

Caregiver News

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

Foundations in Health & Safety e-learning ** Required Training **

The federal Child Care & Development Block Grant (CCDBG) pre-service/orientation health & safety training requirements makes **child care employees & volunteers required to complete the training by September 30, 2017.**

Those **child care employees & volunteers affected by this federal law are:**

- caregivers in family day care & group family day care programs (**providers, assistants, substitutes**)
- caregivers in small day care centers (providers, assistants, & substitutes)
- **directors in day care centers & school age child care programs**
- **teachers & assistant teachers in day care centers & school age child care programs**
- **substitute teachers & substitute assistant teachers in centers & school age child care programs**
- **volunteers in all programs**, who have the potential for regular and substantial contact with children at the child care program.

There is no charge for the training, which can be found at: www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/elearn_catalog.shtm.

- **each individual must create an Early Childhood Education and Training Program (ECETP) account** with the Professional Development Program (PDP).
- **Accounts can be set up in minutes and require only a little information.**
- Certificates are awarded at the end of the session and must be printed and kept on file at the child care program. If a certificate is misplaced, another can be printed from the website.

OCFS Child Care Forms

Required OCFS forms are available on their website at <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/documents/docsChildCare.asp>.

Please make sure you are using the most current version of the forms. When you run out of forms, print new ones directly from the website, or go to <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/documents/docs%20Pubs.asp> and you can order free copies using the order form.

If you choose to use your own form, make sure you include all the information from the corresponding OCFS form.

Glitter Slime Monsters

Materials:

- Clean baby food jars (paint the lids)
- 1 bottle Elmer's Glitter Glue
- 1 Cup Water
- 1 tsp Borax
- 1 tb Water
- (You can replace the Glitter Glue for regular white glue to make normal slime.)

Instructions:

1. Mix 1 tsp. Borax and 1 Cup water together. (You can find the Borax at your local stores in the Laundry section.)
2. Have your little helper empty the Glitter Glue into a separate bowl.
3. Add 1 TB. Water to the glue and mix it together. This will help the glue to become a little more flexible.
4. Then pour the Borax mixture into the glue mixture. Let their little hands work the magic as they combine the glue and the Borax mixture together. Right away you will see how the Glitter Slime will start to form.

⇒ TIP: Don't throw the extra Borax mixture yet.

⇒ If the slime gets too slimy you can put it back inside and it will harden some more.

Source: www.the36thavenue.com/halloween-glitter-slime-monsters/



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Featured Agency:



**Article submitted by:
Jolynn Dunn,
Regional ARC Coordinator**

The Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) was established in 1982 as part of the statewide network of Community Dispute Resolution Centers created through legislation enacted by the New York State legislature. All of the 62 counties in the state of New York either have a Community Dispute Resolution Center or belong to one that covers their county.

DRC's mission is to promote the peaceful resolution of conflict. DRC is a non-profit agency that provides mediation, education, training and consultation throughout Orange, Putnam, Sullivan and Ulster Counties. DRC programs help families, youth, communities and workplaces helping to prevent and resolve conflict.

Mediation services are provided for almost any type of conflict with two or more parties including: Agricultural, Early Intervention, Manufactured Housing, Special Education, VESID, Custody/Parenting, Child Support, Civil/ Small Claims, Community, Elder, Landlord/Tenant, Neighborhood, Property, Parent and Youth, Family, Employees, Workplace, Couples Mediation (pre-nups, separation, divorce, post-divorce.)

Educational programs offered are: Parents Apart: for co-parenting strategies; MAAP: for managing anger & aggression; MAAP Jr: for kids ages 10-17 for managing anger & aggression.

Training programs include: Basic Mediation Training; CASA Training for Court Appointed Special Assistants & Advocates (CASA); Conflict Skills Training for businesses, nonprofits, schools and organizations.

Consultation services for individuals and groups are available for mediation and customized conflict skills training.

So what exactly are family and youth mediation programs and how can they benefit my family?

