.

#### Improving Physical Health

- Improves range of motion, flexibility, stamina and physical strength
- Repetition builds muscle tone, helps correct posture, improves coordination and improving balance
- Improves cardiovascular health along with muscle gain and weight loss

#### Social Skills

- Children become team players, feel like part of a team
- Build trust, learn to cooperate, take turns
- Children make new friends
- May concur "stage fright" of being in front of an audience

#### Educational

- Children learn to practice, repetition
- Discipline
- Learn to Focus
- Proven to perform better academically

#### Emotional Health

- Better sense of their body
- Builds confidence
- Encourages self expression
- Foster a positive attitude

## Online Trainings

### NYSOCFS/PDP Online Trainings—FREE!

[www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/learn\\_catalog.shtm](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/learn_catalog.shtm)

Fully narrated courses. Learning points of the training are enhanced throughout using video clips and interactive exercises. Application saves progress every 10-15 minute section, and allows you up to 30 days to complete the entire course.

#### Available Courses:

Course Title	Hrs	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas
Early Intervention	1.5	1, 4	3, 4, 7, 8
Emergency Preparedness	1.5	4, 7	1, 4, 5
Family Engagement	1.0	3, 4	4, 5, 6
Keeping Children Safe	1.5	1, 3, 4, 7	1, 2, 8
Mandated Reporter Training	2.0	5, 6, 8	na
Managing Challenging Behavior	1.5	1	1, 3
Obesity Prevention	2.0	2	1
Preventing SBS	1.0	1, 9	1, 3, 4,
Preventing SIDS & Promoting Safe Sleep	1.0	1, 3, 4, 7	1, 3, 4, 8
School Age Child Care ****NEW****	1.5	1, 3, 4	1, 5, 8
Supervision of Children	1.5	4	1
Transportation	2.0	3, 4, 7	1, 4, 5

### Find online courses on our website!

[www.scchildcare.com](http://www.scchildcare.com)—under *Provider Education!* or choose courses from Physical & Intellectual Development, Commitment to Professionalism, Effective Program Operation, Social & Emotional Development, Observing & Recording Progress & Behavior of Children, Positive Relationships with Families, Child Growth & Development, and Safe & Healthy Environment. OCFS and CDA approved topics!

- Learn at your own pace & on your own schedule
- Easy to use
- Friendly 1-800 Help Support Line
- Affordable courses
- One year to complete a course
- International Association for Continuing Education & Training (IACET) approved courses and college credit
- CEU certificates issued immediately

Not all individual trainings are approved for OCFS training hours/EIP, however they are all approved for CDA hours. For more information visit the website.

## Video Conferences

<http://ecetp.pdp.albany.edu>

The SUNY Video conference will be held at the **Sullivan County Child Care Council in Liberty; classes start promptly at 6:45;** please arrive on time! These are adult learning experiences. *No children, please.*

#### September 3, 2015:

*Moving & Grooving in Your Child Care Program*

#### October 22, 2015:

*Child Abuse and Maltreatment with a Focus on Understanding Brain Injury and Prevention*

#### November 19, 2015

*Town Hall Meeting:  
Managing Challenging Behavior*

You can also view the full 2015 schedule and sign up at [www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/videoconferencing.shtm](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/videoconferencing.shtm)



## Intensive Technical Assistance

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc offers intensive technical assistance. If you would like to gain more knowledge about a specific topic, an individualized training can be set up to address your needs as one session or multiple session workshops (conducted at your home during down time in your program).

If you would like to earn training credit through intensive technical assistance consider the following:

- “Learning Manners at Mealtimes”
- “Benefiting from Family Style Eating”
- “Age Appropriate Room Arrangements”
- “Introduction of Sign Language”
- “Gross Motor with Indoor & Outdoor Play”
- “Ideas for Better Nutrition & Physical Activity”
- “Learning through Nature”
- “Picky Eaters”
- “Creating Theme Curriculum”

Or choose your own topic!

Contact us at [info@scchildcare.com](mailto:info@scchildcare.com) to request a session or for more information or call Aimee Pittaluga at (845) 292-7166 x306.

