



Caregiver News

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

Considering College Courses? Apply for EIP

EIP scholarships may be used to pay for college courses and mandatory college fees from regionally accredited colleges. All courses taken as part of an early childhood or related degree program are eligible for scholarship. Other college coursework must clearly reflect one or more of the nine topic areas that are required by New York State Office of Children and Family Services regulations.

Courses must have a start date in the current calendar year. EIP scholarships must be applied to a student's higher education account after all other state and federal scholarships, grants and financial aid. Pell Grants may be returned to students who have received EIP scholarships.

Proof of continuous employment for 6 months or more in a NYS licensed or registered child care program is required when applying for college credit courses. [Program owners: Your date of first licensure must be at least 6 months prior to the date of your application for scholarship. Employees: A signed and dated statement from your program director that verifies you are a paid employee who has been providing care for children in a New York State licensed or registered child care program continuously for 6 months or more, OR, a paystub from a New York State licensed or registered child care program verifying your employment 6 months ago. If this is not your current employer please indicate the child care license number on the paystub.]

**Maximum scholarship for college credit is \$1850.*

Aspire

Aspire is New York State's registry and statewide training calendar for early childhood and school age professionals. Teachers, providers, directors, trainers and anyone who works with children can use Aspire to keep track of important information about their career, including education, employment history and other professional development or contributions. Aspire can also help early childhood and school age professionals plan and find professional development that will enrich their practice.

Teachers, Providers and Direct Care Staff

An Aspire Professional Profile can help you conveniently organize and keep track of your employment, education, and ongoing training in the early childhood or school age fields. You can also use Aspire to search for professional development in your area.

Directors and Administrators

Use Aspire keep track of your staff's progress toward meeting professional development requirements and goals. Creating an Aspire Organization Account and Individual Professional Profile are also first steps to participation with QUALITYstarsNY.

Trainers, Coaches, & Consultants

Create an Aspire Professional Profile to apply for the New York State Early Learning Trainer Credential or to create an online catalog of the professional development courses you offer, post events to the public calendar, track attendance to your events, and print certificates for providers.

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Featured Agency:
Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce

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The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is proud to be celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. This is an incredible achievement and I am honored to be a part of it. Hello, my name is Cathy Paty. I am pleased to introduce myself as the President/CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. There are many exciting developments occurring across Sullivan County and we hope that businesses will see this as a NEW time for prosperity.

I believe that this is also a time of opportunity – a chance to stand out from the pack. These are the times when new and creative ways of doing business are cultivated. Now more than ever, it's necessary to devise new and consistent ways of doing business.

The Chamber is not an entity to itself. The strength of the Chamber comes from our members. They are committed to progress and prosperity for all. As a group, it allocates resources and time to programs that assist our member businesses, our customers and the community. Remember our mission: The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and Industry is established for the purpose of bringing together the business and professional interests of the county, permitting them to accomplish collectively what none could do individually. The focus and objective of the Chamber shall be the growth and retention of its member businesses and other enterprises in Sullivan County. The Chamber shall serve as a point of contact and center of information, facilitation and exchange between providers and those in need of information useful in the conduct of business and marketing. Although nonpolitical in nature, the Chamber shall when appropriate, represent the consensus of its membership on legislative and political issues directly affecting business and commerce.

I'd like to suggest that now is the time to take full advantage of Chamber membership and its many products & services. Our many programs and events will gain your business exposure, educate you, and provide countless networking opportunities. The Chamber has an array of events that are sure to get your business energized.

What types of services does the Chamber offer? Networking Opportunities, Referrals of your Business, Free Customer Service Training, Free Listing on Chamber Website, Member to Member Discounts, Discount Rates on Workshops & Trainings, Information on Business Funding Sources, Access to Information on Government Contracts & Unique and Exclusive Advertising Opportunities and much more! You will receive invitations to numerous networking events, educational seminars and fundraisers to increase your client base and educate yourself and your employees on important issues in the business world. You can even receive that necessary certification for your particular industry.



As your voice – the voice of business – the Chamber represents hundreds of members, from all industries and of all sizes. My commitment is to advocate on behalf of the membership to ensure the economic stability and continued business to business relationships.