As an alternative to traditional ways of resolving conflict (yelling, grounding, silent treatments) our parent/youth

mediation program brings the family unit together to talk out their conflicts and concerns in a nonjudgmental and informal environment. All participants work collectively to develop solutions and make all final decisions together. Mediation gives each participant an equal voice often reducing tension in the household. This program is ideal for parent(s) and youth ages 9 to 19. A mediator can help you talk things through to a solution.

Through mediation you can settle custody and visitation cordially and respectfully by sitting down with a neutral third party, a mediator, to figure out solutions that will work for you and the other parent and most importantly, for your children. Through mediation you can save time and money, avoid going to court and keep your children out of the middle of the conflict.

A respectful way to end a marriage without going to court: The DRC provides couples mediation for separation & divorce, pre-nuptial agreements, post-marital agreements and post-divorce issues; helping you to save time and money.

Federal law requires that school districts offer mediation as an alternative to an impartial hearing when disagreements arise. Special Education mediation is a process where parents of children with disabilities and school districts meet with a neutral mediator to work out their differences. The mediator helps participants listen to each other's views, and then assists them to develop a mutually satisfactory solution using conflict resolution skills.

Peer mediation is an excellent alternative means of dealing with students' conflicts. Students voluntarily meet with trained peer mediators to resolve conflicts and disputes in a manner that is fair and acceptable to all. Teaching characteristics of mediation, such as communication, neutrality, confidentiality and empowerment, allows students to resolve their own problems in a healthy, peaceful manner.

If you have concerns with your child's behavior, discipline, truancy, or your children are experiencing problems in school, such as, suspensions our toll free 24/7 Family Intervention line is available 1-866-567-4612 to Sullivan County parents and youth, including youth at risk of PINS. This program provides family intervention, support, mediation services and follow-up opportunities. Our staff is trained to diffuse the immediate conflict taking place between parents and youth with supportive dialogue and resources. We will help clarify concerns, explore options and make referrals when necessary.

Better together : is a series of educational sessions for both youth and their parents. Each meeting provides two trainers where one is with youth participants and another who meets exclusively with their parents. Each session has a focus on communication, managing emotions, understanding the ripple effect of all actions and a variety of other educational topics that are selected by the youth trainer based on the participants' needs. Parents have an opportunity to work with an adult trainer to help them have a better understanding of how similar all parents are in working with their children and that they are not alone. Parents learn techniques to help themselves and their children bring down the wall that currently separates them.

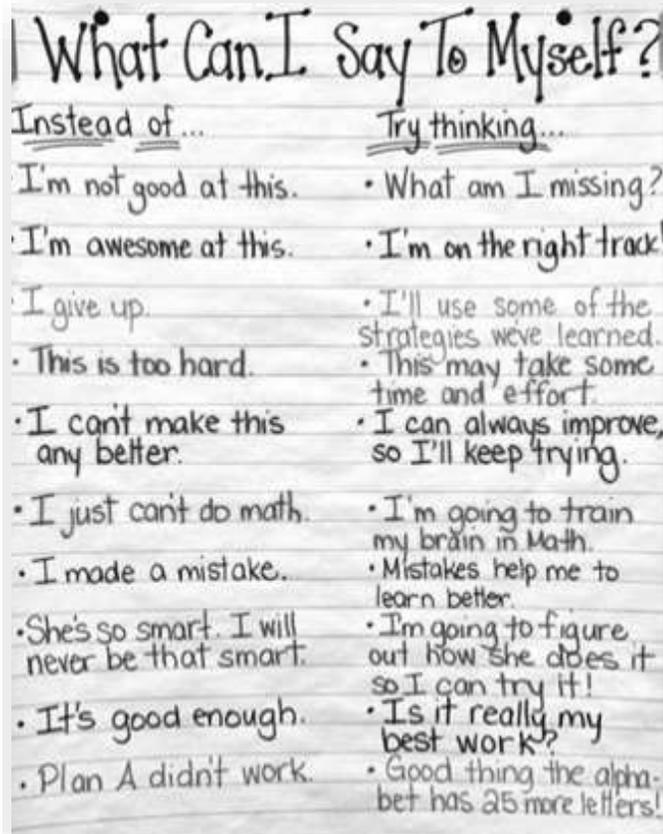
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Sullivan County: CASA volunteers are "a powerful voice in a child's life" who have been abused or neglected. Appointed by Sullivan County Family Court Judges, they speak up for the child's needs in the courtroom and community. CASA volunteers will monitor court orders, and provide a report to the Family Court Judge on the progress of the family in obtaining permanency for the child.