\*This free service is funded by NYSOCFS.\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>September 2015</b>		1	2	3 Moving & Grooving in Your Child Care Program Video Conference 6:45p-9:15p @ Council	4	5
6	7 Labor Day Council Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Child Care Orientation 5:30p-7:30p @ Council	17 CACFP Mandatory 6:30p-8:30p @ Council	18	19
20	21	22	23 CACFP Mandatory 6:30p-8:30p @ Council	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Check out our Training and Events Calendar on our website at <http://scschildcare.com/calendar/>.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October 2015</b>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Health & Safety (Part 1 or 2) 8:30a-5:00p @ Council	8 Health & Safety (Part 2 or 2) 8:30a-5:00p @ Council	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day Council Closed	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 CA&M: Focus on Brain Injury & Prevention Video Conference 6:45p-9:15p @ Council	23	24 MAT 8:00a-4:00p @ Council
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day Council Closed	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Child Care Orientation 10:30a-12:30p @ Council	19 Town Hall Meeting: Managing Challeng- ing Behavior Video Conference 6:45p-9:15p @ Council	20	21
22	23	24	25 Council Closes @ 12:30 pm	26 Closed 	27 Closed	28
29	30	<b>November 2015</b>				

<b>OCFS TOPICS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principles of Child Development</li> <li>Nutrition and Health Needs of Infants and Children</li> <li>Program Development</li> <li>Safety and Security Procedures</li> <li>Business Record Maintenance and Management</li> <li>Child Abuse and Maltreatment Identification &amp; Prevention</li> <li>Statutes and regulations pertaining to child daycare</li> <li>States &amp; Regs pertaining to Child Abuse &amp; Maltreatment</li> <li>Shaken Baby syndrome</li> </ol>
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<b>CDA CONTENT AREAS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment</li> <li>Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development</li> <li>Positive ways to support children's social and emotional development</li> <li>Strategies to establish productive relationships with families</li> <li>Strategies to manage an effective program operation</li> <li>Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</li> <li>Observing and recording children's behavior</li> <li>Principles of child development and learning</li> </ol>
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<b>CORE COMPETENCY AREAS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Growth and Development</li> <li>Family and Community Relationships</li> <li>Observation and Assessment</li> <li>Environment and Curriculum</li> <li>Health, Safety, and Nutrition</li> <li>Professionalism and Leadership</li> <li>Administration and Management</li> </ol>
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Course Title	Hrs/ CEU's	Cost/ Reduced Cost	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas	CBK Areas
CACFP	2	Free	2 or 5	NA	NA
CAM: Focus on Brain Injury	2.5	Free	6, 8, 9	1	1, 2, 5
Health & Safety	15.0 1.5	\$250	2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	NA	NA
MAT	8 0.8	\$160	2, 4, 7	NA	NA
Moving & Grooving	2.5	Free	3	1, 2	1, 4, 5
Orientation	NA	\$10	NA	NA	NA
THM: Challenging Behavior	2.5	Free	1, 3	3	1, 2, 4

**\*\*Please Note\*\* Training Expectations**

In order to ensure the most productive and enjoyable training experience, please keep the following in mind when attending a Council training:

- **Arrive on time.** If you arrive more than 10 minutes late for the training, you will not be admitted.
- **No children** are permitted during training sessions.
- **Put cell phones on vibrate/silent mode.** If you need to take a call during the training, please leave the room.
- In order to receive credit for the training, **you must stay for the full training.** If you are asked to leave for interrupting the group due to cell phone use or side conversations, you will not receive a certificate.
- If you need to leave early for any reason, you will not receive **any** credit for the training.
- Side conversations will not be permitted as they are distracting to the group.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

## Focus on the Regulations

Review Regulations! @ ocfs.ny.gov

### 414.11(b) Staff and Volunteers Health Requirements.

- (1) Staff and volunteers must each submit a medical statement on forms furnished by the Office or an approved equivalent from a health care provider:
  - (i) at the time of initial school age child care program application;
  - (ii) before such person has any involvement in child care work.
- (2) Thereafter a medical statement will be required when an event or condition reasonably calls into question a staff person's ability to provide safe and suitable child care
- (6) The initial medical statement for staff and volunteers must include the results of a Mantoux tuberculin test or other federally approved tuberculin test performed within the 12 months preceding the date of the application.
- (7) After the initial medical statement, tuberculin tests are only required at the discretion of the staff person's or volunteer's health care provider or at the start of new employment.

### 417.11(b) Provider, Assistant, Substitute, and Household Member Health Requirements.

- (1) The provider, assistant(s), and substitute(s), must each submit a medical statement on forms furnished by the Office or an approved equivalent from a health care provider:
  - (i) at the time of initial family day care application;
  - (ii) before such person has any involvement in child care work.
- (2) Thereafter a medical statement will be required when an event or condition reasonably calls into question a caregiver's ability to provide safe and suitable child care.
- (6) The initial medical statement for providers, assistants, and substitutes must include the results of a Mantoux tuberculin test or other federally approved tuberculin test performed within the 12 months preceding the date of the application. Thereafter, tuberculin tests are only required at the discretion of the employee's health care provider or at the start of new employment in a different child care program.
- (7) The program must retain on file in the program a medical statement, on forms furnished by the Office or approved equivalents, from a health care provider for each person residing in the home.

