



Caregiver News

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Zika Virus Response Sullivan Co Public Health Services

Sullivan County Public Health Services is taking a proactive approach on the Zika virus response.

On March 30, 2016, the New York State Health Department Health (NYSDOH) Commissioner declared the Zika Virus an imminent threat to public health.

The Zika virus disease is spread to people through the bite of an *Aedes* mosquito infected with the Zika virus. These mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters but can also bite at night. They can live indoors and outdoors. Zika virus outbreaks have occurred in Africa, Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the Americas. To date there has NOT been any Zika Virus mosquitoes or cases in Sullivan County.

The most common symptoms of Zika virus disease are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). Additional symptoms may include headache, muscle pain, pain behind the eyes, and vomiting. Symptoms can begin 2 to 7 days during or within 4 weeks after being bitten and last from several days to a week. If you have travelled to an area with ongoing Zika transmission you should see your health care provider if symptoms begin. There currently is no vaccine or medications to prevent or treat Zika.

Zika virus can be spread from a pregnant mother to her unborn child, and is associated with reports of increased cases of a certain birth defect, called microcephaly. (Con't p. 3)



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State Pyramid Model Partnership

We all know that it is crucial for young children to develop healthy social and emotional skills from the start. However, it is just as important that the adults who care for young children receive the support they need to promote these healthy practices. The New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) recognizes this fact, and as a result, the New York State Council on Children and Families created a collaboration of public and private agencies to provide more professional development opportunities focusing on social and emotional development. This collaboration is known as the New York State Pyramid Model Partnership.

The basis of this partnership is the Pyramid Model for Supporting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children that was developed by The Center for the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) and The Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children (TACSEI). These two national, federally-funded research and training centers designed a tiered framework that promotes healthy social and emotional development in young children.

The New York State Pyramid Model Partnership goals are to:

- Increase the number of early childhood trainers and coaches providing professional development to the early childhood workforce to meet the social and emotional development needs of young children;
- Support partnerships between practitioners and parents;
- Support the implementation and sustainability of the Pyramid Model in early childhood settings; and
- Evaluate the effectiveness of implementing the Pyramid Model in New York State

As a result of this partnership, professional development opportunities are now available on the Pyramid Model's Infant/Toddler & Preschool Modules! Check out our Statewide Training Calendar to search for upcoming trainings or read more about the New York State Pyramid Model Partnership on our website.

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Featured Agency:
Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition
 Submitted by: Amanda Langseder, MS, CLC, WIC Program Coordinator

Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition Awards Night & Film Screening

On Thursday April 14th, 2016, the Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition held their first ever Awards Night & Film Screening at the beautiful Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The event was attended by nearly sixty health and human service providers and several breastfeeding moms with their babies. The evening was a celebration of recent data showing Sullivan WIC to be in the top 10% of NYS WIC programs for breastfeeding initiation and duration. The evening also featured the screening of a documentary titled, "The Milky Way" which explores how formula became so prevalent in the US and how other countries support breastfeeding mothers. The film got many thinking about additional changes that need to happen in our country and right here in Sullivan.

The Coalition was incredibly proud to raise up local doctors, nurses, and healthcare workers who have been outstanding advocates and sources of support for breastfeeding moms in Sullivan. Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther once again showed her support for the breastfeeding community by providing certificates to all of the below individuals and organizations who are helping to make breastfeeding the norm in Sullivan County.

Honored Healthcare providers included:

- * Imran Ahmed, MD
- * Ivelyne Camille, MD, FACOG
- * Melissa Kubenik, MD, FACOG
- * Jeffrey R Weinstein, MD, FAAP
- * Stuart Tashman, MD, FAAP
- * Darshan Trivedi, MD, FAAP
- * Stephanie Sosnowski, BS, IBCLC, RLC
- * Sybil Sanchez, CLC & Joel Sanchez, LCSW
- * Laura Northrup, MSN, RN, NE-BC
- * Lacie Halloran, RN, CLC
- * Nancy McGraw, LCSW, MBA
- * Carol Ryan, RN, MPH
- * Lise Kennedy, RN, MS

Honored organizations included:

- Catskill Regional Medical Center
- Early Childhood Direction Center at Independent Living
- Fallsburg Police Departement
- First Way Life Center
- Hudson River Health Care
- Maternal-Infant Services Network, Inc
- Mothers Milkbank of the Northeast
- Sullivan Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc
- Sullivan County Head Start
- Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center
- Sullivan County Public Health Services:
 - ◆ Healthy Families
 - ◆ Maternal Child Health Nursing
 - ◆ Rural Health Network
 - ◆ WIC