For more information contact:
Jolynn Dunn, Regional ADR Coordinator
at (845) 794-3377 or
jolynd@drcservices.org or visit
drcservices.org.

Encourage Positivity

Eliminate the negatives: We encourage replacing negative words when working with children to manage their behaviors. Self talk is another behavior that can use rewording. As you role model, the children will follow suit and also help to encourage one another.

Here is a list of ways to encourage children through their work and play to be the best version of themselves!



Source: <http://www.gurl.com/2017/01/04/best-studying-tips-tumblr/>

QUALITYstarsNY

PARENTS: Visit & Ask Questions (in person & over phone) Interested in a child care program? Make an appointment to visit! Visiting a program is the best way to judge if it will be a good fit for your child and family. We recommend visiting at least 3 programs before making a decision.

Things to keep in mind:

- Visit during regular business hours when children are present
- Plan to stay at least an hour
- Try to bring your child to see how s/he responds to the program staff and environment
- Bring notes or a checklist to remind yourself of questions you want to ask and things you want to observe. QUALITYstarsNY has put together a checklist to help you determine whether the program is high quality. (<http://qualitystarsny.org/families-checklists.php>)

Message from Donna Willi, Executive Director

Hello Friends of Child Care!

Sullivan County's economy is fast growing and we currently have only sixty-one regulated child care programs. These programs have space to provide care for approximately 1,956 children ages six weeks to twelve years old. These programs work hard each day to provide a safe and nurturing environment so parents and caregivers can work but they cannot do it all. Currently the towns of Bethel, Cochetton, Forestburgh, Fremont and Rockland have no child care options at all. Sullivan County needs child care now and as our economy continues to grow we will need more child care; and not just any child care, high quality child care.

High quality child care has many components, including knowledge of appropriate early childhood development. To that end, the Council is offering Sullivan County's first ever Child Development Associate series. Our inaugural class anticipates completion of their CDA by late Fall 2017! In addition, the Council is now offering CPR and First Aid to our child care workforce. Check out our calendar for the schedules.

And, finally as a result of increased visits and technical assistance programs we have seen a significant decrease in citations and an increase in the quality of care offered.

Our child care work force works hard each day. We all need to keep working and looking forward in order to ensure all of our families have high quality child care options. If you, or someone you know is interested in opening their own child care program call the Council for more information.

Yours in Child Care,
Donna Willi
Executive Director

Important Changes to Provider Compliance History

OCFS is preparing to start posting six-year compliance histories of licensed/registered child care programs, rather than the two-year histories that are currently posted. This will provide more information to parents seeking child care and will promote greater governmental transparency.

This change took effect May 17, 2017.

It is not being applied retroactively. However, two-year histories that are already posted on the OCFS website may now remain there for up to six years.

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 please email info@scchildcare.com or call the Council (845) 292-7166 x309.

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

MAT Approved Programs

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

Best Friends Services, Inc.

Jessica Dean

Early Childhood Cooperative Experience

Easter Seals of New York, Inc.

Deborah Gubiotti

J&C First Steps Daycare, LLC: Diane Harvey

Nana's House Child Care Center, Inc.

New Hope Manor

Marlena's Family Daycare: Marlena Pittaluga-Egan

Twin Bridge Play School Inc.

