

Caregiver News

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A+ Savings: How to Save Big on Back-To-School Supplies (parade.condenast.com) by Kate Rockwood

Vacation and school supplies and new clothes, oh my! If you're feeling financially pinched this month, you're not alone. In a recent Parade focus group of Walmart Moms, women said that August is the toughest time to stay on budget. According to the National Retail Federation, the average family spends more than \$650 transitioning from summer to fall.

But in this economy, there's no shame in getting thrifty: When it comes to back-to-school expenses, creativity counts! If you're willing to buy secondhand, you can get gently used clothes at sites like Schoola.com and ThredUp.com. And borrowing rather than buying can help you save on pricier items like graphing calculators (from \$9 a month at rentcalculators.org) and musical instruments (schmittmusic.com leases popular strings and horns). Amazon Prime members can even rent textbooks, in hardcover or on a Kindle.

For other expenses in the months ahead—everything from backpacks to weekend activities—there are a host of tricks for scoring bargains. Here, we've collected our favorites. And since the best deals are free, we've blown out our weekly Sunday Freebie into a giveaway extravaganza, full of prizes! Enter for a chance to win one of them at parade.com/freebie.

Shop the Fall

We asked retail expert Mark Di Vincenzo, author of *Buy Shoes On Wednesday And Tweet at 4:00*, when to score the best deals on school gear.

August: *Laptops* "There is fierce competition to sell laptops to college-age kids now. You'll find big savings, from rebates to freebies, including printers and software." *Backpacks* "Many stores discount them slightly at the end of summer to attract shoppers."

September: *Markers, calculators, and more* "Hold off on supplies that aren't on sale in August. By September, stores are eager to get rid of them."

October: *Denim* "Retailers offer post-back-to-school sales in September, and if you wait until October, you'll see even deeper discounts."

November: *Sneakers* "If you can hold out for a few months, check big-box retailers for sales at the end of the season, when they're trying to make room for winter boots and shoes."

Good Cheap Fun

Keep the kids busy on the weekends without emptying your wallet, thanks to national retailers that offer hands-on workshops.

Carpentry

Budding builders gather on Saturdays at Home Depot and Lowe's to hammer, screw, and glue projects like birdhouses and pencil holders. (Free: workshops.homedepot.com and lowesbuildandgrow.com).

Crafting

Paper crafting, introductory jewelry making and rainbow loom bracelet making are taught in kids' classes throughout the week at Michael's and A.C. Moore. (Free—\$5; classes.michaels.com and acmoore.com.)

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Featured Agency:
Sullivan BOCES Snack Backpack Program
Submitted by: Nancy Roa

"Helping the families in our community to maintain happy and healthy kids"

In the fall of 2010, the idea of Snack Back Packs was presented to the staff at Sullivan BOCES. Since then, this initiative has spread due to the overwhelming support from the staff at BOCES, the Tri-Valley Lions Club, the employees of the Misner Agency, the Teacher's Sorority, Alpha Delta Kappa, and the Sullivan Correctional Facility. The United Way of Sullivan County also supports the program by providing supplemental funding and developing community awareness.

On average, BOCES for the past three years has sent home 35 to 50 backpacks every other week to the students in need. The backpacks are distributed on a rotating basis to students who counselors, school nurses, or other staff has identified as in need. Each pack is filled with food items that children can eat as a supplement to their dietary intake. Typically, the packs include peanut butter, crackers, granola bars, packaged meals, ramen noodles, ravioli, cereal, mac & cheese, oatmeal, and raisins.

We try to keep a well-stocked food selection so we can continue on a bi-weekly basis. The backpacks are provided throughout the school year and in summer school. Many of our parents are excited about the program because it helps during times of need.

Due to the generosity of the staff at Sullivan BOCES and the support from outside groups, we able to fulfill our goal of helping feed the hungry children of Sullivan County and keep this initiative going until the need no longer exists.

The Backpack Program is running at the Rubin Pollack Education Center, which is overseen by Jamie Ward. Nancy Roa maintains the program at the White Sulphur Springs School along with Julie Caruso.

This program has been so beneficial to the students and families that we look forward to continuing the program during the 2014-2015 school year!