The Chamber is committed to fostering an environment where economic development projects are encouraged and supported and a positive climate for local companies to grow. A strong business community is a catalyst to a dynamic area in which to live and work. I appreciate input from members and encourage you to share your comments and suggestions. Member involvement in the many programs and committees is paramount and we urge you to take advantage of the many networking and sponsorship opportunities that the Chamber offers. We are here to assist, support, promote and advocate on behalf of our member business community.

Special thanks to our Annual sponsors – Chamber Crusaders – Empire Resorts, EPR Properties, Hart Howerton & Monticello Casino & Raceway; Chamber Champions – Fisher-Mears, Spencer Daniels Agency, & SUNY Sullivan; Chamber Advocates - Bethel Woods, Catskill Regional Medical Center, Jeff Bank, Monticello Motor Club, New Hope Community & the Sullivan County Child Care Council. Finally, please do business with your fellow Chamber members. Supporting area companies and organizations is important to our economic stability and vitality. Shop local!

Your Partners for Success

Winter Celebrations from National Geographic Kids



Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah, a holiday honoring the Maccabees victory over King Antiochus, who forbid Jews to practice their religion.

For eight nights, Hanukkah is celebrated with prayer, the lighting of the menorah, and food. A menorah has nine candles, a candle for every night, plus a helper candle. Children play games, sing songs, and exchange gifts. Potato pancakes, known as latkes in Yiddish, are traditionally associated with Hanukkah and are served with applesauce and sour cream. This year Hanukkah starts the evening of Tuesday, December 16 and the last night is Wednesday, December 24.

Winter Solstice occurs Sunday, December 21 this year. It is the shortest day of the year. People all over the world participate in festivals and celebrations. Long ago, people celebrated by lighting bonfires and candles to coax back the sun.



New Year's Day is the first day of the year in the Gregorian calendar on January 1. There are often fireworks at midnight to celebrate the new year. Commonly served in the southern part of the United States, black-eyed peas are thought to bring luck and prosperity for the new year, greens (usually collards) bring wealth, and pork because pigs root forward.

Christmas is celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas in the United States brings together many customs from other countries and cultures. Around the world, family members help to decorate the tree and home with bright lights, wreaths, candles, holly, mistletoe, and ornaments. On Christmas Eve, many people go to church. Also on Christmas Eve, Santa comes from the North Pole in a sleigh to deliver gifts; in Hawaii, it is said he arrives by boat; in Australia, the jolly man arrives on water skis; and in Ghana, he comes out of the jungle.



On December 26, Kwanzaa is celebrated. It is a holiday to commemorate African heritage. Kwanzaa lasts a week during which participants gather with family and friends to exchange gifts and to light a series of black, red, and green candles, which symbolize the seven basic values of African American family life that are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.



Chinese New Year is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. It falls on different dates each year, between January 21 and February 20. Visits to friends and family take place during this celebration. The color gold is said to bring wealth, and the color red is considered especially lucky. The New Year's Eve dinner is very large and includes fish, noodles, and dumplings. Chinese New Year begins on February 19, 2015.

2015 is the year of the sheep. Check to see what your Chinese horoscope is at <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/chinese-horoscopes/>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/winter-celebrations/>

Winter Issue 2014

Message From Donna Willi, Executive Director

Child Care is a Social Responsibility

The mission of the Sullivan County Child Care Council: To link the parents of Sullivan County to safe, enriching, quality child care by strengthening professional providers through education and resources.

For those families with young children in need of child care, the considerations when making their choices are many and are multifaceted. Most families in Sullivan County must choose based on cost and convenience; often at the expense of quality. The average regulated child care program in Sullivan County costs approximately \$170 per week or \$8,840 per year per child, or 21% of the mean income with the average number of hours worked upwards of 55 per week. Unregulated child care programs cost approximately \$98 per week or \$5,096 or 12% of the mean income making it an obvious choice for many parents.

Regulated child care programs are required to have CPR and first aid certifications along with thirty hours on-going professional development training in nine different categories including but not limited to business, programming, child development and safety. In addition, they endure at minimum quarterly visits by a regulatory agency, complete a statewide criminal background check and a statewide child abuse background check. However, in home providers are not required to have any formal education in the field of early childhood or a early childhood credential such as the Child Development Associate (CDA) or an accreditation from an organization such as the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). While all are required to complete on-going professional development, most of our providers do not hold or pursue a credential due to cost and/or accessibility.