## From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

It seems as though everyone is getting accustomed to the regulation changes and the additional program visits.

Overall, programs seem to be in better compliance and more comfortable seeing their regulators in their programs.

As we better meet the minimum standards set by NYS Child Care Regulations, we can still strive for excellence and/or higher quality of care. There are trainers available to provide in program training and assis-

If you would like a change of pace with your training, contact the Council for some one-on-one program specific training or room arrangement assistance!

Just a reminder, fall is coming and so is flu season and all the back to school germs. Make hand washing a priority to keep your program healthy! Always wash when coming in from outdoor and before and after meals to ensure good health.

Keep up the good work!

Theresa Murdock-Marín,  
Registrar

## Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I know that as a child care provider, I am a mandated reporter. I sometimes get the feeling that something is wrong but I don't have enough proof to call the State-wide Central Registry.

Is there any advice you can give me to help me know when to make the call? I take the required training on mandated reporting every two years, as required. When it comes to determining whether I have enough information to make the call, I am always unsure.

Thank you,  
Frustrated, Fallsburg

Dear Frustrated,

Making a call to the Statewide Central Register (SCR) is an important job, and a very difficult job. It is not necessary to have proof to make the call; you must have **reasonable cause to suspect**. The *Family Day Care Provider Handbook, Rev 11/2010 published by NYSOCFS and PDP*, gives a good review of when it is appropriate to make the call:

"A report is made to the SCR hotline when an individual has "reasonable cause to suspect" that a child has been abused or maltreated. **Reasonable cause to suspect means that you believe, based on your observations or knowledge of the child, that the child is suffering abuse or maltreatment.** A mandated reporter must call and make a report if (s)he suspects that a child is suffering abuse or maltreatment.

Your suspicions will usually be based on a number of observable signs called **indicators**. These may include burns, welt marks, or bruises (especially bruises that are located in unusual places or are in various stages of healing). A child might tell you a different story about how the injury occurred than the parent has told you. Or the child or parent may behave in an odd manner. Most often, you will see a pattern of indicators that leads you to "reasonable cause to suspect." But sometimes, one indicator (such as a burn shaped like an iron) can be enough.

**Make notes and observations regularly**, not just when you suspect child abuse or maltreatment. This will help you (and SCR staff, if necessary) get a more complete picture of the child over time."

Remember: when in doubt, make the call. The SCR will help guide you to know if you have enough information. If you feel the SCR did not accept the call and should have, ask for a supervisor! And always document!

Jodi

## Legally Exempt News

All Legally Exempt providers are subject to announced or unannounced inspection and/or verification of child care to verify compliance with applicable laws and regulations and any additional requirements imposed on such a provider by the social services district.

All Legally Exempt providers are **required to maintain current and accurate attendance records for each child showing the date of attendance with the time of arrival and departure; on a daily basis (full day absences must also be noted).**

An eligible provider must certify that all documentation and information provided to a social services district is accurate and true. Any false or fraudulent claims for payment by a provider may result in the deferral or disallowance of payment for such claims with a social services district, and/or referral for investigation.

It is important to become familiar with the NYS Regulations & CACFP Policies and Procedures.

## Legally Exempt Child Care Rates

Standard Without training	0 - 1½ yrs	1½–2yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
<b>Weekly</b>	\$98	\$91	\$91	\$91
<b>Daily</b>	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
<b>Part Day</b>	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$12
<b>Hourly</b>	\$3.09	\$2.93	\$2.93	\$3.25

  

Enhanced With training	0 - 1½ yrs	1½–2yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
<b>Weekly</b>	\$105	\$98	\$98	\$98
<b>Daily</b>	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$20
<b>Part Day</b>	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$13
<b>Hourly</b>	\$3.33	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.50

## ASPIRE & QUALITYstarsNY

### ASPIRE AND QUALITYSTARSNY

QUALITYstarsNY is an initiative designed to help improve the quality of care and education programs that serve our youngest children. It is just beginning its first full year of implementation across the state. Eventually, as QUALITYstarsNY is refined and includes more and more programs, it will provide parents and caregivers with information about the early childhood programs in their community. QUALITYstarsNY is meant to empower parents and caregivers to make informed choices about their children's early care and education.

