



Caregiver News

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Thank you!

Friday, May 10, 2013, is Provider Appreciation Day

It is a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. The founding organizers saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents. Momentum and support for this event has grown each year and recognition presently includes individuals and government organizations throughout the United States.

www.providerappreciationday.org

How to Thank Your Child Care Provider

Moms and Dads:

Don't forget to tell your child care provider, how much they mean to you and how important their jobs are to your family and our community on May 10th, Provider Appreciation Day! Bring your child care provider a small thank you, and maybe a Mother's Day wish. Need some ideas?

Give a thoughtful drawing, card, heartfelt poem or gift as a token of your appreciation. **Share your thank you online or print out a special certificate** to give to your provider at: www.providerappreciationday.org/share-testimonial.php.

Have your child color a certificate at: www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/thank-you-child-care-provider-coloring-page/.

Any expression of gratitude would do to thank your provider for caring for your most precious gift—your child!

FCCANYS Conference

Friday & Saturday, April 19 & 20, 2013

Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center,
 Callicoon, NY

Register online at www.fccanys.org. Visit the website for conference details and room rates.

FCCANYS accepts EIP awards as payment for conference registration. Visit www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu or call EIP at (800) 295-9616 or email eip@pdp.albany.edu.

In honor of the Week of the Young Child, the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. is offering a Family or Group Child Care Provider an opportunity to win a trip to the 22nd Annual Family Child Care Association of New York State (FCCANYS) Conference held right here in Sullivan County!

This package includes:

- Workshops & keynote speakers. (Check out the website for details at www.fccanys.org)
- Saturday: Breakfast & Lunch
- A membership to the FCCANYS

ESSAY CONTEST:

In order to qualify we would like you to **write a short essay of 100 words or less about "Why Child Care is Important and How you See Child Care Economically Impacting our Community."** Submission deadline: 4/12/13. Essays will be reviewed by two Council board members. Names will not be disclosed to the essay review committee. Only one winner will be selected. The winner will be required to sign a release to allow us to use their name and/or essay for promotional purposes in our newsletter and/or our website.

Essay contest participant/winner or not, check out the **FCCANYS conference in Callicoon, NY. Meet last year's essay contest winner, and bone marrow donor, our very own, Faith Metzinger.** Join Faith as she continues to assist Delete Blood Cancer DKMS in building their donor registry. Stop by and get swabbed for an amazing cause!

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Featured Agency:

Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation

119 North Main Street

Submitted by Brian Scardefield, Director



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The Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to providing quality park, recreation, and public facilities for the citizens of Liberty. The department strives to enhance the town's natural beauty and coordinate recreation, leisure, and athletic activities that promote positive community values. The department provides recreational programs for all ages and most programs are also open to non-liberty residents.

It has been a long winter, but Spring is just around the corner. A great way for children to enjoy the beautiful Spring days and get some fun exercise and help lead a healthy lifestyle is to visit the three parks operated by the Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation Department. The parks are open May 1st—September 30th from 8:00 a.m. to Dusk.

Francis A. Hanofee Park is located on Sunset Lake Road in Liberty and provides a variety of recreational activities. Located at the park is a playground, basketball court, two tennis courts, sand volleyball court, baseball field and numerous picnic areas. There is also a beautiful swimming pool with lap lanes and diving board and a separate kiddy pool. Located in the center of the park is a beautiful 86 acre lake for fishing, non-motorized boating and walking trails that weave through the wooded areas around it. The park has three pavilions that are available for rent to hold parties and functions.



Walnut Mountain Park is located off of Route 55 at the end of Walnut Mountain Road. The park is 265 acres and is a premier destination for family oriented hiking and mountain bike trails that loop around the entire mountain and provide breath taking views of the Town of Liberty. The park has a playground, baseball field, soccer field, and picnic areas. The park has also been the location for the annual civil war reenactment that is sponsored by the local 143rd infantry. The reenactment will be taking place on July 27th and 28th 2013.

Swan Lake Park is located on the edge of Swan Lake and offers fantastic views of the lake with picnic areas and fishing areas.

The Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring the following events and programs:

Annual Easter Egg Hunt March 23rd: The Egg Hunt will be held on the Liberty Elementary Ball field at 12:00 noon. Children ages one through eight hunt for eggs, meet the Easter Bunny, and partake in fun activities. The rain date is March 24th. Cost: FREE



Hanofee Park Summer Day Camp: The Day Camp is for children 5—13 years old and is a 7 week program held Monday through Friday starting June 24th and ending August 9th from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Children partake in a variety of sports, recreational, and exciting activities throughout the day. **Registration for Liberty residents begins April 1st and Non-Liberty residents begins May 1st.**

Youth Swim Lessons: Lessons are held for ages 3 and up and are located at the pool at Hanofee Park twice a week in the mornings for six weeks starting July 1st—August 8th. The swim lessons are American Red Cross certified. **Registration for Liberty residents begins April 1st and Non-Liberty residents begins May 1st.**

The Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation Department is always coming up with new and exciting programs. To find out further information on the town parks and programs please visit our web site at www.townofliberty.org, call (845) 292-7690, or look for our quarterly flyers that are handed out at the local schools and located in various businesses throughout the town.

Below you will find a thematic book list for Mother's Day. These books may be found at your local public or school library.

*A Ride on Mother's Back:
A Day of Baby Carrying around the World*
by Emery Bernhard, Durga Bernhard (Illustrator)

Are You My Mother?
by P.D. Eastman

Before I Was Your Mother
by Kathryn Lasky, LeUyen Pham (Illustrator)

Happy Mother's Day, Mami!
by Leslie Valdes, Jason Fruchter (Illustrator)

Love You Forever
by Robert Munsch

Mother's Day
by Anne Rockwell, Lizzy Rockwell (Illustrator)

Mother's Mother's Day
by Lorna Balian

Martha Stewart's Homemade Gifts for Mother's Day

Most ideas below have printables on the website at www.marthastewart.com/holiday, select **Mother's Day**.

#2: Mother's Day Newspaper

On Mom's special day, there's no better way to show your love and appreciation than with a homemade gift from the heart.

Bring Mom some very good news with this custom newspaper made by printing and filling in our clip art.

#3: Dreamy Sleep Mask

Pamper Mom with a bedazzled eyemask made using our clip art and embellishments. Print the Dreamy Sleep Mask Clip Art.

#4: Movie Night Mother's Day Card

Give Mom VIP tickets that double as a cute card to ensure she has a front-row seat to this red-carpet event—a marathon of her favorite movies. Print the Movie Ticket Clip Art.

#5: Flavored Popcorn for Mom

Set the scene for a night at the movies with custom popcorn containers. Spice things up with fun flavors, such as pesto, sugar and spice, and S'mores. Print the Popcorn Labels.

#6: Tissue Paper Posies How-To:

1. Layer 5-by-15-inch sheets of tissue paper, alternating colors. Make 1-inch-wide accordion folds.
2. Wrap 1 end of a pipe cleaner around the center of the folded paper, and twist to secure. Round the edges of the folded paper with scissors.
3. Fan out folds, and gently pull apart each layer of tissue paper to create petals.

From the Desk of Donna Willi, Executive Director

Dear Supporters of Quality Early Childhood Care and Education,

In 2013 the Council is continuing to strive for access to quality child care for all families in Sullivan County and beyond. Our public policy statement continues to support:

Quality Stars NY: Quality Stars NY is a star rating and improvement system created to drive current and future state investments toward quality improvements in early learning programs, a strategic approach to ensuring both public and private dollars are used most effectively and efficiently to promote better outcomes for children. The Council has designed our trainings and Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA) projects so that providers will be well positioned when QSNY is implemented in Sullivan County. Long term educational achievement is uniformly linked to participation in high quality early care and education.

Quality child care→ yields a higher return on our investment in child care→ supports our economic development→ provides a foundation for a better prepared and qualified workforce.

Regulated Child Care: Statistics show that support and frequent visits produce higher quality programs. In line with these statistics New York State is now requiring visits to licensed programs at minimum four times per year.

Some of you may not know that we are not an agency of Sullivan County Government but are a stand-alone non-profit organization governed by a fifteen member board of directors. We are currently looking for applicants representative of the people we serve, to fill our three vacant positions; for example, but not limited to, a parent with a child in full-time child care possibly receiving child care subsidy.