Kristy Petrowsky

Sullivan County Head Start, Inc (All locations)

Medication Administration

Obtain your MAT Certification or Renewal through an independent study program plus testing with a SUNY MAT instructor.

You must renew your MAT Certificate every 3 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

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

Child & Adult Care Food

Hello CACFP providers! We have a lot of new and exciting changes with the program this year. Most of these changes will be discussed at the mandatory meeting on September 13th or the 21st, whichever you attend. **All CACFP providers are mandated to attend this meeting.** Mandatory program changes will become effective as of October 1, 2017.

These changes will help maintain better nutritional guidelines for the children in your care. Remember the goal is to have children enjoy nutritious snacks and develop good eating patterns at an early age that they will hopefully maintain throughout their life. Some of the changes are as follows (and will be explained in further detail at the meeting):

- Whole grains must be served once a day
- Infant menus offer better variety, including the allowance of approved yogurts and whole egg
- Breakfast may contain protein to replace a grain, up to 3 times a week
- No grain based desserts including, but not limited to, cookies, granola bars & toaster pastries
- Lunch/supper must include a vegetable
- Tofu and soy yogurt are credible
- No high sugar yogurts / cereals
- Snack may contain a fruit & vegetable as two separate components
- Water needs to be available and seen at program visits, but does not need to be written on menus
- There are more infant changes that will also be discussed.

Other new CACFP changes include online claiming. All providers must enter the child enrollments via KidsKare online. Once you have entered the child enrollment, print them, have the parent/guardian sign and send them to the Council. Once they are entered online claiming will be a very easy process. All enrollments should now be entered and submitted online. Meals can be chosen by a drop down bar and menus can be submitted monthly this way. No paper, no stamps. Simply send via the web to sponsor.

The first 10 providers to claim online will receive a \$20 Shop Rite gift card. We currently have 8 providers that will redeem this prize. Amy, Karen, Faith, Nicole, Elizabeth, Wanda, Jessica and George. Thank you!!!! You will receive your gift shortly.

Thank you to all the CACFP providers for making nutrition a priority in child care. Any questions please call Aimee Pittaluga at (845) 292-7166. Thank you.

Intensive Technical Assistance

The Council offers intensive technical assistance to enhance your knowledge/skills. Individualized training can be set up to address your program needs in one session or multiple session workshops (conducted at your home during a convenient time for your program).

Consider the following topics, or choose your own:

- “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”

Contact us at info@scschildcare.com to request a session or for more information or call Aimee Pittaluga at (845) 292-7166 x 306.

This free service is funded by NYSOCFS.

Infant/Toddler Services for Providers

Infant/Toddler Technical Assistance Center

The Infant/Toddler Technical Assistance Network, funded by the NYSOCFS, is an initiative aimed at supporting high quality infant and toddler care. The Network offers support to programs serving infants and toddlers.

The Infant/Toddler Specialist can offer the following ongoing services for **FREE** in Sullivan County:

- Phone and in-person support on a variety of issues:
 - Age appropriate behavior management techniques
 - Responsive care giving
 - Understanding the NYS Child Care Regulations
 - Developmentally appropriate practice for infants & toddlers
 - Infant—toddler development and behavior
 - Assistance answering parent questions about their infant or toddler
- Visits to your program to work on a quality improvement project
- Resources or tip sheets
- Starting up your infant/toddler program including help setting up your space
- Assistance with continuity of care classroom waivers
- Assistance with freedom of movement certification for “container free” program

We serve family and group child care programs, child care centers and CCR&Rs.

For more information contact Rosemarie Lawton, Infant/Toddler Regional Specialist by calling (845) 473-4141 ext. 217 or email rslawton@childcaredutchess.org.

Video Conferences

ecetp.pdp.albany.edu

The SUNY Video conferences are 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.*

Thursday, October 26, 2017: Special Webcast:

Focus on the NYS Child Care Regulations

The most current brochure is available at
www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/videoconferencing.shtm.