Aspire shares data about staff education and training with QUALITYstarsNY. This information helps QUALITYstarsNY evaluators determine if the program meets standards that pertain to staff qualifications and professional development.

#### Need Help With Aspire?

Please contact Aspire staff with your questions or concerns. Phone: (718) 254-7716 / Email: info@nyworksforchildren.org

### For QUALITYstarsNY Participating Programs

If you are the director or coordinator of a program participating in QUALITYstarsNY, joining Aspire is one of the first steps you need to take. Here is an overview of what you'll need to do. Download the instruction guides for more detailed information.

1. Create an *Aspire Organization Account* for your program (center, family child care home, Universal Pre-K program).
2. Create an *Individual Professional Profile* for yourself.
3. Have each of your staff members create a Professional Profile.
4. Create your classrooms or groups in Aspire.
5. Verify staff employment.
6. Add staff to classrooms.
7. Maintain Professional Profiles.

## Child Care Time & Attendance (CCTA)

The Child Care Time and Attendance (CCTA) System has many benefits such as:

- Easier time and attendance workload
- Decreased postage costs
- Improved timeliness and accuracy of payments
- Ability to view family fee (co-pay) and recertification dates
- Ability to immediately verify if a family is approved for payment

If you are interested in submitting your time sheets electronically through the CCTA system, please contact the Council for more information at (845) 292-7166, ext 311.

### **Please Take Note of our Facebook Policy**

Pictures of children will not be allowed to be uploaded onto our Facebook "wall" without the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. having prior written consent from the parents/guardians. If a picture is posted; the image will be removed within 24 hours/one business day. The person that posted the photo will receive an email outlining our policy. If the policy is broken a second time the person will be blocked from interacting on the page.

*Like us for our news feeds on your home page with information about current child care happenings!*

## Product Recalls

[www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)

### Stork Craft Crib Mattresses

**Hazard:** The crib mattresses fail to meet the mandatory federal mattress flammability standard for open flames, posing a fire hazard. No incidents/injuries reported.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled crib mattresses and contact Stork Craft for a free, zippered mattress barrier cover to be placed over the mattress foam core and under the white mattress cover provided with the mattress.

**For More Information:** Stork Craft at (800) 274-0277 M—F between 7a—3p PT, by email [atparts@storkcraft.com](mailto:atparts@storkcraft.com), or online at <http://storkcraftdirect.com> and click on Product Recall near the bottom of the page for more information.

### Quartet Magnetic & Dry Erase Boards

**Hazard:** Sharp metal edges on the back of the boards can become exposed while removing mounted boards, posing a laceration hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The firm has received seven reports of hand, finger and foot laceration injuries, including four that required stitches.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately contact ACCO for a caution label that instructs consumers to wear heavy gloves when removing the boards. This recall does not require that consumers remove the mounted boards. Consumers should affix the caution label with safe removal instructions for when needed.

**For More Information:** ACCO Brands at (800) 611-6654 from 8a—5p CT M—F, or online at [www.Quartet.com](http://www.Quartet.com) and click the link “Important Safety Information—Wall Mounted Dry Erase Boards” for more information.

### DaVinci Cribs

**Hazard:** A metal bracket that connects the mattress support to the crib can break, creating an uneven sleeping surface or a gap. If this occurs, a baby can become entrapped in the crib, fall or suffer lacerations from the broken metal bracket.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The firm has received 10 reports of the mattress support brackets detaching. No injuries have been reported.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled cribs and contact Bexco for a free replacement mattress support which includes replacement brackets. In the meantime, parents are urged to find an alternate, safe sleeping environment for the child, such as a bassinet, play yard or toddler bed depending on the child's age.

**For More Information:** DaVinci at (888) 673-6652 from 8:30a—5:15 p PT M—F; visit: [www.davincibaby.com/safetyrecall3](http://www.davincibaby.com/safetyrecall3) or [www.davincibaby.com](http://www.davincibaby.com) and click on “Safety Recall” for more information.

### Britax ClickTight Convertible Car Seats Recalled August 13, 2015

**Hazard:** Certain ClickTight model convertible car seats may contain a defect with the harness adjuster button, which would pose a safety hazard. The harness adjuster button may remain down in the “release” position after the harness is tightened. This will enable the shoulder harnesses to loosen from a child's movements while secured in the seat. A loose harness may not adequately protect a child in the event of a motor vehicle crash.

The recall includes certain Advocate ClickTight, Boulevard ClickTight, and Marathon ClickTight model convertible car seats manufactured between 8/1/14 - 7/29/15.