We are one of 35 agencies across New York State serving our respective counties with services including, but not limited to child care referrals to parents in need of child care, parent education on what quality child care looks like and immunization requirements, required professional development to the child care workforce, program inspections to ensure children are in safe nurturing environments, facilitation of a food reimbursement program to ensure children are eating healthy meals and snacks while in child care and technical assistance on topics ranging from biting to payment for child care services.

If you are interested in learning more please contact me at (845) 292-7166 or via email at dwilli@scchildcare.com.

Thank you for your continued support & partnership in our mission:

To link the parents of Sullivan County to safe, enriching, quality child care by strengthening professional providers through education and resources.

Warm regards,
Donna Willi, Executive Director

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.

For upcoming trainings or to make an appointment for your 3 year renewal practicum, please call Christy Hernandez at (845) 292-7166x305.

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: Giggle-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

Nana's House Child Care Center, Inc.

Marlena Pittaluga-Egan:

Marlena's Family Daycare

Precious Child Care II

Deborah Silon: Little People's Express

Leara Tausk: Sunny Days Preschool

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)

WELCOME NEW CACFP MEMBER:

Ali Granito

The following providers have become

"Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Homes"

and have received their 2 year certificate from NYSDOH:

Jessica Dean, Diane Harvey, Vanessa Jones,

Terri Pellam, Marlena Pittaluga-Egan,

Tara Poje, Ellie Reed, Elizabeth Rivera-Corchado,

Catherine Schouten, Kristy Petrowski

THANK YOU for your continued support of mothers who choose to breastfeed as they return to work or school.

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

CACFP WEEK is MARCH 17th—23rd, 2013

Please be sure to thank your child care provider for participating in CACFP. Your provider chooses to participate in the program which requires them to meet nutritional standards and to be monitored more frequently than providers who do not participate. Children eat a large percentage of their meals and snacks while in child care and good eating habits should start from young age.

Thank you to Sullivan County's CACFP Participants:

Arnell Anthony

Amy Babicz

Jody Bruno Rysdyke

Catherine Castillo

Jessica Dean

Kathleen Diaco

Tonya Dirie

Celia DiVita

Andrea Garrett

Margarita Gonzalez

Ali Granito

Ebony Green

Deborah Gubiotti

Diane Harvey

Flor Hernandez

Barbara Hotchkin

Cheryl Johnson

Vanessa Jones

Elizabeth (Cookie) Kaufman

Debra Larsen

Stephanie Levy

Rachel Lindsley

Patricia Mc Govern

Faith Metzinger

Angel Morton

Dawn Oliver-Haas

Pamela Osisami

Alice Patton

Terri Pellam

Kristy Petrowski

Karen Pinkel

Marlena Pittaluga-Egan

Tara Poje

Iris Ramos

Elvira Reed

Elizabeth Rivera-Corchado

Wanda Rodriguez

Daisy Rodriguez-Gonzalez

Catherine Schouten

Susan Sennett-DeWitt

Deborah Silon

Deborah Stack

Sadequa Steele

Sonia Tate-Powell

Joann VanDeursen

Lori Ward

With our sincere appreciation, from the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. Board & Staff

SUNY Video Conferences

The SUNY Video conferences are held at *Cornell Cooperative Ext. in Liberty*. Classes start at 6:45, so please arrive on time. These are adult learning experiences. *No children, please.*

April 25, 2013:

Child Growth & Development with a Focus on autism

May 23, 2013:

Environment and Curriculum with a Focus on Learning Environments: A Return to Nature

See chart on p.7 for hours & topics covered.

Visit <http://ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/schedules.shtm>

To register: Complete the registration form online @ www.tsg.suny.edu. Fax the registration to (518) 443-5941, or mail to: SUNY Early Childhood Education and Training Program, State University Plaza Albany, NY 12246-0001, or call (518) 443-5940.

Intensive Technical Assistance

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc offers intensive technical assistance in areas of your choice. If you feel that you are lacking strength in a certain area, or would like to gain more knowledge about a specific topic, a training can be set up to address your needs. They can be individual sessions or multiple session; generally conducted at your home during down time in your program.

If you would like to earn training through intensive technical assistance and you are not sure of a topic, you can choose from one of the topics listed below:

“Creating Safe & Healthy Spaces”

“Child Care Environments”

“Bullying: How You Can Help”

“Helping a Child Through Grief”

“Child Abuse & Maltreatment”

“Ideas for Better Nutrition & Physical Activity”

“Winter Safety”

Contact Christy Hernandez at (845) 292-7166 x305 to request a class or more information.

