



Caregiver News

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

Funding Will Allow More Than 1,500 Children to Enroll in High-Quality Pre-K

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced \$10.4 million has been awarded to 25 high-need school districts to increase access to quality pre-kindergarten for more than 1,500 three-year-old students across New York. As included in the Governor's 2016 Built to Lead Agenda, this funding aims to support the expansion of pre-k as part of the State's ongoing efforts to promote early education, specifically in high-need districts, and improve the academic future for all students.

"Every child deserves a fair shot at a high-quality education," Governor Cuomo said. "This funding will help level the academic playing field for children in these underprivileged communities, giving them opportunity to succeed, thrive and ultimately lead in New York."

Funding was awarded to school districts based on the quality of the application and other factors, including district and student need, efforts to target the highest need students, and efforts to maximize total number of children served in pre-kindergarten programs.

"Research shows that as much as half of the achievement gap is already established before students enter first grade," said Board of Regents Chancellor Betty A. Rosa. "Investing in high-quality prekindergarten programs can narrow the achievement gap between low-income and affluent youth and have a positive long-term impact on children's lives. Giving our children a quality head start is simply the right thing to do."

"We know that prekindergarten makes a huge difference in preparing children for school," said State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia. "High-quality prekindergarten programs, especially those that provide full-day services and serve low-income or high need students, help those students stay on track to graduate from high school and, over the long term, significantly reduce costs for remedial education, social services, health and criminal justice programs.

Since 2011, Governor Cuomo has more than doubled the State's commitment to early childhood education to improve the academic future of young people across New York. Early learning can bridge achievement gaps and provide benefits in the earliest stages of youth and throughout adulthood. Studies from the National Institute for Early Education Research show that children who participate in high quality early childhood education programs have higher cognitive test scores from the toddler years to age 21, higher academic achievement in both reading and math, and are more likely to attend a four-year college and be gainfully employed.

District	Award
Addison Central School District	\$310,040
Auburn City School District	\$820,384
Bath Central School District	\$306,161
Beekmantown Central School District	\$213,408
Canajoharie Central School District	\$150,475
Chateaugay Central School District	\$176,000
Cohoes City School District	\$263,147
Copenhagen Central School District	\$144,000
Dansville Central School District	\$198,487
Dunkirk City School District	\$692,168
Fillmore Central School District	\$211,782
GeneseeValley Central School District	\$203,065
Jordan-Elbridge Central School District	\$510,912
Lackawanna City School District	\$583,859
Lansingburgh Central School District	\$126,369
Middleburgh Central School District	\$125,303
Monticello Central School District	\$248,982
Odessa-Montour Central School District	\$266,217
Penn Yan Central School District	\$216,000
Rome City School District	\$1,147,527
Sodus Central School District	\$179,665
Syracuse City School District	\$1,245,461
Watertown Central School District	\$1,075,968
Whitney Point Central School District	\$453,438
Yonkers City School District	\$492,592
Total	\$10,361,410

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Featured Agency: Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless

Director: Kathy Krieter



The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless (the Federation) has been providing emergency food services to those at risk of hunger since 1987. The Federation operates the only soup kitchen in Sullivan County. The Kitchen Program provides breakfast and lunch five days a week (Monday-Friday). On average, the Federation annually serves over 32,000 hot meals. We also operate the largest food pantry in Sullivan County. Last year, we distributed 6,294 pantries, with a meal factor of 9, or the equivalent of 56, 646 meals. We distribute pantries on a bi-weekly basis, with an additional pantry on the second Tuesday of every month to meet the needs of our clients. We also operate the only Veteran's Pantry in the county, which provides both food and access to a variety of Veteran's service agencies. These programs are open to the public and do not require proof of financial eligibility to access.

The Federation maintains a 24 hour a day, seven day a week emergency phone number for food related emergencies. Calls to this emergency number are responded to within a two hour time frame. When a food emergency arises, a Federation staff member will meet with the client and provide a food pantry to them. Analyzing the numbers and data of families and individuals accessing the Kitchen, Pantry, and the emergency phone enable us to monitor the needs and access local issues related to food insecurity, thus strengthening our program's effectiveness.