Mrs. Nancy Roa and Mrs. Julie Caruso with the last of the Snack Backpacks to go out before the end of summer school.

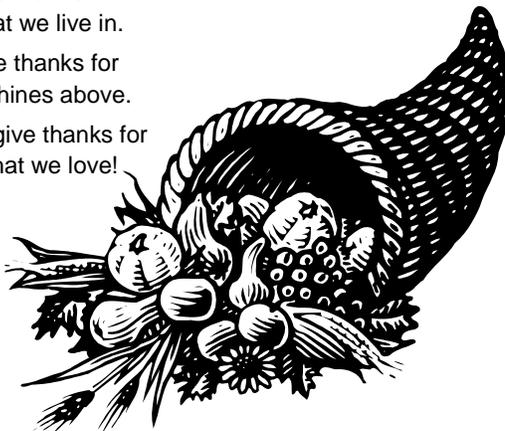
Thanksgiving

First we give thanks for
the food we are given.

Then we give thanks for
the house that we live in.

Then we give thanks for
the sun that shines above.

But mostly we give thanks for
the people that we love!



Source: <http://www.simplykinder.com/2012/11/thanksgiving-poem-freebies.html>

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.

The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."

The second one said, "There are bats in the air."

The third one said, "But we don't care."

The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."

The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun."

"OO-oo!" went the wind and out went the light.

And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.



Source: http://fun-in-first.blogspot.com/2011_10_01_archive.html

Do It Yourself (DIY) Organizational Tips for Caregivers or Parents

Organization Caddy

This organization caddy or station is a great gift for your student's teacher or perfect for homeschooling parents to have a centralized organization system for all of your school and art supplies. In the picture example, they used vegetable cans, soup cans, and buckets and painted them. Painting allows you to color code or personalize the containers. Depending on what size containers you need, coffee cans or recycled paint cans will work as well. If painting is not your craft of choice, it can be fun to cover the cans and containers using craft paper, scrapbook paper, or even white paper that the kids can decorate ahead of time before gluing to the containers.



<http://3boysandadog.com/2013/08/diy-school-supplies-using-recycled-materials/>

Over the Door School Supplies Organizer

My kids used to ALWAYS ask me where to find random school supplies when it was time to do homework... almost every evening. "I need a pencil or I need a marker, etc"... I was tired of looking for them, so I decided to GET ORGANIZED with it. My kids have been in love since I installed them. They think its the neatest thing to have great organization for their stuff. Their friends are amazed when they see just how organized you can actually be.

<http://www.abowfulloflemons.net/2012/01/over-door-school-supplies-organizer.html>



Get your family or home business organized with ideas from the Man oh Man Command Center! This is perfect for parent communication center for home based providers. Visit the website for more details!

Man oh Man Command Center

This whole wall is maybe 2 feet wide and 6 feet tall, but it provides SO much organizational goodness. I love having multiple pockets in which to stick mail and magazines. A white board (and PENS!) right at my fingertips is amazing. And the calendar comes in handy when I need to jot down an appointment or play date when I'm not on my computer.

<http://ciburbanity.com/2014/02/20/man-oh-man-command-center/>



Message From Donna Willi, Executive Director

Dear Friends of Quality Child Care,

Much of the employment opportunity in our County is shift work, night and weekend work and is most often paid by the hour with little or no paid time off. Who cares for the children while our residents are working those shift jobs, nights and weekends?

Some families take turns caring for the children; while one parent is at work, one is home and vice versa. Other families are not so fortunate or are single parent households. Parents need accurate information in order to make appropriate decisions regarding their child care. The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. provides that information. We work with families to help them find their best child care solution. Many families are choosing family, friends or neighbors to care for their children instead of regulated child care because of convenience or a lack of a regulated program that offers the hours of care a family needs. This type of care is sometimes referred to as friend or relative care or legally-exempt child care. In many cases, these types of arrangements are short term, temporary and sporadic leaving the family in a constant struggle to find child care.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc., amongst many other things, works to educate parents and the community at large, including employers, of the significance of regulated child care and the significance of quality early education to each of those audiences. Regulated child care providers experience an average of four on site visits from regulatory agencies during their program hours per year; many of these visits are unscheduled and/or unannounced. These visits offer parents the comfort of knowing their children are in a setting that is not only required to, but has chosen to adhere to a comprehensive set of regulations and has chosen to accept the consequences if found to be out of compliance with those regulations. Regulated child care providers are business men and women that have gone through extensive training, child abuse clearance checks and statewide criminal history checks and have CPR and First Aid certification. Additionally, many of them hold college degrees in early childhood or a related field.

