



Caregiver News

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Every Hero Has a Story

Summer Reading & Fun Programs at Your Local Libraries

The weather is getting warmer we hope everyone enjoys the beautiful summer and the outdoors! Don't forget to make time for literature throughout the summer. Join the family events hosted at your local libraries as they kick off summer reading programs with this years theme, *Every Hero Has a Story!*

According to the Collaborative Summer Library Program's research on summer reading, children who read throughout the summer maintain or improve their literacy skills over their summer vacations. A learning loss to the effect of an entire grade level can occur when children do not have exposure to literature and learning programs over the summer months. Public libraries serve their communities to promote family literacy through summer reading programs and other activities to keep children engaged and exposed to books even when they are out of school!

Contact your local library to find out what type of programs they are offering this summer!

Contact information for SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARIES is listed on page 3.

Summer reading programs in our county include:

LIBERTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Free summer programs begin in July. Please call the library to sign up for a variety of programs including reading programs, animal shows and rewards for reading!

- Summer Reading: Grades 1—4
Wednesdays 2-3:30pm; 7/7—7/28
- Pajama Story Hour (Ages 3-6)
Tuesday 6:30—7:30; 7/7—7/28
- Summer Crafternoons: Grades 5 & up
Thursdays 2-3:00pm; 7/9—7/30
- Battle of the Books: Grades 6 & up
Tuesdays 2-3:00pm; Starts 6/30
- Drop-In Stories: Toddlers & pre-k
Wednesdays 10:40-11:40am; year round
- Countdown to Kindergarten; Starting Kindergarten
Wednesdays 10-10:40am; 8/12—9/2

Evening Shows @ 6:30pm:

- 7/9: Andrew Simmons Wildlife
- 7/23: Ramona Jan's Marionettes
- 8/13: Flow Circus The Real Super Power-Play!

For reminders about summer programs text @summerhero to 81010 or send an email to summerhero@mail.remind.com.

ETHELBERT B CRAWFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer programs offered Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 11am for children going into the 3rd-5th grades.

- 7/17 & 7/18 at 10am: Reading Bunnies. Children read to therapy rabbits. Please call to register.
- Every Saturday at 11:30 during the summer there are arts & crafts programs available.
- Story time: Thursdays and Fridays at 10:00 am
- For teens (ages 12+): Five comic book creators will visit the library to talk about how they got into comics, and give workshops: Misako Rocks! July 9 @ 6:30p; Mark McKenna, 7/16 @ 6:30p; Chris Giarrusso, 7/30 @ 6:30pm & Brimstone, 8/6 @ 6:30pm.
- There will also be a teen book discussion group on Thursdays at 5:00.

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Featured Agency:
EPIC: Life in the Learning Lane
Submitted by: Jane Sorenson, Program Coordinator



Monticello, NY- There are a few ways to get onto the parenthood road, but once there, hold on! Kids don't come with a map or GPS, just hundreds of turns and detours, but few street lights and no, "Wrong way. Go back."

As their child's first and most influential teacher, parents possess enormous power and opportunity but with no map and so many routes, it can be hard to make the most of either. That is why EPIC (Every Person Influences Children,) and its values are so very important in our community.

EPIC's holistic approach captures the assets of home, school and community in one determined effort to reach parents and children at the very beginning of their relationship, and follows them into adulthood.

From the moment parents cradle their precious new arrival, EPIC's "Ready, Set, Parent," is there to help parents and other caregivers to key in on parenting skills, health and wellness, and literacy/language development.

EPIC's focus on literacy continues with "Ready, Set, Read," as the ideal follow-up for parents of Kindergarten and Universal Pre-K children. Converting this preparatory program into a take-home project was the vision of EPIC Program Coordinator, Jane Sorenson and former EPIC staff, Ruth Stratton and Kathy Fuller. In 2007, the trio brainstormed to find a way to strengthen their connection with parents, even in winter, when travel is very difficult. They decided to pilot the "Ready, Set, Read" (RSR) group workshop as a take-home project for parents of kindergarten students at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School in Fallsburg. It was so successful that 2008 saw RSR expand to the George L. Cooke and Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary Schools in Monticello. Now, Sorenson offers RSR as a winter, take-home project in six Monticello schools, including three UPKs.