Online Trainings

NYSOCFS/PDP Online Trainings—FREE!

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

During these fully narrated courses trainees will learn important information on the stated topic. Learning points of the training are enhanced throughout using video clips and interactive exercises. As you complete each 10-15 minute section, the application saves your progress and allows you up to 30 days to complete the entire course.

Available Courses:

- * Keeping Children Safe: Prevention of Lead Poisoning and Other Dangers to Children
- * Preventing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome & Promoting Safe Sleep
- * Prevents Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS)
- * Mandated Reporter Online Training
- * Managing Challenging Behavior: Birth to 18 Months
- * Transportation
- * **NEW** Early Intervention

See chart on p.7 for hours & topics covered.

Child Care Aware Training Academy™

is a powerful, comprehensive online collection of the best training courses in the child care industry. All courses are written by nationally recognized experts on high impact topics in the child care profession.

With the Training Academy, you'll enjoy:

- Learning 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

<http://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.

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

**How does
QUALITYstarsNY
work?**



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. Programs receive points for incorporation practices that go *above and beyond* basic health and safety requirements and are based on the latest research. Star ratings are based on an evaluation and assessment of practices in the following categories:

- Learning Environment
- Family Engagement
- Qualifications & Experience
- Management & Leadership

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2013					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 World Book Day	8	9
10 	11 Johnny Appleseed Day	12 Organize Your Home Office Day	13 Legally Exempt Training: "Intro to Legally Exempt Care Modules 1 & 2" 1:00-3:30p @ Council	14 Pi Day	15 Ides of March	16
17 St Patty's Day 	18	19 National Agriculture Day	20 1st Day Spring Information Session 10:30am @ Council (More info p.11)	21 Nat'l Common Courtesy Day	22 Int'l Day of the Seal	23
24 Easter	25 Passover Pecan Day	26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
31						

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fools Day	2 Int'l Children's Book Day	3 Find a Rainbow Day	4 Walk Around Things Day	5 Nat'l Read a Road Map Day	6
7	8 Buddha Day	9 Legally Exempt Training: "Intro to LE Care Module 3" 6-8:30p @ Council	10 Nat'l Farm Animals Day	11 Health & Safety 5:30p-8:30p @ Council (Part 1)	12 Int'l Day of Human Space Flight	13 Health & Safety 9:00a-3:30p @ Council (Part 2)
14	15 Income Tax Day	16 Nat'l Library Day	17 Information Session 5:30pm @ Council (More info p.11)	18 Health & Safety 5:30p-8:30p @ Council (Part 3)	19	20 Health & Safety 9:00a-3:30p @ Council (Part 4)
21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Pigs in a Blanket Day	25 SUNY Videoconference @ Cornell 6:45-9:00pm	26 Richter Scale Day	27
28	29 Zipper Day Int'l Dance Day	30	 April 2013 			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>May 2013</h1> 			1 Mother Goose Day	2 Brothers & Sisters Day	3 Space Day	4
5 Cinco de Mayo	6 No Homework Day	7 Teacher Appreciation Day	8 Legally Exempt Training: "Intro to Legally Exempt are Modules 4 & 5" 10-12:30p @ Council	9 Children's Mental Health Awareness Day	10 Child Care Provider Appreciation Day Thank You!	11
12 	13 Frog Jumping Day	14 Dance Like a Chicken Day	15 Information Session 10:30am @ Council (More info p.11)	16 National Wear Purple for Peace Day	17 Bike to Work Day	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20 Weights & Measures Day	21 World Cultural Diversity Day	22 National Maritime Day Wright Bros Patented the Airplane	23 SUNY Videoconference @ Cornell 6:45-9:00pm	24 Int'l Tiara Day National Wig Out Day	25
26	27 Council Closed 	28	29 National Senior Health & Fitness Day	30	31 World No Tobacco Day	