Receiving the most prominent award for the night was Catskill Regional Medical Center Labor & Delivery RN & CLC, Lacie Halloran. Lacie has been an advocate for breastfeeding for several years and works tirelessly with her patients and the Coalition to increase breastfeeding rates by improving hospital practices and encouraging attendance at the CRMC breastfeeding support group. The support group meets every other Thursday at 10am at the hospital and is led by Stephanie Sosnowski of MISN, who is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant and has been a powerhouse of breastfeeding advocacy in Sullivan for many years.

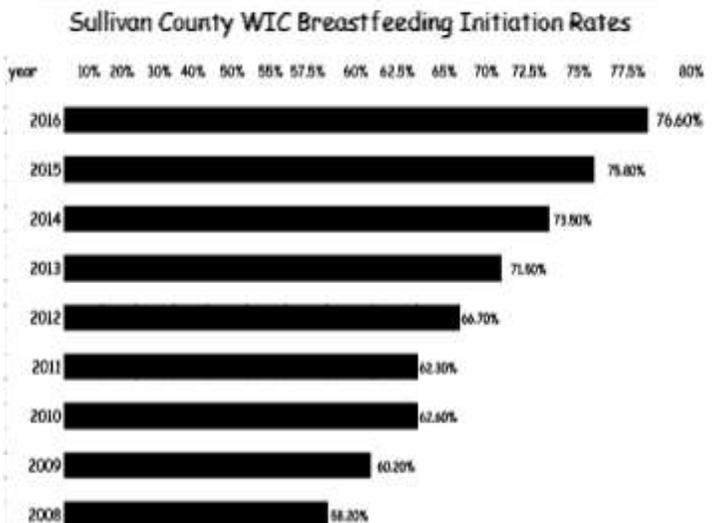
To find out more about the work of the Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition or to join the effort, call Amanda Langseder at WIC; 845-513-2240 or visit the Coalition Facebook page!



Lacie Halloran receiving her plaque from the SC BF Coalition.



Dr. Weinstein receiving a certificate for his work in supporting breastfeeding mothers in Sullivan.



Zika Virus Response Sullivan Co Public Health Services

(Continued from p.1) The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is advising that pregnant women abstain from sex, or use condoms consistently for all sexual activities for the duration of her pregnancy if her male partner has travelled to, or lives in an area with active Zika transmission. Pregnant women should consider postponing travel to areas where Zika is ongoing, and if travel is necessary should talk to their health care provider. NYSDOH is providing Zika prevention kits for pregnant women. To order call NYSDOH Zika Informational Helpline at 1-888-364-4723.

NYSDOH is offering free Zika virus testing. Consult with your healthcare provider for any of the following: if you have above symptoms and have traveled to any of the active mosquito-borne transmission affected areas; if you are pregnant and have traveled to affected areas; if you are pregnant and have a sex partner that has traveled to the affected areas; if you are a person that traveled to affected areas and have developed Guillian Barre syndrome; or if you have an infant with microcephaly borne to woman that has traveled while pregnant to affected areas.

To avoid mosquito bites follow these preventative measures: wear long sleeve shirts and pants while outdoors; stay indoors when mosquitoes are most active; use repellent products registered with the EPA; do not overuse repellent—only apply as much as needed for protection; read and follow label directions before using any kind of repellent.

To control the mosquito population (in general) around your house or business you can take these steps:

- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as buckets, tires, planters, toys, pools, flowerpots and trash containers.
- If these mosquito breeding containers cannot be emptied out, use a mosquito dunk kit.
- Free mosquito dunk kits are available for the public by calling 1-888-364-4723.
- Tightly cover water storage containers to prevent mosquitoes from laying their eggs in them.
- Use screens on windows and doors and repair any holes to help keep mosquitoes out of your home; use air conditioning whenever possible.

For more information go to:

- NYSDOH Zika website @ www.ny.gov/Zika
- NYSDOH Zika Informational Helpline at 1-888-364-4723
- CDC Zika website @ www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html
- Or call Sullivan County Public Health Services @ 845-292-5910 ext. 0.