About Ready, Set, Read

Foundations of literacy begin at birth. Research shows that the first years of life are among the prime years for the brain to absorb new information most easily. It also shows that the fundamental steps in acquiring language play a critical role in a child's development of literacy skills and ability to read.

By the Numbers 2015

**3 Elementary schools in Monticello School District
3 Universal Pre-Ks in Sullivan County
459 Parents reached
1,830 Booklets sent home
64% Parents completed the program**

EPIC Values

- **Preparation for parenthood is a vital portion of the educational plan for all children.**
- **There is a direct relationship between the confidence a parent feels and their performance as a parent.**
- **Parents' confidence and competence can be influenced in positive and helpful ways.**
- **Parents should develop positive parenting skills to teach children self-control or to manage their behavior.**

The program works on the premise that there is no single best way to learn, although each person does have a way in which he or she learns best. That makes it crucial for parents to identify their child's learning style as quickly as possible. RSR's topics, "Brain Development," "Understanding How Children Learn to Read," "Reading to Your Child" and "Reading is Everywhere," help understand different ways in which children learn. Most importantly, parents learn to identify *what works best for their child*, so they can tailor their parenting skills and style accordingly.

MCSD Parent, Stacey Bailey explains, "For folks who wonder what EPIC work-

shops are all about, they are about family. Whether married or single parents, and despite differences in culture age, gender or challenges, it's the place for parents to vent concerns and get help. This program is here to help other parents, and that is quite 'EPIC.'"

Through self-evaluations, participants assess their skills, such as the ability to choose age-appropriate books, find support and resources, develop their child's literacy skills and increase their confidence as parents. At the same time, children get an early introduction to reading, that magical world of unlimited possibilities.

The perfect companion to the RSR series is The Workshop series "Parenting Infants and Toddlers." Following those are "Parenting Young Children" for elementary school parents and "Parenting Young Adolescents (PYA) for middle school parents. Plans are in the works for a PYA take-home project for the 2015-16 school year. EPIC also develops synergy through relationships among civic and community organizations, to promote unity and wellbeing. These are just some of the bright lights that EPIC shines on the often dark and bumpy parenthood road.

For information, visit EPIC at www.epicforchildren.org or contact Jane Sorenson, EPIC Program Coordinator, Monticello Central School District Elementary Schools at jsorenson@k12mcsd.net, or call (845) 794-8830 or (845) 807-6332, or Melissa Rennie, EPIC Program Coordinator for Robert J. Kaiser Middle School, at mrennie@k12mcsd.net or (845) 796-3098, ext. 20960.



Mom, Stacey Bailey, baby, Braedan, Jane Sorenson and daughter, Trevorn

EPIC: Every Person Influences Children, Inc. is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping families, schools and communities raise children to become responsible and capable adults. EPIC supports the people who have the most influence on children by providing evidence-based programs for parents, a character education curriculum for families and schools, and training for schools and agencies.

Every Hero Has a Story Summer Programs at Local Libraries

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

Summer reading programs begin the week of July 6. Programs are offered for Pre-K—adults. Information available on the website. Telephone inquiries are welcome.

FALLSBURG LIBRARY

Summer Reading program beings 7/13—8/16. Programs offered for preschoolers—adults. Please call for details and join the summer kickoff at the Fallsburg School!

LIVINGSTON MANOR FREE LIBRARY

Reading programs are offered year round. Preschool story time is available on Tuesdays 11:15a-11:45a.

Please contact the following libraries for more information (contact information listed below):

- Callicoon (Delaware Free) Branch WPL
- Jeffersonville Branch WPL
- Tusten-Cochecton Branch WPL
- Sunshine Hall Free Library
- Roscoe Free Library
- Mamakating Library

Message From Donna Willi, Executive Director

Sullivan County is at the beginning of a new era and we need more child care to support our economic progress.