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

CDA 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

OCFS Hrs/Topics Covered CDA CEU's/Topics Covered	Hrs/ CEU's	Cost/ Reduced Cost	1 1	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6	7 7	8 8	9 9
SUNY Videoconference Environment & Curriculum	2.5 0.25	Free	x	x							
SUNY Videoconference Child Growth & Development	2.5 0.25	Free	X	X	x	x					
Early Intervention (Online)	1.5 0.15	Free	X		x	X			x	x	
Transportation (Online)	2.0	Free	X			X	x		X		
Preventing SBS (Online)	1.0 0.1	Free	X		x	x					X
Mandated Reporter Online Training	2.0 0.2	Free						X			
Managing Challenging Behavior (Online)	1.5	Free	X			x					x
Preventing SIDS & Promoting Safe Sleep (Online)	1 0.1	Free	X	x	X	X			X		x
Keeping Children Safe (Online)	1.5 0.15	Free	X	x	X	X			X		

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

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. has developed the following training expectations to ensure the most productive and enjoyable training experience for our providers. 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. In order to receive credit for the training, you must stay for the full training session. If you need to leave early for any reason, you will not receive any credit for the training.
- Put cell phones/beepers on vibrate or silent mode. If you need to take a call during the training, we ask that you please leave the training room so as to not disturb the rest of the group.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

Focus on the Regulations

If you care for children or are considering caring for in your home, please note the definition of child care according to NYS Social Service Law 390, which requires you to have a registration or license in NYS:

§ 390. Child day care; license or registration required.

1. Definitions.

(a)(i) "Child day care" shall mean **care for a child on a regular basis provided away from the child's residence for less than twenty-four hours per day by someone other than the parent, step-parent, guardian, or relative within the third degree of consanguinity** of the parents or step-parents of such child.

The NYS Child Day Care Regulations also define child

care for family (Section 417) and group family (Section 416) child care as described below:

413.(h)(2)(i) Family day care home means a residence in which child day care is provided on a regular basis for more than three hours per day per child for three to six children for compensation or otherwise, except as provided below. The name, description or form of the entity which operates a family day care home does not affect its status as a family day care home.

If you are interested in becoming a child care provider, please contact our office at (845) 292-7166 or info@scchildcare.com.

You can find more information at www.ocfs.state.ny.us or www.scchildcare.com.

From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

Just a reminder now that renewals have changed from two year periods to four year periods, you are still required to have proof of completion of 30 hours of training and 9 topics completed by your two year registration period date.

Within 30 days of the two year mark, an inspection is required along with verification of 30 hours of training.

Upon the four year renewal, you will be required to submit copies of training for renewal verification and auditing purposes. To alleviate the burden of mailing in 60 hours of trainings at renewal, and the burden of checking 30 hours of trainings at your program, you may consider mailing in your 30 hours of training by the two year point.

Your training records will be maintained on file for your four year renewal requirements.

Just a few reminders:

As the weather changes the snow melts and freezes over again, make sure BOTH exits remain clear.

Review your regulatory requirements on hand washing. Children coming in from outdoors and especially off the school bus can bring germs into your program. They should be washing their hands when they arrive to your program, when they come in off the bus and before and AFTER they eat. Children tend to put their hands in their mouths when they are eating, again increasing the likelihood of germs being spread through your program.

Have a Happy Spring & enjoy the sunshine!

Theresa Murdock-Marin
Registrar



Welcome to our
newest provider:

Lori Ward

Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I believe my neighbor is running an illegal child care program. I see at least 5 children there throughout the day. I have previously made complaints and I still see the children coming and going from the program.

I am not sure if my complaint is not being taken seriously or maybe I do not understand the definition of child care.

Would you be able to address my concerns of the complaint process and why this provider has not been shut down?

Inquiring
Liberty

Dear Inquiring,

I thank you for sharing your concern. Every complaint is taken seriously and investigated, as long as there is a regulatory concern. Illegal child care is always investigated. There are a few components of child care that you should understand:

- If care is provided in the children's home, all resident children can be cared for in their home regardless of the number.
- When all the children in care are related to the provider, there is no limit to the number they may care for. For example, if a provider cares for 5 grandchildren and 4 nieces and nephews, it is not illegal child care.
- If a provider has any non related children in care, there can be a total of 8 children and not more than 2 non-related children for more than 3 hours.
- A child care registration/license is required in NYS when there are more than 2 non-related children in care for more than 3 hours per day.