Primary to our mission is to enhance the accessibility and availability of safe and nutritious food. The Federation invites other agencies to our site to offer our clients access to programs that promote healthy living. Hudson River Health Care is present on pantry days to offer clients the opportunity to sign up for health care. Sullivan Renaissance educates and instructs our clients in how to grow and maintain a vegetable garden on our property, with the harvest going to supplement our soup kitchen meals. The 2011 class of Leadership Sullivan (a volunteer program promoting community involvement) created a computer lab at the Federation, which clients are able to access for job/housing searches, etc. The BIKE SHARE PROGRAM, a unique and distinctive project now in its fourth year, offers the use of free bicycles. People are allowed to borrow the bikes and return them under the honor system. Able bodied clients without transportation use them to access the Kitchen and Pantry programs, travel to work or medical appointments. We have a "Clothing Corner" which was recently renovated, this time by Leadership Sullivan Class of 2014. They built beautiful closets with labeled bins which makes the clothing so much more organized/accessible to our clients. A local social media group, dubbed "A Friend in Need" works closely with us to assist our clients and area residents with needs ranging from kitchen tables to beds to the building of a ramp that would allow a homebound individual ability to leave her home for the first time in over three years. This year, Walmart Pharmacy was on hand to administer flu shots. The Federation

also distributes ESFG (FEMA) and HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People living with Aids) monies to those with utility and/or rent emergencies. All of these programs empower our clients to make healthy and productive choices for their lives.

The winter months are the busiest time of year for us. Seasonal employment opportunities have dried up, heating season has arrived and many families and individuals are truly struggling. Seniors on fixed incomes have to decide whether to put oil in the tank or food on the table. Families with children struggle with whether to pay the rent or put food on the table. We continue to operate the soup kitchen five days a week and run regular pantries all through the winter, although fresh produce is usually reserved for the warmer months when it is more affordable. During the traditional holiday season we hold a Thanksgiving Dinner to which all are welcome. On the average we serve 100-150 meals on that day. At our Christmas Eve dinner that number swells to approximately 350 meals. That meal and all the trimmings are donated and prepared by Bill Sipos and staff from Mr. Willy's. We also have bike raffles and a gift for all children in attendance courtesy of Toys for Tots.

The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is committed to developing individualized and community wide plans for disadvantaged people to break the cycles of poverty. Our programs evolve to meet the needs of our neighbors in need here in Sullivan County.

Medication Administration Training (MAT)

Only topical ointments, sunscreens and repellents are legally permitted to be applied in a child care setting without a license or registration to administer medication.

To sign up for MAT training or to make an appointment for your 3 year renewal practicum, please email info@scchildcare.com.

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

MAT grant applications (**up to \$100 reimbursement**) can be obtained online at www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtm or contact the SUNY MAT Grant Program at **800-295-9616** or mat@pdp.albany.edu.

MAT Approved Programs

The following providers hold a license/registration to administer medication:

Best Friends Services, Inc.

Jessica Dean

Tonya Dirie

Early Childhood Cooperative Experience

Easter Seals of New York, Inc.

Deborah Gubiotti

J&C First Steps Daycare, LLC: Diane Harvey

Angel Morton

Nana's House Child Care Center, Inc.

New Hope Manor

Marlena's Family Daycare: Marlena Pittaluga-Egan

TLC for Young Children, LLC

Twin Bridge Play School Inc.

Kristy Petrowsky

Sullivan County Head Start, Inc (All locations)

Medication Administration

Obtain your MAT Certification or Renewal with a new independent at **home study program & testing with a SUNY MAT instructor.**

You *must* renew your MAT Certificate every three years, *prior to the expiration date!!*

Please visit the following website for specific information and direction on renewing your MAT Certificate
www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtm

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

Child & Adult Care Food

New CACFP Participants:

Susette Goldsmith

For more information call:

Aimee Pittaluga, CACFP Coordinator

(845) 292-7166 x 306.

It is that time of year when people are looking to help others out by possibly donating to the less fortunate. One idea is gather a box to donate to a local agency that assists people in need of foods for the holidays. Other ideas may be gathering household cleaning supplies, or hygiene product baskets.

You can try a reverse calendar count down: put an item to give away in a basket to be donated for each day of the month until the date of the holiday you celebrate.

There are many different ways you can help out during these most difficult months for many in our county.

- Donate gently used coats for a local coat drive.
- Food is always a great way to help. A lot of food pantries receive many canned typed vegetables.

Here are some other ideas of non perishable foods that you can donate to your local pantry. (Also consider pop lids for people that may not have access to a can opener. Please do not donate expired foods.)