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!

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| LIBRARY | Phone Number | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Callicoon (Delaware Free) Branch Western Sullivan Public Library www.wsplonline.org | (845) 887-4040 | 10a-5p | 5p-8p | 10a-5p | CLOSED | 10a-5p | 1p-4p | CLOSED |
| Sunshine Hall Free Library sunshinehallfreelibrary.org | (845) 557-6258 | CLOSED | 12p-4p | 12p-4:30p | 12p—6p | 11:30a-4:30p | 10a-3p | CLOSED |
| Daniel Pierce Library danielpiercelibrary.org | (845) 985-7233 | CLOSED | 10a-8p | 10a-5p | 10a-8p | 10a-5p | 10a-4p | CLOSED |
| Jeffersonville Branch Western Sullivan Public Library www.wsplonline.org | (845) 482-4350 | CLOSED | 10a-8p | 10a-8p | 10a-5p | 10a-5p | 10a-2p | CLOSED |
| Liberty Public Library www.libertypubliclibrary.org | (845) 292-6070 | 10a-5p | 10a-7p | 10a-5p | 10a-7p | 10a-5p | 10a-4p | CLOSED |
| Livingston Manor Free Library www.rcls.org/liv | (845) 439-5440 | 11a-6p | 11a-5p | 11a-5p | 11a-5p | 11a-6p | 10a-1m | CLOSED |
| Ethelbert B Crawford Library www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org | (845) 794-4660 | 9a-7p | 9a-6p | 9a-7p | 9a-6p | 9a-7p | 11a-5p | CLOSED |
| Tusten-Cochecton Branch Western Sullivan Public Library www.wsplonline.org | (845) 252-3360 | 10a-8p | 10a-1p | 10a-8p | CLOSED | 10a-8p | 10a-1p | CLOSED |
| Roscoe Free Library www.rcls.org/ros | (607) 498-5574 | 10a-12p 1p-5p | 10a-12p 1p-5p | CLOSED | 10a-12p; 1p-5p | 11a-1p; 2p-6p | 10a-2p | CLOSED |
| Fallsburg Library (Summer hours*) www.rcls.org/fbl | (845) 436-6067 | 9:30a-4p* | 9:30a-7p* | 9:30a-7p* | 9:30a-5p* | 9:00a-4p* | CLOSED | 9:30a-1p* |
| Mamakating Library mamakatinglibrary.org | (845) 888-8004 | 10a-5p | 10a-7p | 10a-5p | 10a-7p | 10a-4p | 10a-4p | CLOSED |

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.

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.

Jody Bruno-Rysdyke: Giggle-N-Grow, Inc.

Early Childhood Cooperative Experience

Easter Seals of New York, Inc.

Deborah Gubiotti

Diane Harvey: J&C First Steps

Angel Morton

Nana's House Child Care Center, Inc.

Marlena Pittaluga-Egan:

Marlena's Family Daycare

Precious Child Care II

Deborah Silon: Little People's Express

Twin Bridge Play School Inc.

Kristy Petrowsky

Sullivan County Head Start: (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.

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

Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

New CACFP Participants:

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Judy Brannigan & Denise Wallace

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

Eating healthy is vital to growth and development in young children. Having children put away electronics and go outdoors is also critical to their mental and physical health. Listed below are some easy, free ideas that you can implement in your family routine.