I hope this helps,

Jodi

Legally Exempt Bulletin Board

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	\$13
Hourly	\$2.60	\$2.60	\$2.60	\$2.76

Enhanced With training	0 - 1½ yrs	1½- 2yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
Weekly	\$105	\$98	\$98	\$98
Daily	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$21
Part Day	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$14
Hourly	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.98

Please save these dates:

April 9
Intro to Legally Exempt Care
Module 3

May 8
Intro to Legally Exempt Care
Module 4 & 5

Legally Exempt Provider classes are held at the Council: 10am-12:30pm & 6pm-8:30pm. **Choose one session.** Topics to be announced. To register call (845) 292-7166 x 305.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. offers free classes, funded through a contract with the Sullivan County Department of Family Services. The trainings allow you to gain knowledge, as well as, earn or maintain hours towards the *enhanced pay rates.*

Trainings will be held at the Sullivan Co. Child Care Council, Inc., 7 Community Lane, Liberty, N.Y. Parents Welcome! Sorry, no children. Please call the Training Coordinator, to register at (845) 292-7166 x 305.

Do you still need more training hours? Please ask us about our Technical Assistance trainings that can be conducted in your home. Choose a topic that you would like more information on or choose from the topics below:

- “Creating Safe & Healthy Spaces”
- “Child Care Environments”
- “Bullying: How You Can Help”

Contact Christy Hernandez at (845) 292-7166 x305 to request a class or more information.

CCTA

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

Meet Our Newest Staff Members



Christina (Tina) Tison,
Provider Services Specialist

Tina joined the Council in Feb. 2013 in the role of Provider Services Specialist. Prior to this she spent 13 years working in two different Child Abuse and Neglect prevention programs in Ulster and Orange Counties, and has also worked in geriatric home care as well as child care in her own home. She holds an Associate Degree in Human Services. Tina has lived in Sullivan County for 30 years, currently in Forestburgh with her husband and youngest of three daughters.

Allison Wall-Carty,
Subsidy Specialist

Allison joined the Council, Inc. in February 2013. She previously worked for a payroll processing company for over 9 years; assisting clients with their payroll, tax returns, and W-2 statements. Allison is currently attending Post University and will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services with a concentration in Clinical Counseling. Allison has two children. The older child attends public school and the younger child is currently enrolled in child care in Sullivan County. Because of her children's attendance in child care, she sees and understands the needs and demands for high-quality child care in the county.

Website

Our new website is up and running! Please visit the site for information regarding all of the functions of the Council and services that we provide; including our upcoming events, training calendar **AND OUR NEW ONLINE TRAININGS!** Find information about child care and the most recent publications of our quarterly newsletter.

The Council is on Facebook!

Like us and you will see our news feeds on your home page and you can see our information where we will post updates about current happenings at the Council!

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.

Product Recalls

www.recalls.gov/cpsc.html

When you're buying and using products, safety comes first. And now, with this product recalls application, you have vital safety information available whenever and wherever you need it — right on your mobile phone.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Food and Drug Administration, and Department of Agriculture monitor the safety of thousands of products and issue hundreds of recall announcements each year of millions of products.

Now, those recalls are right at your fingertips, thanks to the new RECALLS.GOV mobile application. Whether you're at your child's day care center or a yard sale, whether you're at a store or at home, you can now type a product's name into your phone and learn immediately whether that product has been recalled because of a safety concern. You can also see photos of recalled products and learn what to do with recalled products in your homes.

Stay informed, stay safe, check for product recalls.

Single-Load Liquid Laundry Packets: Harmful to Children

Do NOT Let Children Handle; Keep Locked Up & Out of a Child's Sight & Reach

Children who are exposed to the chemicals in single-load liquid laundry packets are at risk of serious injury. Some of the chemicals in these laundry packets are toxic. CPSC is advising parents and caregivers to lock up these laundry packets and keep them away from children.

Liquid laundry packets are attractive to children as play items because they are soft and colorful and they resemble familiar items like candy, toys and teething products. In 2012 alone, CPSC staff has learned of about 500 incidents involving children and adults who were injured by the product. Children have required hospitalization from ingesting the product due to loss of consciousness, excessive vomiting, drowsiness, throat swelling, and difficulty breathing (requiring intubation). Eye contact with detergent from ruptured packets has also resulted in medical treatment for severe irritation and temporary vision loss due to ocular burns.