Submitted by Beth Gilmore, RN,
Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Message from Donna Willi, Executive Director

I am often asked “What is the difference between early care and education and child care?” my answer, “Nothing really.” Perhaps, the only difference is the reason a parent chooses to put their child in a program. For example, the term child care is usually used when a child attends a program while a parent is working. Regardless of the reason a child is enrolled in program, every minute of a child’s life affects their learning, growth and what type of an adult they become, so there should be little if any difference in program delivery.

Early care and education is complicated, necessary and expensive. It is a social issue that belongs to everyone: Corporate America, small business America, educated America, uneducated America, wealthy America, poor America, employed America, unemployed America and everyone in between. If there is not buy in from everyone this issue will never be addressed or resolved.

While the majority of the current early care and education available in Sullivan County provides services offering traditional hours there are some that are willing to provide late night, overnight and weekend care. Many provide care for children aged two and older but are unable to provide care for infants aged six weeks to twenty-four months. Infant care is the most expensive age group for obvious reasons; constant care and attention is necessary if the goal is to provide high quality infant care.

Sullivan County does not have enough infant care to meet the current demand. We are not able to retain our young families due, in part to the lack of available infant care. Our economic future depends on many things, one of which is to increase the availability of quality early care and education and more specifically, care for infants. If this need is not recognized and addressed now, our attempts to improve the economy of Sullivan County are sure to fail.

Our current early education and child care workforce work hard but they cannot provide all the care that will be needed to support the expected growth 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.

The simple fact is Sullivan County is facing a child care shortage, we need child care now. Join me in the pursuit to meet child care demands in Sullivan County. If you or anyone you know, perhaps a recent retiree, is looking for a career change call our office at (845) 292-7166 or go to our website for more information.

Until next time -
Donna

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.

Check the Calendar, pages 6-7, and our website, scchildcare.com/calendar, for upcoming training dates.

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

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

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

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

Child & Adult Care Food

New CACFP Participants:

Amber Creegan & Deborah Strachan

For more information call:
Aimee Pittaluga, CACFP Coordinator
(845) 292-7166 x306.

Gross Motor and Children

It is very important for children to remain active and to release their energy. Gross motor skills can be learned and improved with practice so children need opportunities to exercise these skills.

What is gross motor?

Gross motor refers to the movement of the large muscles of the body.

Why is gross motor so important?

- It is very important for school readiness.
- It allows children to develop body awareness, helps with balance, coordination, special awareness and fine motor skill development. (grabbing, self feeding, touching)
- Releases energy
- Develops movement

Gross Motor Idea's

- Run , skip , jump, climbing
- Jump rope
- Play games like soccer, baseball, basketball, football **even if you don't follow all the rules of the game.**
- Ride a bike or a scooter
- Dance
- Play games like Simon Says or Shadowing, Mother May I?
- Act like an animal
- Use a large ball to kick, throw, roll

Be active and be a good role model, it will benefit you all. Take walks together and talk, play in the leaves, **stop to check out a caterpillar..... Take every moment as a lesson and ENJOY!**

Remember water is extremely important for children. It must be accessible to children throughout the day. Be sure to bring it along outside for activities and take **"water breaks."**

—Aimee Pittaluga, CACFP Coordinator

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
Family Engagement	1.0	3, 4	4, 5, 6
Keeping Children Safe	1.5	1, 3, 4, 7	1, 2, 8
Infant Brain Development **NEW**	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

Find online courses on our website!

www.scchildcare.com—under *Provider Education!* 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 & 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

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.*

**6/23/16—Addressing Challenging Behavior:
An Overview of the Pyramid Model**

**11/3/16—Addressing Challenging Behavior:
The Pyramid Model in Action**

The 2016 schedule is available at
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 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.

June Word Search

U	Y	D	P	S	R	N	J	U	N	E	Q	
M	V	C	I	J	E	N	J	G	U	X	K	Beach
I	N	A	R	Q	M	O	Q	B	P	C	V	Camping
G	P	N	T	T	M	I	L	D	G	A	C	Canoeing
A	A	O	E	B	U	T	M	B	N	M	O	College
R	A	E	X	H	S	A	X	E	S	P	L	Graduation
R	W	I	D	D	I	C	Y	A	O	I	L	June
K	L	N	N	A	S	A	T	C	S	N	E	School
X	P	G	E	L	Q	V	V	H	S	G	G	Summer
G	R	A	D	U	A	T	I	O	N	T	E	Trip
D	D	F	Z	D	K	X	C	Q	B	J	I	Vacation
A	N	N	I	Z	S	S	C	H	O	O	L	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2016			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 MAT 8:00a-4:00p @ Council
19	20	21	22	23 Addressing Challenging Behavior Video conference @ Council 6:45p-9:15p	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2016					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Child Care Orientation 10:30a-12:30p @ Council	21	22	23 MAT 8:00a-4:00p @ Council
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Cultural Sensitivity: Promoting Positive Relationships @ Council 8a-5p	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	August 2016			