Online Training

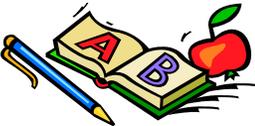
NYSOCFS/PDP Online Trainings—FREE!

www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/elearn_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
Expulsion & Suspension Prevention Strategies	1.5	1, 3, 4, 7	3, 4, 6
Family Engagement	1.0	3, 4	4, 5, 6
Foundations of Health & Safety **NEW**	5.0	2, 3, 6, 7,9	NA
Keeping Children Safe	1.5	1, 3, 4, 7	1, 2, 8
Infant Brain Development	1.0	1, 3	2, 3
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	1.5	1, 3, 4	1, 5, 8
Supervision of Children	1.5	4	1
Transportation	2.0	3, 4, 7	1, 4, 5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 September 2017					1	2
3	4 Council Closed Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	15	16
17	18 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	19	20 Orientation 5:30p—7:30p @ Council	21	22	23
24	25 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	26	27	28 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	29	30

Check out our Training and Events Calendar on our website at sccildcare.com/calendar!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	3	4	5 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	6	7
8	9 Council Closed Columbus Day	10	11	12 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	13	14
15	16 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	17	18	19 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	20	21
22	23 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	31 Happy Halloween	October 2017 			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2017			1	2 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	3	4
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12	13 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	14	15	16 CDA Part II 5:30p—8:30p @ Council	17	18
19	20	21	22 Council Closes at 12:30 pm	23 Council Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	24 Council Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

****ALL CDA Courses must be completed for CDA approval—however—
if you are not completing a CDA you may register for individual classes.**

CDA CONTENT AREAS	1. Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment
	2. Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development
	3. Positive ways to support children's social and emotional development
	4. Strategies to establish productive relationships with families
	5. Strategies to manage an effective program operation
	6. Maintaining a commitment to professionalism
	7. Observing and recording children's behavior
	8. Principles of child development and learning

CORE COMPETENCY AREAS	1. Child Growth and Development
	2. Family and Community Relationships
	3. Observation and Assessment
	4. Environment and Curriculum
	5. Health, Safety, and Nutrition
	6. Professionalism and Leadership
	7. Administration and Management

OCFS TOPICS	1. Principles of Child Development
	2. Nutrition and Health Needs of Infants and Children
	3. Program Development
	4. Safety and Security Procedures
	5. Business Record Maintenance and Management
	6. Child Abuse and Maltreatment Identification & Prevention
	7. Statutes and regulations pertaining to child daycare
	8. States & Regs pertaining to Child Abuse & Maltreatment
	9. Shaken Baby syndrome

Course Title	Hrs/ CEU 's	Cost/ Reduced Cost	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas	CBK Areas
Health & Safety	15.0 1.5	\$250	2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	NA	NA
Orientation	NA	\$10	NA	NA	NA
Focus on Regulations	2.5 .25	\$0	7	5, 6	6, 7

Educational Incentive Program (EIP)

The Educational Incentive Program is sponsored by the NYSOCFS & funded by the federal Child Care and Development Fund and administered by the Professional Development Program (PDP), Rockefeller College, University at Albany.

The following grants and scholarships are available to child care providers:

- **College Credit, Non-Credit Bearing and Credential Training:** to assist child care providers in paying for the professional development training and education they need to provide quality care to children
- **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid (FA):** Component of EIP to assist income eligible providers offset the cost of becoming certified in CPR/FA.
- **The MAT Rebate Program:** For day care facilities to offset the cost of the training to certify staff to administer medication in a child care setting.

Apply online at: www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/apply.shtm

Focus on the Regulations

Review Regulations @ ocfs.ny.gov

FDC & GFDC

.8 Supervision of children

(a) Children cannot be left without competent supervision at any time. Competent supervision includes awareness of and responsibility for the ongoing activity of each child. It requires that all children be within a caregiver's range of vision except as provided in section 417.8(b) of this Part and that the caregiver be near enough to respond when redirection or intervention strategies are needed. Competent supervision must take into account the child's age, emotional, physical and cognitive development.