Because these packets dissolve quickly and release highly concentrated toxic chemicals when contacted with water, wet hands, or saliva, consumers are strongly urged to always handle laundry packets carefully and with dry hands. CPSC recommends three safety steps to prevent unintentional poisonings and eye injuries related to single-load laundry packets:

1. Do NOT let children handle laundry packets.
2. Keep the liquid laundry packets sealed in their original packaging, and make sure they are locked up and out of a child's sight and reach.
3. If swallowed or exposed to the eye, immediately call Poison Help at 1-800-222-1222.

Nap Nanny® and Nap Nanny Chill™ Infant Recliners

The complaint alleges that the Nap Nanny Generation One and Two, and Chill model infant recliners contain defects in the design, warnings and instructions, which pose a substantial risk of injury and death to infants.

CPSC is aware of four infants who died in Nap Nanny Generation Two recliners and a fifth death involved the Chill model. To date, CPSC has received a total of over 70 additional incident reports of children nearly falling out of the product. The staff alleges that the products create a substantial risk of injury to the public.

The Nap Nanny is a portable infant recliner designed for sleeping, resting and playing. The recliner includes a shaped foam base with an inclined indentation for the baby to sit and a fitted fabric cover with a three point harness. Five thousand Nap Nanny Generation One and 50,000 Generation Two models were sold between 2009 and early 2012 and have been discontinued. One hundred thousand Chill models have been sold since January 2011. All were priced around \$130.

4moms® breeze™ Cotton Jersey Playard Sheets

Hazard: The sheets are too small for the play yards. A sheet that does not properly fit the play yard poses an entrapment hazard that could lead to suffocation.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled play yard sheets immediately and return them to 4moms for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: 4moms, toll-free at (888) 977-3944 from 9 a.m.—5 p.m. ET M—F or online at www.4moms.com and click on Recall.

Triaminic® Syrups and Theraflu Warming Relief® Syrups

Hazard: These child-resistant caps can fail to function properly and enable the cap to be removed by a child with the tamper-evident seal in place, posing a risk of unintentional ingestion and poisoning. These products contain acetaminophen and diphenhydramine which are required by the Poison Prevention Packaging Act to be sealed with child-resistant packaging.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled product and contact Novartis for instructions on how to return the product for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Novartis Consumer Healthcare toll-free at (866) 553-6742 from 8am—12am ET, M—Sat, or online at www.novartisOTC.com.

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,
 or we can be contacted by 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 Family Day Care Provider (FDC) or School Age Child Care Program (SACC) you must attend an informational session at the Council for more information & an application.

Group Family Day Care and Day Care Center applicants should call the Spring Valley Regional Office at (845) 708-2400 for more information.

Information/Start-up Sessions for FDC & SACC are held at the Council on the following **Wednesdays** (odd months in the mornings; even months in the evenings):

March 20, 2013, 10:30am

April 17, 2013, 5:30pm

May 15, 2013, 10:30am

Please RSVP to the Training Coordinator,
 by calling (845) 292-7166, ext. 305.

Child Care Programs in Sullivan County

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		2	0		Yes
Callicoon	0	3	2		
Cochecton	0	2	0		
Delaware	0	2	0		
Fallsburg	4	4	2		Yes
Forestburgh	0	1	0		
Fremont	0	0	0		
Highland	0	1	0		
Liberty	1	11	5	Yes	Yes
Lumberland	0	1	0	Yes	
Mamakating	1	0	4		Yes
Neversink	0	4	1		Yes
Rockland	0	2	0		
Thompson	6	13	5	Yes	Yes
Tusten	0	1	0		

Average Weekly Cost of Child Care	6wks-18mos	6wks-24mos	2yrs-5yrs	18mos-36mos	3y-5y	5y-12y
Family Day Care	n/a	\$147.21	\$143.43	n/a	n/a	\$131.34
Group Family Day Care	n/a	\$194.28	\$149.82	n/a	n/a	\$86.06
Day Care Center	\$181.67	n/a	n/a	\$168.75	\$151.87	\$150.00

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2013 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 \$ _____*

Mail Form & Payment To:

Sullivan Co Child Care Council, Inc.
PO Box 186
Ferndale, NY 12734

Name/Organization _____

Phone () _____

Address _____

Email _____

*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!

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm



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Please email us at info@scchildcare if you are interested in becoming a Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc board member.

If you would like to contribute something to our next newsletter, or have an idea of something we should include, please contact us @ info@scchildcare.com.

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