In contrast unregulated child care programs are not required to have CPR or first aid certifications or any on-going professional development training; additionally, their criminal background checks are self-disclosed. The Sullivan County Child Care Council gives supports and technical assistance to these programs offering them the opportunity to become regulated and to run a sustainable child care business.

One can argue that the cost of child care is not a social issue; however the outcomes of low quality child care adversely effects everyone and society as a whole; similar to inadequate health care systems and low performing public school systems. In contrast, high quality child care also affects society albeit in a positive way, for example children attending high quality child care settings are 200% more likely to be successful in school and attend college.

Both regulated and unregulated child care programs in New York State are eligible to receive child care subsidy dollars funded by the federal government using the Child Care Development Block Grant.

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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.

Congratulations & Bravo

To the providers who have previously received their license/registration to administer medication:

Best Friends Services, Inc.

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

Early Childhood Cooperative Experience

Jessica Dean

Easter Seals of New York, Inc.

Andrea Garrett

Deborah Gubiotti

Diane Harvey: J&C First Steps

Rachel Lindsley: Rachel's Angels Day Care

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 with a new independent at home study program and a testing period done 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)

Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Homes:

Jessica Dean, Diane Harvey, Vanessa Jones,
Terri Pellam, Kristy Petrowsky
Marlena Pittaluga-Egan, Tara Poje, Ellie Reed,
Elizabeth Rivera-Corchado

Thank you for supporting mothers who choose to breastfeed as they return to work or school.

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

A note to breastfeeding moms returning to work:

Did you recently have a baby and you are worried about returning to work with your nursing baby? Many families are worried about breastfeeding and returning to work

Here are few tips on helping you and your baby with the transition:

- ⇒ Talk to your boss prior to your return so you can discuss where and how you can include pumping or if you are able to have breastfeeding visits with your newborn. It is required by law that you are given the time and the space to pump breast milk. The space must be a comfortable area, not a bathroom or other unsanitary spaces and a place to store your milk.
- ⇒ Call the Sullivan County Child Care Council and speak to our Parent Counselor about finding quality care that is right for your family. Some child care providers participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and they are certified "breast feeding friendly". This means that they have a safe, quiet area that you are welcome to come and nurse your baby with an open door policy. They are also familiar with handling breast milk, proper defrosting techniques and the importance of helping you continue your breast feeding with your baby.

Breastfeeding is the best, healthiest decision for you and for your infant. Going back to work should not make you feel as though you need to stop nursing your baby. Even if you have a difficult job and pumping is very hard to accommodate for you, you can continue to nurse your baby in the hours you are home. Your breasts function from a supply and demand type adaptation. If you don't nurse all day, you can "train" your breast to just produce milk in the hours you are home. If you have any concerns or need any additional help, we encourage you to continue breastfeeding and feel free to contact our office at (845) 292-7166.

Find the Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition Facebook and check out the support group!

WIC is another great resource for breastfeeding families in Sullivan County.

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.

SUNY 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 check on the website for a 2015 schedule.

www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/videoconferencing.shtm

To register: Online @

<http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/signup.shtm>;

Fax to: (518) 443-5941; or call (518) 443-5940.



Online Trainings

****As of January 1, 2015 we will NOT accept CARE Courses as training, instead refer to our website: scchildcare.com/providers/provider-education-2/****

Child Care Aware Training Academy™

Find the courses on our website

www.scchildcare.com—under Provider Education! or

www.smarthorizons.org/naccrra/sccc

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. Courses range from 2 hours for \$35 to 20 hours for \$149.

Training Academy benefits:

- 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

*Currently individual trainings are approved for OCFS training hours. EIP approval is in-process. For more information visit the website listed above.

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.

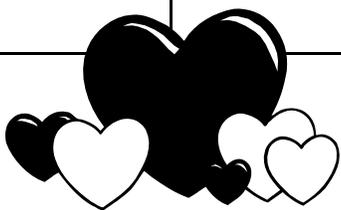
Available Courses:

OCFS Hrs/Topics Covered	Hrs/CEU's	Cost	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CDA CEU's/Topics Covered			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Early Intervention (Online)	1.5 0.15	Free	X		x	X			x	x	
Emergency Preparedness (Online)	1.5 0.15	Free	x			X	x	x	X		
Family Engagement (Online)	1.0	Free			X	X	x	x			
Keeping Children Safe (Online)	1.5 0.15	Free	X	x	X	X			X		
Mandated Reporter Online Training	2.0 0.2	Free						X			
Managing Challenging Behavior (Online)	1.5	Free	X		x					x	
Obesity Prevention(Online) ***NEW***	2.0	Free	x	X							
Preventing SBS (Online)	1.0 0.1	Free	X	x	x	x					X
Preventing SIDS & Promoting Safe Sleep (Online)	1.0 0.1	Free	X	x	X	X			X	x	
Transportation (Online)	2.0	Free	X	x		X	x	x	X		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Hanukkah Begins at Sunset	17	18	19	20
21 Winter Solstice <i>Winter</i>	22	23	24 Office Closes @ 12:30 pm for Christmas Eve Last day of Hanukah	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26 Office Closed Kwanza until 1/1/15	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	December 2014		

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	January 2015			1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Business (Part I of II) 6:30-8:30 @ Council	14	15 Business (Part I of II) SNOW DATE	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr Day Office Closed	20 Business (Part II of II) 6:30-8:30 @ Council	21 Orientation 5:30pm @ Council	22 Business (Part II of II) SNOW DATE	23	24
25 Health & Safety Training (Part I) 9am-2pm @ Council	26 Health & Safety Training (Part II) 9am-3pm @ Council	27 Health & Safety Training (Part III) 3pm-8pm @ Council	28	29	30	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day!
15	16 President's Day Office Closed	17 Shrove Tuesday	18 Ash Wednesday	19 Chinese New Year	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
 <h2>February 2015</h2>						

****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!

OCFS Hrs/Topics Covered	Hrs/CEU's	Cost/Reduced Cost	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CDA CEU's/Topics Covered	CEU's		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Business (Part 1)	2.0 0.2	\$10					X x				
Business (Part 2)	2.0 0.2						X x				
Health & Safety	15.0 1.5	\$250	x	X	X	X	X x	X	X x	X	X
Orientation	0	0									



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. Statues and regulations pertaining to child daycare
	8. States & Regs pertaining to Child Abuse & Maltreatment
	9. Shaken Baby syndrome

GDA TOPICS	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

Focus on the Regulations

Review Your Regulations! @ ocfs.ny.gov

Section .14 Training

After I complete my midpoint training when can I start counting my trainings towards the next 2 year period?

.14(h) Training received within the ninety (90) day period prior to the two-year mid-point in the four-year registration cycle, may count toward the next two-year period, if the training requirement for the first two years of the registration has been met.

How are trainings verified?

.14(j) Each provider or assistant must submit verification of completion of the training requirements to their program's designated registration office.

.14(k) All training that counts toward the required thirty (30) hours must be approved by the Office of Children and Family Services as per Office policies regarding training and trainers.

Who needs to have First Aid and CPR?

(m) All child day care programs must have **at least one caregiver**, who holds a valid certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid, on the premise of the child care program during the program's operating hours.

413.2(c)(3) **Caregiver means** all persons who are providers, assistants, or substitutes in a family or group family day care home or a small day care center.

(n) CPR and first aid certificates must be appropriate to the ages of the children in care.

What proof of certifications is needed?

(o) The caregiver(s) who holds the valid certification in CPR and First Aid must have their certification available for review during their working hours at the program on file.

From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

New regulations went into effect on 5/1/14 for FDG/GFDC, and SACC and DCC will become effective 6/1/15!

Please continue to ask questions. The expectation is to assist you in learning the new regulations. You do need to look over the regulations or you will not know what has changed nor what to ask.

You are required to have knowledge of the regulations! 414/416/417/418.15(b)(13) **The caregivers, employees and volunteers must be familiar with the regulations governing family day care. Such regulations must be readily accessible to the caregivers for reference purposes and must be made available for review to a parent of a child in care upon request by a parent.**

We are here to help through this transition, please utilize us to assist you.

Theresa Murdock-Marin, Registrar



Welcome to our
newest providers:
Thelma York &
Maria Santos



Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I hear talk of credentialed trainers and certain types or trainings no longer being accepted. I am not sure where to check to make sure my trainings will count.

**Thank you,
Continued Ed, Neversink**

Dear Continued Ed,

There are a few things that can be helpful to finding training, the money to pay for it and keeping track of what you have taken.

First, visit <http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/distance.aspx> for a list of approved distance learning classes. If it is not a distance learning class check with your registrar/licensor prior to taking the course, or check the ASPIRE calendar <https://nyworksforchildren.org/aspire/go/default.aspx> to make sure you will be given credit.