We face many dilemmas in our day to day. Some are a quick fix and some will take years or generations to improve and correct. Child care has a long way to go. Until the industry reaches an optimal solution for parents, providers and our communities we must all continue to build the road toward safe, high quality child care for all children and families, beginning with the demand for regulated child care.

We challenge the employers of Sullivan County to evaluate the child care needs of their employees and work with us to resolve their issues. We challenge the parents of Sullivan County to ask more questions and seek the guidance and support of their local child care resource and referral agency to ensure their children are experiencing safe, high quality child care. We challenge the regulated child care providers of Sullivan County to renew or obtain their child development credential, to offer program hours to meet the demands of our working families and to engage in QUALITYstarsNY.

The Council continues to support regulated child care and QUALITYstarsNY and is available to provide guidance, training and technical assistance to anyone interested in meeting the challenge of ensuring all children are in safe, high quality, regulated child care programs. Visit our website at: www.scchildcare.com or call (845) 292-7166. We are here to serve you!

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.

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: Giggie-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

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.

School is almost here and nutrition is an important factor in learning. Children need to be sure to start their day with a breakfast that is nourishing and filling. CACFP guidelines require children to have a grain, whole grains are best, a fresh fruit and milk. Another component to consider is adding a protein. Common breakfast proteins are eggs, yogurt, cheese and cottage cheese. Proteins tend to make children feel full and can make them last until lunch time is served. Be sure to find out when your child is eating lunch while in school or child care. Be sure they have no more than 3 hours between mealtimes. The school districts will also distribute an application to see if your child is eligible to receive the free and reduced food program. This will ensure your child receives a lunch considered credible by the USDA. If you decide to pack a lunch for your child I have included a few suggestions below:

- Peanut butter and banana rolled in a wheat tortilla, baby carrots, yogurt and milk
- Rolled ham and cheese, goldfish, cucumbers, apple and milk
- Cold pizza, pepperoni, applesauce and green peppers with milk
- Cheese and cracker sandwiches, celery with peanut butter, raisins and milk
- Cottage cheese, pineapple, pretzels, string beans and milk.

Be creative; make projects with the food. Tortillas are fun for the children to roll their own sandwiches. Add lots of color and variety. If you have any questions or if you are looking for nutritional guidance please feel free to call Aimee Pittaluga at (845)292-7166 x 306.

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.*

October 23rd:
Caring for Children w ADHD

November 20th:
Continuity of Care

<http://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

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	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		
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
Preventing SIDS & Promoting Safe Sleep (Online)	1.0 0.1	Free	X		X	X			X	x	
Transportation (Online)	2.0	Free	X			X	x	x	X		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Council Closed	2	3	4	5	6
National Waffle Week: 9/1-9/7						
7 National Grandparents Day	8	9	10	11 SUNY Videoconference Quality Programming 6:45p-9:15p @ Council	12	13
14	15	16	17 Child Care Orientation 5:30p-7:30p @ Council	18	19 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	20
National Clean Hands Week: 9/14-9/20						
21	22 Family Day	23 Fall Equinox	24 Rosh Hashana (Begins at Sunset)	25	26 Johnny Appleseed Day	27 Family Health & Fitness Day
National Keep Kids Creative Week: 9/21-9/27						
28	29 Nat'l Coffee Day	30	September 2014			