OCFS TOPICS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Child Development Nutrition and Health Needs of Infants and Children Program Development Safety and Security Procedures Business Record Maintenance and Management Child Abuse and Maltreatment Identification & Prevention Statutes and regulations pertaining to child daycare States & Regs pertaining to Child Abuse & Maltreatment Shaken Baby syndrome
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CDA CONTENT AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development Positive ways to support children's social and emotional development Strategies to establish productive relationships with families Strategies to manage an effective program operation Maintaining a commitment to professionalism Observing and recording children's behavior Principles of child development and learning
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CORE COMPETENCY AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Child Growth and Development Family and Community Relationships Observation and Assessment Environment and Curriculum Health, Safety, and Nutrition Professionalism and Leadership Administration and Management
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Course Title	Hrs/CEU's	Cost/Reduced Cost	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas	CBK Areas
Addressing Challenging Behaviors	2.5	0	1, 3, 4, 7	1, 3	1, 2, 4
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
Orientation	NA	\$10	NA	NA	NA
Cultural Sensitivity: Promoting Positive Relationships	8	Free	TBA	TBA	TBA

****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

.3 Building and Equipment

- (d) A temperature of *at least 68° degrees fahrenheit* must be maintained in all rooms to be occupied by children.

.4 Fire Protection

- (d) In addition to a smoke detector *on each floor*, there must be a smoke detector located either within rooms where children nap, or in adjoining rooms. In the case of *rooms used for napping or sleeping which have doors*, a smoke detector is required inside that room.

.8 Supervision

- (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.

.5 Safety

(I) Animals and Pets

- (1) Any pet or animal kept indoors or outdoors at the family day care home must present no evidence of disease or parasite and pose no threat.
 - (2) All pets that require a license must be licensed.
 - (3) All required vaccines must be kept current.
 - (4) The license and record of vaccines must be available to the Office when requested.
 - (5) Animals posing a threat must be kept away from children and child care areas as per a written plan submitted to the Office.
 - (6) The provisions of 417.5(I) also apply to those pets or animals present in the home in areas used for child care which do not belong to the caregivers or household members.
- 418-1.5 (DCC)
- (7) Parents must be informed of pets that are regularly at the program.
 - (8) Reptiles and amphibians are not permitted at child care centers.

'Time-Outs' are Hurting Your Child

"In a brain scan, relational pain—that caused by isolation during punishment—can look the same as physical abuse," observes Daniel Siegel and Tina Bryson in their Time article, "Time-Outs' Are Hurting Your Child."

"When children are overtaxed emotionally, they sometimes misbehave; their intense emotions and the demands of the situation trump their internal resources. The expression of a need or a big feeling therefore results in aggressive, disrespectful, or uncooperative behavior—which is simply proof that children haven't built certain self-regulation skills yet. Misbehavior is often a cry for help calming down, and a bid for connection...."

"When the parental response is to isolate the child, an instinctual psychological need of the child goes unmet. In fact, brain imaging shows that the experience of relational pain—like that caused by rejection—looks very similar to the experience of physical pain in terms of brain activity...."

"On top of everything, time-outs are usually ineffective in accomplishing the goals of discipline: to change behavior and build skills. Parents may think that time-outs cause children to calm down and reflect on their behavior. But instead, time-outs frequently make children angrier and more dysregulated, leaving them even less able to control themselves or think about what they've done, and more focused on how mean their parents are to have punished them. (Cont'd on p.9)

Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I am working on updating/re-writing my contract and policies. I have a written contract but I know I should update it. Do you have any suggestions on what to include?

Thank you,
Updating, Neversink

Dear Updating,

You can find many resources on the internet by just searching "day care policies and contracts." Websites such as familychildcareacademy.com have information/suggestions about what should be included in your written contract and policies.