Second, the Educational Incentives Program or EIP, awards are only issued if your trainer is: Credentialed, Verified, or a Content Specialist. That doesn't mean the course can't be counted, but you will not receive the scholarship award at this time for those classes.

Lastly, you can use the ASPIRE training registry to maintain a permanent list of trainings for you (and your staff). You simply fill out the application with them and mail your certificates once a year and update your information. There is no cost, and you may provide your licensor or registrar with the Aspire Training printout in lieu of your certificates!

Jodi

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



The process is easy and will keep a permanent record of your education, employment and training. The training record can be printed from the Aspire website and submitted for your midpoint/renewal in lieu of your training certificates!

1. Create an Individual Account

- Go to www.nyworksforchildren.org
- Click **Join** or Login to Aspire.
- Select **Create an Individual Account**.
- Enter basic contact information.
- Click **Submit**.
- Check your email to retrieve your Aspire Individual ID & password.
- Be sure to check both your Inbox and your Spam or Junk folder for this email. If you do not receive the email within one hour, contact Aspire for assistance.

2. Complete your profile

The application process takes an average of fifteen minutes to complete. You may sign out and log back in to finish your application in more than one session.

- Use your Aspire Individual ID and password to login to your account.
- Check the box next to Aspire Professional Profile, and then click Continue.
- Fill in the information requested on the application tabs.

3. Submit your documentation

When you submit your online application, you will receive an email confirming that your application has been submitted. This email will also provide you a list of documents that must be sent to Aspire in order to verify the information in your application. Send these documents within 10 days to:

New York Works for Children, Aspire
 16 Court Street, 31st Floor
 Brooklyn, NY 11241

4. Receive your Aspire certificate

After your application has been completely processed, you will receive a welcome packet that includes your Aspire Certificate, a Membership Card with your Aspire ID, and a Professional Development Record with your coursework and training from the last two years.

5. Update and renew your account

After your application has been completely processed and you have received your certificate, you can access your Professional Profile and Professional Development Record online at any time. In order to maintain an active account, you must renew annually. We encourage you to update your profile regularly!

Boys & Girls Clubs Receive National "Gateway to Impact" Award

Congratulations

to the Town of Walkill Boys & Girls Club for receiving the **GOLD "Gateway to Impact" Award** by Boys & Girls Clubs of America!

This award is based on increasing the frequency a child attends a Club, and by serving more kids in each of our 13 locations!

Only 5 Clubs in the entire Northeast receive this honor!

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

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Subscribe to e-news on our website by typing in your email and click on subscribe! **If you unsubscribed** from our new notification system, you will no longer receive our emails and child care updates; you will need to re-subscribe.

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QUALITYstarsNY is a voluntary system that will be available to all regulated programs serving young children—in centers, schools and homes. It **provides guidance, support and resources for technical assistance and professional development so that programs improve their quality rating over time.** Star ratings are based on an evaluation and assessment of practices in the following categories: *Learning Environment; Family Engagement; Qualifications & Experience; Management & Leadership.*

Child Care Time & Attendance

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

Product Recalls

www.cpsc.gov

Message From Donna Willi, Executive Director

Just Like Home Toy Toaster Sets

Hazard: The plastic toast, under pressure, can crack and break into small pieces creating sharp edges and posing a choking hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take this product away from children and return it to any Toys R Us to receive a full refund.

Sold exclusively at: Toys R Us stores nationwide and online at www.toysrus.com from July 2013 through August 2014 for about \$10.

Consumer Contact:

Toys R Us at (800) 869-7787 anytime or online at www.toysrus.com and click on News/Press Room under the About Us tab at the bottom of the page then click on the Safety tab and Product Recalls for more information.



Kidde hard-wired smoke and combination smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) alarms

Hazard: The alarms could fail to alert consumers

Incidents/Injuries: None reported of a fire or a CO incident following a power outage.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact Kidde for a free replacement smoke or combination smoke/CO alarm. Consumers should keep using the recalled alarms until they install replacement alarms.

Sold at: CED, City Electric Supply, HD Supply, Home Depot, Menards Inc. and other retailers, electrical distributors and online at Amazon.com, HomeDepot.com and shopkidde.com from January 2014 through July 2014 for between \$30 and \$50.