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2014			1	2 World Farm Animals Day	3 Yom Kippur (Begins at Sunset) Nat'l Diversity Day	4
5 Eid-al-Adha	6 Blue Shirt Day— Bullying Prevention	7 Child Abuse & Maltreatment 6:30p-8:30p @ Council	8 National Pierogy Day	9	10 World Egg Day	11
National Newspaper Week: 10/5-10/11						
12	13 Columbus Day Council Closed	14	15	16	17 African American Poetry Day	18
19	20	21	22	23 Videoconference Caring for Children w ADHD 6:45-9:15p @ Council	24 Al-Hijra/Muharram (Begins at Sunset)	25
National Chemistry Week: 10/19-10/25						
26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2014						
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3	4	5	6	7	8 Domino Day
National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week: 11/3-11/9						
9	10 Sesame Street Day	11 Council Closed 	12	13	14 Nat'l American Teddy Bear Day	15
National Young Reader's Week: 11/9-11/15						
16 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	17 Homemade Bread Day	18 Mickey Mouse Day	19 Child Care Orientation 10:30a-12:30p @ Council	20 SUNY Videoconference Continuity of Care 6:45p-9:15p @ Council	21	22
23	24 Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day	25	26 Council Closes at 12:30 pm	27 Thanksgiving Council Closed	28 Council Closed	29
National Game & Puzzle Week: 11/23-11/29						30

****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 CDA CEU's/Topics Covered	Hrs/ CEU's	Cost/ Reduced Cost	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Child Abuse & Maltreatment	2.0	\$10						X		X	X
Health & Safety	15.0 1.5	\$250	x	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
MAT	2.5	\$160					X				
SUNY Videoconference: Caring for Children w ADHD	2.5 .25	Free	X		x						
SUNY Videoconferences: Continuity of Care	2.5 .25	Free	x		X	X					
SUNY Videoconferences: Quality Programming	2.5 .25	Free	X		X						

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

Here are some regulatory changes effecting documentation requirements since the new regulations have taken effect:

Attendance records must reflect the attendance—real time—with the times in and out.

416/17.15(c)(5) The program must maintain on file at the family day care home, available for inspection by the Office or its designees at any time, the following records in a current and accurate manner: daily attendance records that are filled out at the time a child arrives and departs, and must include arrival and departure times.

Daily health checks must be recorded daily.

416/17.11(c)

(2) The health care plan must describe the following:

(i) how a daily health check of each child for any indication of illness, injury, abuse or maltreatment will be conducted and documented.

Two shelter in place drills held & recorded annually.

416/17.5(b): (4) Each program must hold two shelter-in-place drills annually during which procedures and supplies are reviewed. Parents must be made aware of this drill in advance. **(5)** The registrant must maintain on file a record of each shelter-in-place drill conducted, using forms provided by the Office or approved equivalents.

Pets must be up to date with required vaccines and licensed if required! Contact your Town Clerk's Office to find out which pets need to be licensed and how to license them.

416/17.5(l): (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.

From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

As you are well aware, the new regulations went into effect on 5/1/14.

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! **416/17.15(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:

Theлма York & Maria Santos



Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I just purchased a swing set—got a good end of season deal—but I was wondering what I need to do to make sure it's in compliance with the regulations when I install it.

Thank you,
Ready to play

Dear Ready to play,

The regulations state outdoor play equipment that present a fall hazard must have a cushioned surface. Surfacing may not include concrete, pavement, grass or hard dirt.

The best thing to do is to consult the Product Manual for the play equipment and review the Suggested Playground Surfacing/Warning section. If you do not have one, search online for the company and look under product manuals. Keep a copy on hand to show that it has been installed according to the guidelines. If you are unable to locate the product manual, you should comply with the CPSC Playground Safety Handbook at www.cpsc.gov:

Install and maintain a shock-absorbing surface around the play equipment. Use at least 9 inches of wood chips, mulch, or shredded rubber for play equipment up to 7 feet high. If sand or pea gravel is used, install at least a 9-inch layer for play equipment up to 5 feet high. Or, use surfacing mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials.

Enjoy the new swing set!

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.



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Source: <http://www.pinterest.com/pin/432345632948435792/>

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	\$21
Part Day	\$14	\$14	\$14	\$13
Hourly	\$3.33	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$3.50

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Make sure you stay up to date with info & updates from the Council!

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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Subscribe

Visit www.scchildcare.com and subscribe is on all pages (as shown).



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.

Council Renaissance Project II

More Beautification to the DFS Campus

Check out the second part of the Council Renaissance Project as you turn onto Community Lane!

The entranceway is the second part of the beautification process that Donna Willi has made possible through the Sullivan Renaissance.

Thank you to all who dedicate themselves to making Sullivan County a more beautiful place to live.