- Choose shelf-stable milks
- 100 percent juice or vegetable juice boxes
- Non salted nuts, peanut butter, dried fruits
- Canned tuna, salmon, chicken
- Fruit cups, in natural juice, unsweetened applesauce
- Whole grain pastas
- Brown rice
- Quinoa, couscous
- Oatmeal, unsweetened cereals
- Canned Diced tomatoes, jarred tomato sauce
- Olive oil
- Low sodium soups
- Low sodium/organic canned beans, dry beans
- Granola bars, popcorn

Holiday choices

- Yams in a can
- Stovetop stuffing
- Matza
- Gifilte fish
- Cranberry sauce
- Kosher items

Thank you and happy holidays!!!

Online Training

NYSOCFS/PDP Online Trainings—FREE!

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

Fully narrated courses. Learning points of the training are enhanced throughout using video clips and interactive exercises. Application saves progress every 10-15 minute section, and allows you up to 30 days to complete the entire course.

Available Courses:

Course Title	Hrs	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas
Early Intervention	1.5	1, 4	3, 4, 7, 8
Emergency Preparedness	1.5	4, 7	1, 4, 5
Family Engagement	1.0	3, 4	4, 5, 6
Keeping Children Safe	1.5	1, 3, 4, 7	1, 2, 8
Infant Brain Development **NEW**	1.0	1, 3	2, 3
Mandated Reporter Training	2.0	5, 6, 8	NA
Managing Challenging Behavior	1.5	1	1, 3
Obesity Prevention	2.0	2	1
Preventing SBS	1.0	1, 9	1, 3, 4,
Preventing SIDS & Promoting Safe Sleep	1.0	1, 3, 4, 7	1, 3, 4, 8
School Age Child Care	1.5	1, 3, 4	1, 5, 8
Supervision of Children	1.5	4	1
Transportation	2.0	3, 4, 7	1, 4, 5

Find online courses on our website!

www.scchildcare.com—under *Provider Education!* Choose courses from Physical & Intellectual Development, Commitment to Professionalism, Effective Program Operation, Social & Emotional Development, Observing & Recording Progress & Behavior of Children, Positive Relationships with Families, Child Growth & Development, and Safe & Healthy Environment. OCFS and CDA approved topics!

- Learn at your own pace & on your own schedule
- Easy to use
- Friendly 1-800 Help Support Line
- Affordable courses
- One year to complete a course
- International Association for Continuing Education & Training (IACET) approved courses & college credit
- CEU certificates issued immediately

Not all individual trainings are approved for OCFS training hours/EIP, however they are all approved for CDA hours. For more information visit the website.

Video Conferences

ecetp.pdp.albany.edu

The SUNY Video conferences are held at the *Sullivan County Child Care Council in Liberty*; classes start promptly at **6:45**; please arrive on time! These are adult learning experiences. *No children, please.*

The 2017 schedule will be available at
www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/videoconferencing.shtm

Intensive Technical Assistance

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc offers intensive technical assistance. If you would like to gain more knowledge about a specific topic, an individualized training can be set up to address your needs as one session or multiple session workshops (conducted at your home during down time in your program).

If you would like to earn training credit through intensive technical assistance consider the following:

- “Learning Manners at Mealtimes”
- “Benefiting from Family Style Eating “
- “Age Appropriate Room Arrangements”
- “Introduction of Sign Language”
- “Gross Motor with Indoor & Outdoor Play”
- “Ideas for Better Nutrition & Physical Activity”
- “Learning through Nature”
- “Picky Eaters”
- “Creating Theme Curriculum”

Or choose your own topic!

Contact us at info@scchildcare.com to request a session or for more information or call Aimee Pittaluga at (845) 292-7166 x 306.

This free service is funded by NYSOCFS.

QUALITYstarsNY

Visit and Ask Questions (*in person and/or over phone*)

Like the sound of a program? Make an appointment to visit! Visiting a program is the best way to judge if it will be a good fit for your child and family. We recommend visiting at least 3 programs before making a decision.

Things to keep in mind:

- Visit during regular business hours when children are present
- Plan to stay at least an hour
- Try to bring your child to see how s/he responds to the program staff and environment
- Bring notes or a checklist to remind yourself of questions you want to ask and things you want to observe. QUALITYstarsNY has put together a checklist to help you determine whether the program is high quality.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2016				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!	26 Council Closed	27	28	29	30	

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year!	2 Council Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Council Closed Martin Luther King, Jr Day	17	18 Child Care Orientation @ Council 5:30p-7:30p	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	January 2017				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2017			1	2	3	4
5	6 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	7	8	9 CDA SNOW DATE	10	11
12	13 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	14	15	16 CDA SNOW DATE	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	24	25
26	27 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	28	29	30	31	