**Remedy:** Britax is automatically mailing a free remedy kit to all registered owners of the recalled car seats within 7-10 business days of the announcement.

**For More Information:** [BritaxClickTightConvertibleRecall.com](http://BritaxClickTightConvertibleRecall.com).

## Message From Donna Willi,

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What does a high quality child care program look like? It's a program that consistently demonstrates positive relationships between children and adults, uses a research based curriculum; developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate and effective teaching approaches; on-going child assessment practices; promotes the nutrition and health of children; uses teachers with appropriate credentials and teaching practices; maintains positive family and community relationships; is organized, properly equipped, and well-maintained and has effective administrative staff, policies and procedures. For more information look up the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC); it is a national association for early care and learning professionals.

Its members include teachers, child care providers and others interested in a child's early learning. NAEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children, birth through age 8 and offers a day care center accreditation program that is highly regarded in the child care profession nationwide.

Providing a quality child care environment is hard work but the return on investment (ROI) is worth it! It produces children prepared for school and better ensures success in college. Every one dollar invested in a high quality child care program gives an ROI of a minimum of \$1.86.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council is your local connection to opening a quality child care program. Call us (845) 292-7166 or visit us on the web at <http://scchildcare.com> for more information on how to open a high quality childcare program.

## Child Care Council Info

### Normal Business Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

We are available for assistance in person:

**7 Community Lane, Liberty, NY 12754,**

Mail: **PO Box 186, Ferndale, NY 12734.**

Staff members can be reached by telephone at  
**(845) 292-7166**, or toll free: **(877) 292-7190.**

## Average Weekly Cost of Child Care

	Family Child Care	Group Family Child Care	Day Care Center
<b>6wks-18mos</b>	n/a	n/a	\$183.12
<b>6wks-24mos</b>	\$148.86	\$161.88	n/a
<b>18mos-36mos</b>	n/a	n/a	\$174.25
<b>3y-5y</b>	n/a	n/a	\$153.23
<b>2yrs-5yrs</b>	\$147.32	\$148.69	n/a
<b>5y-12y</b>	\$135.93	\$102.25	\$150.00

## Prospective Child Care Providers

If you are interested in becoming a child care provider please visit <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/techreq.asp> for a **free online Orientation** and to request an application.

If you prefer to attend a face to face orientation session providing the opportunity to ask direct and specific questions to the Registration Coordinator, you may attend\* one of the following Orientation Sessions:

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 10:30 am**

\*There is a nominal **fee of \$10.00 for a face to face session**. All are held at the Sullivan Co Child Care Council, in Liberty. You must register for the face to face by calling (845) 292-7166 or to [info@scchildcare.com](mailto:info@scchildcare.com).

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## Child Care Programs in Sullivan

Township	OCFS Registered/Licensed Child Care Programs				Private Schools	Requests for Care
	Day Care Centers (DCC)	Family Day Care Homes (FDC)	Group Family Day Care Homes (GFDC)	School-Age Child Care (SACC)		
Bethel	0	0	1	0		4
Callicoon	0	2	2	0		6
Cochecton	0	1	0	0		2
Delaware	0	3	0	0		1
Fallsburg	3	7	1	0		40
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0		0
Fremont	0	0	0	0		0
Highland	1	1	0	0		2
Liberty	1	8	2	2	Y	15
Lumberland	0	1	1	0	Y	0
Mamakating	1	2	2	0		25
Neversink	0	3	3	1		22
Rockland	0	3	0	0		30
Thompson	5	5	7	0	Y	166
Tusten	0	0	0	0		0

## Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2015 Donation Form

### Professional Supporter (Check One)

(Eligible for reduced training costs.)

- \$35 Family Day Care Provider (\$25 if participate in CACFP)
- \$50 Group Family Day Care (\$40 if participate in CACFP)
- \$125 Day Care Center / SACC (\$100 if participate in CACFP)
- \$25 Legally-Exempt Provider (\$15 if participate in CACFP)

### Community Supporter (Check One)

- \$50 Advocate  \$100 Sponsor\*  Other\* \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### Mail Form & Payment To:

Sullivan Co Child Care Council, Inc.

**PO Box 186, Ferndale, NY 12734**

\*Please submit a business card with your donation of \$100 or more.  
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**We have several openings for Council Committee members.** We are seeking members who could fulfill underrepresented areas such as, parents (who have children in child care); those who have expertise in marketing or insurance; those who are familiar with child care subsidy system and those who could represent our Hispanic community. **Support the Council by serving on a committee! Please contact us at [info@scchildcare.com](mailto:info@scchildcare.com)!**

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