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From the Desk of the Registrar

I would like to remind all child care providers & staff how critical supervision is everyday. The number one way to keep children safe is to be supervising appropriately; which includes predicting how the children may act or react to different situations and environments.

Although supervision may seem like something we master with experience, supervision **always** needs to be considered and evaluated with regards to the regulatory standards we are given.

Child care providers have keen senses which include that of hearing and vision and are particularly good at multitasking their senses. These heightened awareness skills are built through years of experience working with children.

We must not allow our comfort in relying on these skills to distract us from the key component of supervision which is having children in your direct sight and being near enough to intervene.

Continuing education in any field is important to educate us on new research and to remind us of the basics. Many of you have had an extraordinary amount of training and hopefully you are still learning new tips and ideas. Even if the concepts aren't new, try to use training as a self reflection/evaluation tool. Be honest with yourself on areas that you can improve and implement techniques to strengthen the weaknesses that you may have identified.

Regulations which speak to supervision are in place to protect the children and the provider and to keep the children out of physical or emotional harm. In order to provide good supervision, we must know the children's individual developmental skills and curiosity and what is expected according to their development or age.

Please review Regulations regarding supervision, found in section .8 Supervision, for all modalities.

Theresa Murdock-Marin,
Registrar

Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I have recently been cited for supervision when the children are in a different room than me for a brief period of time.

I am trying to make sure I stay in compliance but there are some issues as a family child care provider that arise because I am alone with the children. For example, if one child needs assistance in the bathroom, what is appropriate as far as indirect supervision of the other children, being that it is inappropriate to have all the children in the bathroom. Also, what am I to do when I need something such as a blanket or a box of cereal that is in the other room?

I am looking for advice on the key situations where it becomes impossible to have direct supervision of all children at all times.

Trying to supervise appropriately

Dear Trying,

Luckily, you are not the first person to have these issues arise and OCFS has directly addressed many of the issues presented to a family child care provider regarding supervision in Policy Statement 15-1, *Supervision Issues as they relate to home based programs*, in order to give more insight as to the intention and acceptable alternatives to direct supervision:

...If there are no other caregivers in the program, the Office recommends that the caregiver engage the children in an activity in a location close enough to the bathroom to allow the caregiver to hear the children. The children should always be told where the caregiver will be in case they need him/her immediately.

If only one caregiver is present, he/she should never be on a different floor from the children in his/her care and should not be physically absent from the children in his/her care for more than a few minutes. This requires that children be moved to the same floor as the caregiver for the few minutes it takes for the caregiver to use the bathroom. It is critical that the space where the children are waiting for the sole caregiver to use the bathroom is safe.

I would recommend that any individual who may be caring for a group of children by themselves review Policy Statement 15-1, which can be found at <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/policies/15-1.pdf>.

Jodi

Legally Exempt News

****NEW** Mandatory/Required Health & Safety for Legally Exempt Providers**

You are **ONLY** exempt if you are the child/ren's:

- Grandparent or Great-grandparent,
- Sibling AND living in a separate residence
- Aunt/Uncle

ALL other providers MUST complete training by 9/30/17.

There are two OCFS approved training options:

1. Online "e-Learning"—Foundations in Health & Safety
 - ⇒ FREE
 - ⇒ Self paced
 - ⇒ Go to www.ecetp.pdp.albany
2. Classroom training: Health & Safety for Legally Exempt providers
 - ⇒ \$210.00
 - ⇒ Training dates to be announced
 - ⇒ Contact Lee at the Council (845) 292-7166 X302 for more information

**Congratulations to
Kaitlyn Isaksen, Nicole Newick & Linn Parker**
our first three Legally Exempt providers to complete
Foundations in Health & Safety e-learning!
Way to go!!

***Remember to submit a copy of your certificate of completion immediately to Lee at lbrown@scschildcare.com or PO Box 186 Ferndale NY 12734**

Payments will be discontinued if training requirements are not met and approved by 9/30/2017!