Tom Copeland also offers many resources and addresses many questions that come up for child care providers at tomcopelandblog.com.

Last but not least—don't forget to look at Section 15: Management & Administration, part (b) 21 for SACC/DCC or (b)22 for FDC/GFDC to make sure you include the regulatory requirements for written policies.

Jodi

From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

I want to say thank you, as always for your dedication to the children, and also as business professionals. Each of you has raised the bar for child care as the rules and regulations continue to change.

Although sometimes it is a challenge to make the necessary changes; you have all been dedicated to making the changes that have been required of you and the necessary changes to your programs.

Over the past eight years or so that I have been a registrar, I have seen vast improvements as a result of your dedication as business professionals which has in turn improved the quality of the programs throughout the county.

I look forward to continuing to raise the standard of child care with you!

Theresa Murdock-Marin, Registrar

'Time-Outs' are Hurting Your Child

(Continued from p. 8) "Next time the need for discipline arises, parents might consider a 'time-in': forging a loving connection, such as sitting with the child and talking or comforting. Some time to calm down can be extremely valuable for children, teaching them how to pause and reflect on their behavior. Especially for younger children, such reflection is created in relationship, not in isolation. And all of this will make parenting a whole lot more effective and rewarding in the long run."

Source: <http://time.com/3404701/discipline-time-out-is-not-good/>

NY Works for Children/ASPIRE

Coming Soon! As you know, The Aspire Registry is always looking for ways to serve our members better and make to our system as user-friendly as possible.

We've been listening to your feedback and we wanted to share that your most frequent request will be granted this summer.

After many months of hard development work, we are happy to announce that this summer you will be able to ...drum roll, please....**UPLOAD DOCUMENTS** to your Aspire profile!

This feature is currently available under the Study Plan section of your Education tab for all members and under the Professional Contributions tab of your profile for trainers. Soon it will be available site-wide.

That means you will be able to upload the supporting documents that you would normally mail to us and we will be able to verify your information right there on your profile!

This is an exciting change as it will make it easier for you to keep your account up to date. This will also be beneficial for The Aspire Registry Team- since your documents will already be on your profile, we will be able to verify and process your information at a much faster rate.

Very soon, we will be sending you a formal email announcement, updating our website and instructions. Stay tuned!

QUALITYstarsNY

New Publications from the ECAC

The NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) recently unveiled three new publications for early childhood educators. Access a free electronic copy at qualitystarsny.org, or place an order to the purchase the printed version.

- **The Core Body of Knowledge**
- **The NYS Early Learning Guidelines**
- **The NYS Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core**

Learn more by visiting www.qualitystarsny.org
Contact us: info@qualitystarsny.org (718) 254-7318

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

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.

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 & accuracy of payments
- Ability to view family fee (co-pay) & recertification dates
- Ability to immediately verify family approval 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.

Product Recalls

www.cpsc.gov

Wooden Toy Blocks and Giraffes

Hazard: Parts of the wooden toys can become detached, resulting in small pieces that can pose a choking hazard to young children.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toys from young children and return the products to Flying Tiger Copenhagen for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Flying Tiger Copenhagen toll-free at 844-350-0560 from 7:30a—5p ET Monday—Friday or online at www.flyingtiger.com and click on “Product Recalls” at the bottom of the page.

Moogy plush toys

Hazard: The red button on the Moogy plush toy’s left pocket can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recall toy away from children and contact Miniland Educational for instructions on cutting off the button to remove the hazard in order to receive a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Miniland Educational toll-free at 866-201-9069 from 8a—5p ET Monday—Friday, or online at www.minilandeducationalusa.com and click on “Products,” then on “Safety Information” in the dropdown menu for more information.

Cradle ‘n Swings

Hazard: When the seat peg is not fully engaged the seat can fall unexpectedly, posing a risk of injury to the child.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled cradle swing and contact Fisher-Price for revised assembly instructions.

Consumer Contact: Fisher-Price at 800-432-5437 from 9a—6p ET Monday—Friday, or online at www.service.mattel.com and click on Recalls & Safety Alerts for more information.

Busy Loops table top toys

Hazard: The round plastic beads can break, posing a choking hazard.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled toy and return it to the store where it was purchased or contact Manhattan Toy for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Manhattan Toy Company at 800-541-1345 from 9 a—5p CT Monday—Friday or online at www.manhattantoy.com and click on Recalls for more information.