Product Recalls

www.cpsc.gov

Dream On Me Dinah High Chairs

Hazard: The leg or side opening of the chair can allow a child's body to pass through and become entrapped at the neck or fall from the chair. This poses a strangulation and fall hazard to young children

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled high chairs and contact Dream On Me to receive a free repair kit.

Sold at: exclusively online by Walmart.com and Amazon.com from November 2012 to November 2013 for about \$60.

Consumer Contact: Dream On Me toll-free at (877) 201-4317 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday or online at www.dreamonme.com and click on the Recalls tab for more information.

Sparrow Cribs

Hazard: The slats/spindles and top rail can detach from the cribs and pose an entrapment hazard to a child.

Incidents/Injuries: Oeuf received four reports of the slats/spindles and the top rail detaching from the crib. No injuries were reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the cribs and contact Oeuf to receive a free repair kit.

Sold at: Independent juvenile specialty stores nationwide and online for about \$800.

Consumer Contact: Oeuf toll-free at (844) 653-8527 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.oefnyc.com and click on Sparrow Recall for more information.

Avigo 20 Inch Turn N' Burn Youth Bicycles

Hazard: The front wheel on the bicycle can detach, posing a fall hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Dynacraft has received one report of a consumer who fell and sustained scrapes and abrasions when the front wheel detached.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled bicycle and contact Dynacraft to arrange for a free repair.

Sold exclusively at: Toys "R" Us stores nationwide and online at ToysRUs.com between September 2013 and June 2014 for \$130.

Consumer Contact: Dynacraft at (800) 551-0032 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or online at www.dynacraftbike.com and click on "Owners," then select "Warnings/Recalls."

GT downhill mountain bicycles

Hazard: The wheel hubs can break and cause the brake system to fail, posing crash and injury hazards to the consumer.

Incidents/Injuries: Cycling Sports Group has received five reports of broken hubs. No injuries have been reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the bicycles and return them to the nearest authorized GT dealer to have the complete front and rear wheels replaced free of charge.

Sold at: Authorized GT dealers from February 2014 to June 2014 for between \$4,300 and \$6,000.

Consumer Contact: Cycling Sports Group at (800) 726-2453 from 9a- 6p ET Monday—Friday, email-custserve@cyclingsportsgroup.com, or online at www.gt bicycles.com and click on Recalls under Recalls & Safety at the bottom of the page.

Child Restraint Recalls

www.recalls.gov

Graco Children's Products (Graco) is recalling certain rear-facing child restraints manufactured between July 2010 and May 2013, models SnugRide, SnugRide Classic Connect (including Classic Connect 30 and 35), SnugRide 30, SnugRide 35, SnugRide Click Connect 40, and Aprica A30. The defect involves difficulty in unlatching the harness buckle. In some cases, the buckle becomes stuck in a latched condition so that it cannot be opened by depressing the buckle's release button.

CONSEQUENCE: It may be difficult to remove the child from the restraint, increasing the risk of injury in the event of a vehicle crash, fire, or other emergency, in which a prompt exit from the vehicle is required.

REMEDY: Graco will replace the buckle with a new design, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Graco at 1-877-766-7470 or online at www.gracobucklerecall@gracobaby.com, or at consumerservices@gracobaby.com. Note: In addition, Graco will conduct a consumer satisfaction campaign to cover infant child restraints manufactured with AmSafe QT3 and Signature buckles. Under this consumer satisfaction campaign, the company will provide a replacement buckle at no cost to any consumer upon their request for the useful life of the child restraint. To see if your model may be covered, or for additional information, call Graco at 1-877-766-7470, visit www.gracobucklerecall.com, or email consumerservices@gracobaby.com.

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.**

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, November 19, 2014, 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	6	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	5	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	\$147.27	\$162.81	n/a	n/a	\$125.63
Group Family Day Care	n/a	\$162.81	\$149.13	n/a	n/a	\$105.22
Day Care Center	\$181.25	n/a	n/a	\$170.00	\$151.69	\$150.00

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2014 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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Ferndale, NY 12734

Name/Organization _____

Phone () _____

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*Please submit a business card with your donation of \$100 or more. *Donations are non-refundable.*

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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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