NY Works for Children/ASPIRE

It's the moment you have all been waiting for... As of this week, you are now able to upload documents directly to your Aspire profile! No more photocopies, and no more mail. Now, when you are ready to update your profile, just enter your new information, upload your documents directly to the system and click submit. It's that easy!

NEW RENEWAL POLICY Additionally, we are modifying our renewal process. Previously, we required that members log in once a year to review and renew your membership. **Now, as long as you are updating your profile regularly, you will no longer be required to renew your membership!** Don't worry, we'll still send you a few reminders to keep your profile up-to-date, but only members who have not updated their profile in 12 months will be asked to renew their membership.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any specific questions about The Aspire Registry by emailing us at info@nyworksforchildren.org.

Child Care Time & Attendance (CCTA)

Please help us welcome our newest web-based users:

**Babies N Tots
Bright Beginnings Learning Center
Everything Grows Child Care & Learning Center
First Class Minds LLC
Karen Gonzalez
Luz Quinones
Sullivan West Central School District
Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp**

Submit your timesheets online with the Child Care Time and Attendance (CCTA) System!!

We encourage all providers to submit timesheets through our web-based system, CCTA.

There are several **benefits to using CCTA** web-based provider portal such as:

- ⇒ Eliminate the cost of shipping, mailing and purchasing paper products and postal supplies.
- ⇒ Eliminate time delay of using the postal service.
- ⇒ TRACK PAYMENTS ON A DAILY BASIS.

If you are interested in submitting your timesheets online, please call Lee at (845) 292-7166 x302!

Legally Exempt Child Care Rates

Standard Without training	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
Weekly	\$98	\$98	\$98	\$93
Daily	\$21	\$20	\$20	\$20
Part Day	\$14	\$13	\$13	\$12
Hourly	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25
Enhanced With training	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
Weekly	\$105	\$105	\$105	\$100
Daily	\$23	\$21	\$21	\$21
Part Day	\$15	\$14	\$14	\$14
Hourly	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50
LE Group Child Care	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
Weekly	\$0	\$0	\$135	\$128
Daily	\$0	\$0	\$29	\$28
Part Day	\$0	\$0	\$19	\$19
Hourly	\$0	\$0	\$5.63	\$5.25

Product Recalls

www.cpsc.gov

Rainbow Dream Builder children's magnetic building sets

Hazard: The building sets corner welds can break, allowing the panels and frames to separate and release magnets during play. When released, exposed magnets can create a choking hazard.

Recall date: August 1, 2017

Recall number: 17-192

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled building sets and take them away from children. Contact the firm to receive a prepaid shipping label for returning the recalled sets for a free replacement set including shipping.

Consumer Contact: Panelcraft toll-free at 888-288-7615 from 8am—5pm ET M—F or online at www.panelcraft.com and click on Contact Us for more information.

Madison Mill Recalls Safety Gates Due to Entrapment & Strangulation Hazards

Name of product: Foldaway expandable safety gates

Hazard: A young child's neck can fit into the "V" shaped opening along the top edge of the gate, posing entrapment and strangulation hazards to young children. Also, young children can pass under the gate allowing access to restricted areas, such as stairs.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Recall date: June 7, 2017

Recall number: 17-173

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled gates and contact Madison Mill for instructions on receiving a full refund.



Consumer Contact: Madison Mill at 877-220-4705 from 7:30am—5pm CT M—F, email at tom.mckelvey@Madisonmill.com or online at www.madisonmill.com and click on "Product Recalls" for more information.

Manhattan Toy Recalls Activity Toys Due to Choking Hazard

Name of product: Winkel™ Colorburst activity toys

Hazard: The colored plastic tubes on the product can become brittle and break into small pieces, posing a choking hazard to infants.

Recall date: July 20, 2017

Recall number: 17-191

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received four reports of plastic tubes breaking. No injuries have been reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from infants and return it to the store where purchased or contact Manhattan Toy for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: The Manhattan Toy Company at 800-541-1345 from 8am—5pm CT Mon—Thurs & 8am—12pm CT Fridays, or online at www.manhattantoy.com and click on Recalls at the bottom of the page for more information.