Plastic Trapeze rings

Hazard: The rings can unexpectedly crack or break during use, posing a fall hazard to children.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop children from using the recalled rings, contact Rainbow for ring removal instructions, then remove the rings from the playset and receive a \$10 gift card.

Consumer Contact: Rainbow Play Systems toll-free at 888-201-1570 from 8a—5p CT Monday—Friday or online at www.rainbowplay.com and click on the Recall tab located on the top menu bar for more information.

Latch™ lightweight pacifiers and clips

Hazard: The clip cover can detach from the pacifier’s clip, posing a choking hazard for young children.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the clip away from young children and contact Munchkin for a free replacement Lightweight Pacifier pack with two pacifiers or a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Munchkin toll-free at 877-242-3134 from 7a—5 p PT M—F or online at www.munchkin.com, click on Help at the bottom of the page & then Recalls for more information.

Child Safety Seat Recalls

www.recalls.gov/nhtsa.html

Graco Children's Products Inc.

1. NHTSA No.: 16C002000

Noncompliance: Graco Children's Products, Inc. (Graco) is recalling certain Extend2Fit Convertible child seats manufactured 11/27/15—1/20/16. The affected child seats may have the recline label affixed at the wrong location, resulting in confusion about how to use the seat properly.

If the instructions are followed as shown, a rear-facing infant could be placed in an upright position and/or a forward-facing toddler could be placed in a recline position. May increase the risk of injury to the child in the event of a crash.

Corrective Action: Graco will notify owners and provide a new corrected label with application instructions, free of charge. The recall began on 3/22/16.

2. NHTSA No.: 15C001000

Noncompliance: Graco is recalling certain ComfortSport child restraints, model numbers 1813040 and 1794333; Ready Ride child restraints, model numbers 1924520 and 1924519; and Classic Ride child restraints, model number 1812930. These seats were manufactured between 3/1/14—2/28/15. The affected convertible child restraints are missing a statement on the affixed label that informs of location of the instruction manual.

If the label does not inform the seat owner of the instruction manual's location, the owner may not be able to refer to it and may use the seat improperly, increasing the risk of injury to the child in the event of a crash.

Corrective Action: Graco will notify the registered owners and will mail them corrected labels to affix to the child restraints. The recall began on 3/3/16.

Owners may contact Graco at 1-800-345-4109.

Evenflo Company, Inc.

3. NHTSA No.: 15C001000

Defect: Evenflo Company, Inc. (Evenflo) is recalling certain Transitions 3-in-1 Combination Booster Seats, model numbers 34411686, 34411695, & 34411029, produced from 12/18/14—1/29/16. The central front adjuster (CFA) button that is used to loosen the seat's internal harness may be within the child's reach, allowing the child to activate the CFA and loosen the internal harness.

If the internal harness is not tightened snugly around the child, the child would be at an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Corrective Action: Evenflo will notify owners and provide a remedy kit that includes a newly-designed seat pad and CFA assembly, free of charge. Owners may contact Evenflo at www.transitions.evenflo.com or 1-800-233-5921. The recall began on 3/14/16.

Note: This safety issue only impacts the use of the seat in the forward-facing harnessed booster (22-65 lbs. & 28-50 in.) configuration.

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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	\$185.00
6wks-24mos	\$167.50	\$167.50	n/a
18mos-36mos	n/a	n/a	\$175.00
3y-5y	n/a	n/a	\$152.50
2yrs-5yrs	\$155.83	\$161.66	n/a
5y-12y	\$130.00	\$87.50	\$167.00

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 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, July 20, 2016, 10:30 am

Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 5:30 pm

*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.

We need Child Care Providers!
Specifically for children ages
6 weeks to 24 months old in the
Liberty, Monticello & Fallsburg areas.

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	Requests for Care 10/1-12/31/15
	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		3
Callicoon	0	2	3	0		5
Cochecton	0	1	0	0		0
Delaware	0	3	0	0		0
Fallsburg	2	5	1	0		65
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0		1
Fremont	0	0	0	0		0
Highland	1	1	0	0		2
Liberty	2	8	2	2	Y	68
Lumberland	0	0	2	0	Y	2
Mamakating	1	0	1	1		4
Neversink	0	1	3	2		4
Rockland	0	2	0	0		3
Thompson	6	4	5	3	Y	96
Tusten	0	0	0	0		0
Totals	11	27	17	7	3	253

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2016 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!**

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