- Play Tag/freeze tag
- Soccer or just kick the ball
- Basketball, Football, Softball
- "Mother/Father May I?"
- Go to the park
- Jump Rope
- Take a walk/take the dog for a walk
- Put cushions on the ground and jump over them
- Hula/hula hopping
- Dance, movement
- Jumping jacks
- Pushups and sit-ups
- Have a race
- Go for a swim
- Summersault/ gymnastics
- Bike/scooter/skateboard/ roller skate
- Hopscotch
- Hopping, spinning
- Bouncing a big ball around
- Climbing/hike
- Karate
- Play superheroes
- Bowling
- Imitating animals, flying, jumping, swinging
- Pretending to play in a band
- Create an Obstacle course, in or out
- Walking steps, balancing
- Running with streamers
- Gallop, skip, leap
- Volleyball, bat mitten
- Rolling the ball
- Jumping on bubble wrap
- Paper plate "scooters" (children push plate to other side of the room the quickest)
- Boating, pretend rowing

Children need gross motor activities for proper development of all areas. Social, emotional, physical and mental health. Get outside and enjoy the weather and the simple things.

Online Trainings

NYSOCFS/PDP Online Trainings—FREE!

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—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.*

You can also view the full 2015 schedule and sign up at www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/videoconferencing.shtm

June 18, 2015:

Looking at your Child Care Program through a Different Lens

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 to request a session or for more information or call Aimee Pittaluga at (845) 292-7166 x306.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---------|------------------|---|--------|--|
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Child Care, Necessary For Economic Success @ Bernie's Holiday Restaurant | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Flag Day  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Looking at your Child Care Program through a Different Lens Video Conference 6:45p-9:15p @ Council | 19 | 20 |
| 21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | June 2015 | | |  |

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------|--|--|---|----------|---------------------|--|
| July 2015 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Council Closed | 4  |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Health & Safety (Part 1 or 2) 8:30a-5:00p @ Council | 14 Health & Safety (Part 1 or 2) 8:30a-5:00p @ Council | 15 Child Care Orientation 10:30a-12:30p @ Council | 16 | 17 | 18 MAT 8:00a-4:00p @ Council |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 What About Me? Individualizing Curriculum for ALL Infants & Toddlers 6:30p-8:30p @ Council | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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|  | August 2015 | | | | |  | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 DCC Center Director Training 8a-4p @ Council | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | | |

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| OCFS TOPICS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
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| CDA CONTENT AREAS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
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| CORE COMPETENCY AREAS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
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| Course Title | Hrs/ CEU's | Cost/ Reduced Cost | OCFS Topics | CDA Areas | CBK Areas |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| DCC Director Training | 6 | Free | 4, 5, 7 | NA | 5, 7 |
| Health & Safety | 15.0 1.5 | \$250 | 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 | NA | NA |
| Looking at your Child Care Program through a Different Lens | 2.5 | \$0 | 5, 7 | 5 | 6, 7 |
| MAT | 8 0.8 | \$160 | 2, 4, 7 | NA | NA |
| Orientation | NA | \$10 | NA | NA | NA |

****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

Revised SACC Regulations go into effect 6/1/15! If you still have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us (845) 292-7166 x307.

414.8 Minimum Supervision Ratios Based on Group Size

| AGE OF CHILDREN | TEACHER/CHILD MAXIMUM RATIO | MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| through 9 years | 1:10 | 20 |
| 10-12 years | 1:15 | 30 |

(k) The supervision ratios are as follows:

- (1) for a child of school-age through the age of nine years old:
 - (i) there must be one teacher for every ten children;
 - (ii) the maximum group size is twenty children.
- (2) for children between the ages of ten years old and twelve years old:
 - (i) there must be one teacher for every fifteen children;
 - (ii) the maximum group size is thirty children.

(l) Group size and mixing different age children within groups.

- (1) Group size refers to the number of children cared for together as a unit. Group size is used to determine the minimum teacher/child ratio based upon the age of the children in the group.
- (2) Group size must be maintained in common areas of the building and grounds.
- (3) Groups of children may not be mixed together to use outdoor play areas, exercise areas, gym rooms or other common areas of the center unless, the space is large enough to accommodate multiple groups which must be kept separate.
- (4) When a school-age child care program cares for children in groups including children both over and under 10 years of age, the teacher/child ratio used must be that ratio applicable to the youngest child in the group.

Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

At certain times of the day it seems impossible to maintain school age group size. For example, when the children have a mass arrival to program from school, during activity changes and when/if children leave as a mass departure on an after-school bus.

Is there any guidance you can offer on how to maintain the group size or paint a clearer picture of what maintaining group size and ratio should look like?

Thank you,
Stumped, Monticello

Dear Stumped,

Depending on the ages of the children, each teacher is responsible for 10-15 children (as long as there are no pre-k children present (pre-k would also require an approved waiver). Group size is 20 or 30 depending on the ages of the children. (See 414.8(k) of the Regulations or see Focus on the Regulations to the left.)

The easiest way to know if you are maintaining ratios is for each teacher to be able to clearly dictate which 10-15 children (dependent on ages of children) they are responsible for. Two teachers may supervise one group; but they should each know which children they are responsible for. This also helps the staff to make sure that no children are left behind in an emergency.

As children are signed in to the program, they should be assigned to a staff person. No more than 20 or 30 children may be in the same group (dependent on their ages). Groups sharing a large space must be distinguishable by a clear separation between the groups. During activity changes children may switch groups, but staff must be able to dictate which children they are responsible for at any given time.

The director may also play an important role in facilitating staff and group assignments, maintaining ratio and group sizes in shared space, assisting to ensure that activity changes go smoothly and supervising children who need to use the restrooms.

I hope this helps to clarify!

Jodi

From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

As of January 2015 providers are **required to post the inspection compliance history** of their program (mailed from the licensor or registrar with the inspection letter). You also need to have your evacuation plan posted with your registration or license.

Just a reminder: animals requiring licensing in your township must have a current license. Animal licenses and vaccination records will be reviewed during full inspections of your program. You must keep the license current and have them available.

First Aid and CPR documentation should always be available. Arrival and departure times of all children as of 6/1/15 must be documented and reflect accurate attendance at any given time.

Theresa Murdock-Marin,
Registrar

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.

ASPIRE Beyond Required Training Hours

In contrast to training, Professional Development has a more personal emphasis. It's about learning new information and strategies to improve your practice and to grow in your career. Actually, attending professional development not only helps improve your own skills, but can directly affect the students that you teach. Teachers who receive significant professional development can boost their students' achievement substantially! Professional development events also give you the opportunity to connect with your colleagues, to share ideas and to brainstorm solutions to the real issues you deal with each day. Sometimes it is easy to forget that we are not alone in our work, that there is a whole community of early childhood educators out there who experience the same frustrations and challenges. Taking the practical information you learn through professional development and using it at your program will not only help your children, but can actually make your job easier! Most importantly, professional development is also about building knowledge and experience so you can take the next step in your career.

Visit www.naeyc.org to read, "What is Professional Development in Early Childhood Education," by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Child Care Time & Attendance

If you are interested in submitting your time sheets electronically thought the Child Care Time & Attendance (CCTA) system, please contact the Council for more information at (845) 292-7166.

Legally Exempt Child Care Rates

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

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

Father's Day Gift Ideas

Here's an EASY Father's Day card to make with your kids! All you really need is paper and their hands! The card reads "It takes a big heart to hold a little hand" with a child's handprint underneath.

www.craftymorning.com/category/fathers-day-crafts/



www.pinterest.com/pin/431501208024233285/

Take photos holding "I love you daddy" signs or use sidewalk chalk to make Father's Day illustrations and take pictures of the kids on the sidewalk chalk art! For more ideas and photographs of father's day photo gift ideas visit:

Happyhomefairy.com/2012/06/07/photo-ideas-for-fathers-day/



Gluedtomycrafts-blog.com/2014/05/you-are-my-superhero-fathers-day-gift-idea.html

Visit the websites listed above for the "how to" and more ideas!