TOMY Recalls Munching Max Chipmunk Toys Due to Laceration Hazard

Name of product: Lamaze Munching Max chipmunk stuffed toys

Hazard: Parts inside the toy can break creating a sharp point that can penetrate the surface of the toy, posing a laceration hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: TOMY International has received one report of a minor laceration injury to a child's hand.

Recall date: July 13, 2017

Recall number: 17-188

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys away from children and contact TOMY International to receive a free replacement toy and a TOMY online store coupon.

Consumer Contact: TOMY International toll-free at 866-725-4407 from 7:30am-4:30pm CT Mon—Thurs and 7:30am to noon Friday or online at <http://recall.tomy.com>. Consumers can also visit www.tomy.com and click on Recalls for more information.

Child Seat Webbing May Tear Under Load

A child that is not adequately restrained in a crash has an increased risk of an injury.

NHTSA ID: 17C001

Summary: Graco Children's Products Inc. (Graco) is recalling certain Graco My Ride 65 convertible child restraints. In the event of a crash, the child seat webbing may not adequately restrain the child. As such, these car seats fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 213, "Child Restraint Systems."

Remedy: Graco will notify owners, and dealers will provide consumers with a replacement harness, free of charge. The recall began on July 7, 2017. Owners may contact Graco customer service at 1-800-345-4109.

Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 or go to www.safercar.gov.

Chest Clip Tab May Break and be a Choking Hazard

The broken tab may present a choking hazard to an infant in the car seat, increasing the risk of injury.

NHTSA ID: 17C002

Manufacturer: Britax Child Safety, Inc.

Summary: Britax Child Safety, Inc. (Britax) is recalling certain B-Safe 35, B-Safe 35 Travel Systems, B-Safe 35 Elite, B-Safe 35 Elite Travel Systems and BOB B-Safe rear-facing infant child safety seats. The affected child safety seats have a center tab on the chest clip marked "ABS" that may break.

Remedy: Britax will notify owners and will provide a replacement chest clip marked "PC", free of charge. The recall began on June 21, 2017. Owners may contact Britax at 1-833-474-7016 or visit www.bsaf35clip.com.

Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 or go to www.safercar.gov.

For specific model numbers visit www.nhtsa.gov and search the NHTSA ID number associated with the recall.

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
6wks-18mos	n/a	n/a	\$205
6wks-24mos	\$200	\$175	n/a
18mos-36mos	n/a	n/a	\$204
3y-5y	n/a	n/a	\$187
2yrs-5yrs	\$200	\$175	n/a
5y-12y	\$173	\$175	\$184

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 Child Care Provider 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 20, 2017, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 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.

We need Child Care Providers!

Specifically for children ages 6 weeks to 12 months old in the Liberty, Monticello & Fallsburg areas & 3pm—11pm and weekend shifts.

Please call 845-292-7166 to attend a child care orientation or visit ocfs.ny.gov and click on Become a Provider for more information & the free online orientation.

Child Care Programs in Sullivan County

Township	OCFS Registered/Licensed Child Care Programs				Private Schools	7/1/16-9/30/16 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	0	0		1
Callicoon	0	3	3	0		8
Cochecton	0	0	0	0		0
Delaware	0	2	0	0		6
Fallsburg	2	6	1	0		35
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0		0
Fremont	0	0	0	0		1
Highland	1	1	0	0		2
Liberty	2	8	2	2	1	53
Lumberland	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mamakating	1	0	0	1		8
Neversink	0	0	1	2		13
Rockland	0	1	0	0		12
Thompson	6	3	5	3	1	71
Tusten	0	1	0	0		0
Totals	12	25	13	8	3	210

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2017 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.
 Donations are non-refundable.

Thank you for your financial support; it helps families gain access to quality and affordable childcare!

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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!**

Caregiver News

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