Consumer Contact: Kidde toll-free at (844) 553-9011 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.kidde.com and click on Recalls for more information

Yamaha snowmobiles

Hazard: Fuel hose joint can leak during operation, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: There have been four reports of fuel leakage. No injuries reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled snowmobiles and contact their local Yamaha dealer to schedule a free repair. Yamaha is contacting its customers directly.

Sold at: Yamaha snowmobile dealers nationwide from October 2013 through August 2014 for about \$12,000 to \$14,000.

Consumer Contact: Yamaha at (800) 962-7926 anytime or online at www.yamahamotorsports.com and under the Sports tab, subcategory Snowmobile, click on Parts and Service, then Factory Modification Campaigns for more information.

SBGA-34 Audible Fire Alarm Base

Hazard: The fire alarm base can fail to sound an alarm, posing a risk of personal injury and property damage.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact Siemens to schedule a free inspection and replacement of the recalled audible base.

Sold at: Siemens sales offices, authorized distributors and installers nationwide from February 2013 through June 2014 for about \$120.

Consumer Contact: Siemens at (800) 516-9964 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or online at www.usa.siemens.com/buildingtechnologies and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.

(Continued from p.3) In addition, many cases are partially paid with local share tax dollars. These subsidy dollars should be recognized as not only a support system for our families but also as a benefit to the employers who pay wages of \$10 to \$14 per hour; offer weekly work hours of less than 40 and provide no paid time off or other benefits.

Additionally, our child care programs play a dual role. They are small businesses in the forefront of the success of our economic growth and they are charged with educating and nurturing our very young children with the expectation that the children in their programs will be prepared for kindergarten and beyond.

Early Head Start, Head Start and Universal Pre-Kindergarten are all initiatives funded by the government in recognition of the need for children to have access to high quality early education, beginning at birth. Unfortunately these initiatives are not enough as in many districts more than 50% of our children enter kindergarten unprepared for the rigorous education required by the New York State Department of Education.

New York has been working on increasing the expectation of quality but unfortunately with little or no funding to do so. The QualityStarsNY (QSNY) initiative is a rating system that has yet to be implemented in New York due to severe lack of funding. QSNY automatically awards regulated providers with one star and awards additional stars as programs increase their credentials and quality with a maximum of five stars available. The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. works to provide on-going technical support, training and education to our community, including the business community; the child care workforce including pre-K teachers, day care center staff and in home child care providers. We are all responsible for ensuring our children have access to high quality, affordable early education, beginning at birth. The Council hopes to offer CDA classes and supports in 2015 and beyond and to create the framework for a mini QSNY for the child care workforce in Sullivan County.

Watch for more information, trainings and fund raising efforts to meet these goals in 2015 and beyond.

**Warm regards and Happy Holidays,
Donna**

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.**

Prospective Child Care Providers

If you are interested in becoming a child care provider please visit www.ocfs.state.ny.us/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 you the opportunity to ask direct and specific questions to the Registration Coordinator here in Sullivan County, please sign up for one of the face to face Orientation Sessions listed below:

Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 10:30 am

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

Child Care Programs in Sullivan

Township	OCFS Registered/Licensed Child Care Programs			Other Programs	
	Day Care Centers	Family Day Care Homes	Group Family Day Care Homes	Private Schools	School Age Programs (SACC)
Bethel	0	0	1		Yes
Callicoon	0	3	2		
Cochecton	0	1	0		
Delaware	0	3	0		
Fallsburg	3	7	1		Yes
Forestburgh	0	0	0		
Fremont	0	0	0		
Highland	0	1	0		
Liberty	1	8	2	Yes	Yes
Lumberland	0	1	1	Yes	
Mamakating	1	2	2		Yes
Neversink	0	3	3		Yes
Rockland	0	3	0		
Thompson	6	5	7	Yes	Yes
Tusten	0	0	0		

Average Weekly Cost of Child Care	6wks-18mos	6wks-24mos	2yrs-5yrs	18mos-36mos	3y-5y	5y-12y
Family Day Care	n/a	\$145.24	\$144.56	n/a	n/a	\$124.01
Group Family Day Care	n/a	\$160.33	\$147.00	n/a	n/a	\$94.25
Day Care Center	\$181.25	n/a	n/a	\$170.00	\$151.69	\$150.00

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 \$ _____*

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PO Box 186
Ferndale, NY 12734

Name/Organization _____

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*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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