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 on our wall the image will be removed within 24 hours/business day. The person that posted the photo will receive an email outlining our policy. If this 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

Cycle Gear Recalls Semi Truck and Motorcycle Toys Due to Excessive Lead Levels

Hazard: The toys contain excessive levels of lead, which is a violation of the federal standard for lead content.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take away from children and stop using the recalled toys and contact Cycle Gear Inc. for a full refund. Cycle Gear Inc. is contacting consumers directly.

Consumer Contact: Cycle Gear at (800) 292-5343 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.cyclegear.com and click on "Recall Notices" at the bottom for more recall information.

Goochie Goo Garbs Recalls Children's Sensory Grab Garb Blankets Due to Laceration Hazard

Hazard: Wire-edged ribbon used in the blanket's ribbon tags can become exposed, posing a laceration hazard to children.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using these Sensory Grab Garb blankets and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund or a replacement blanket.

Consumer Contact: Goochie Goo Garbs collect at (480) 773-1808 from 10a-4p MT, Monday—Friday, email at customer-care@goochiegoo.com or online at www.goochiegoo.com and click on "Recall Notice" tab for more information.

Stokke Recalls Trailz Strollers Due to Fall Hazard

Hazard: The stroller handle can break while in use, posing a fall hazard to the infant.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the

stroller and contact Stokke to schedule a repair.

Consumer Contact: Stokke LLC toll-free at (877) 978-6553 from 9—5p ET, Monday—Friday or online at www.stokke.com and click on "Important Safety Announcement" for more information.

Baby's Dream Recalls Cribs and Furniture Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard

Hazard: The vintage grey paint on the cribs, furniture, and accessories exceeds federal lead limits. If ingested, lead can cause adverse health effects.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact Baby's Dream to arrange for an exchange.

IKEA Expands Recall of Crib Mattresses Due to Risk of Entrapment

Hazard: The crib mattresses could create a gap between the mattress and crib ends larger than allowed by federal regulations, posing an entrapment hazard to infants.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using a recalled mattress and inspect it by making sure there is no gap larger than the width of two fingers between the ends of the crib and the mattress. If any gap is larger, customers should immediately stop using the recalled mattresses and return it to any IKEA store for an exchange or a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Baby's Dream Furniture at (800) 835-2742 from 9a—5 p ET, Monday—Friday, or visit the firm's website at www.babysdream.com and click on the recall image for more information.

Message From Donna Willi, Executive Director

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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.

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; ongoing 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 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 6wks-18mos | n/a | n/a | \$183.12 |
| 6wks-24mos | \$160.06 | \$161.88 | n/a |
| 18mos-36mos | n/a | n/a | \$174.25 |
| 3y-5y | n/a | n/a | \$151.87 |
| 2yrs-5yrs | \$153.95 | \$148.69 | n/a |
| 5y-12y | \$135.93 | \$102.25 | \$150.00 |

Prospective Child Care Providers

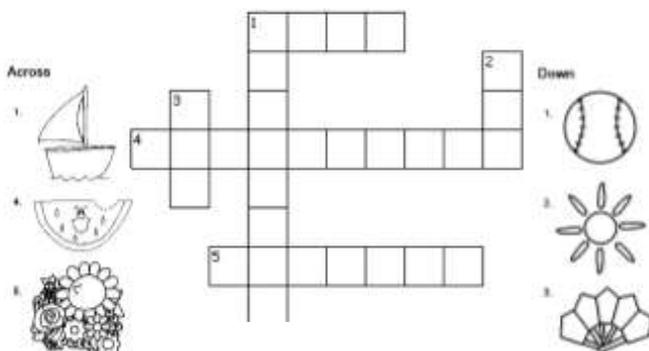
If you are interested in becoming a child care provider please visit <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/techreq.asp> for a **free online Orientation** and to request an application.

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, July 15th, 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@schildcare.com.

Summer Crossword



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 | 3 | 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 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | 2 |
| Liberty | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | Y | 15 |
| Lumberland | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Y | 0 |
| Mamakating | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 25 |
| Neversink | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 22 |
| Rockland | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | 30 |
| Thompson | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 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.
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!**

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