****CDA Courses Pending PDP Approval**

CDA CONTENT AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment 2. Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development 3. Positive ways to support children's social and emotional development 4. Strategies to establish productive relationships with families 5. Strategies to manage an effective program operation 6. Maintaining a commitment to professionalism 7. Observing and recording children's behavior 8. Principles of child development and learning
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CORE COMPETENCY AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Growth and Development 2. Family and Community Relationships 3. Observation and Assessment 4. Environment and Curriculum 5. Health, Safety, and Nutrition 6. Professionalism and Leadership 7. Administration and Management
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Course Title	Hrs/ CEU's	Cost/ Reduced Cost	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas	CBK Areas
Orientation	NA	\$10	NA	NA	NA

OCFS TOPICS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Principles of Child Development 2. Nutrition and Health Needs of Infants and Children 3. Program Development 4. Safety and Security Procedures 5. Business Record Maintenance and Management 6. Child Abuse and Maltreatment Identification & Prevention 7. Statues and regulations pertaining to child daycare 8. States & Regs pertaining to Child Abuse & Maltreatment 9. Shaken Baby syndrome
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****Please Note** Training Expectations**

In order to ensure the most productive and enjoyable training experience, please keep the following in mind when attending a Council training:

- **Arrive on time.** If you arrive more than 10 minutes late for the training, you will not be admitted.
- **No children** are permitted during training sessions.
- **Put cell phones on vibrate/silent mode.** If you need to take a call during the training, please leave the room.
- In order to receive credit for the training, **you must stay for the full training.** *If you are asked to leave for interrupting the group due to cell phone use or side conversations, you will not receive a certificate.*
- If you need to leave early for any reason, you will not receive **any** credit for the training.
- Side conversations will not be permitted as they are distracting to the group.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

Focus on the Regulations

Review Regulations @ ocfs.ny.gov

Documentation Reminder: Everyone needs to be signed in to your program! Children, caregivers and visitors are required to be signed in and out of your program each day. Children's attendance should accurately reflect the attendance at any point in time.

416/417.15(c) 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:

(5) daily attendance records that are filled out at the time a child arrives and departs, and must include arrival and departure times;

(13) a daily schedule documenting the arrival and departure times of each caregiver, employees and volunteers;

.8(p) Visitor control procedures.

(1) Each family day care home shall require visitors to the home to:

(i) sign in upon entry to the premises;

(ii) indicate in writing the date of the visit and the time of entry to the home;

(iii) clearly state in writing the purpose of the visit; and

(iv) sign out upon departure from the home indicating in writing the time of departure.

(2) Each family day care home shall establish written rules and policies as are necessary to provide for monitoring and control of visitors to protect the health, safety and welfare of children in care.

From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

One of the most important things you can do for your child care business is create good working relationships with the families in your care.

Holiday time is a perfect time to bring families into your programs for celebrations and to help you to get to know them better. Children love holiday celebrations and parents love to see their children happy and engaged.

Plan a holiday party with a holiday craft that parents or relatives can come into your program to assist with. Activities such as arts and crafts, for example making winter themed art projects, decorations or gingerbread houses, is something families can enjoy together; while creating a stronger relationship with you as you interact with them for a social event and they get to see some of your child care programming first hand.

Ask the families to bring or bake a holiday goody to share that comes from their holiday tradition. Families can share their stories of holiday traditions with you.

Wishing you and your families happy holidays and a safe and blessed new year!

Theresa Murdock-Marin, Registrar

Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I keep hearing about Aspire to track my professional development.

It just seems like one more tedious task to complete. I am confused about the registration process & how to maintain it.

Can you tell me why it would be beneficial to me?

**Thank you,
Wondering**

Dear Wondering,

The ASPIRE registry helps you document your professional achievements and gives you access to the training resources you can take advantage of in your area.

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.

1. Create an Individual Account Go to www.nyworksforchildren.org and click Join or Log into Aspire. Select Create an Account and enter your contact information. Check both your Inbox and your Spam folder for an email with your Aspire ID and password.
2. Complete the Aspire online application Use your Aspire ID and password to login to your account. Check the box next to Aspire Profile, and then click Continue. On the Employment tab, search for your program using the Aspire organization ID or license/permit number.
3. Submit your documents You will receive an email with a list of the documents you need to send. The Aspire Registry accepts photocopies of all education and training documents including photocopies of official transcripts. Send these documents within 10 days to: The Aspire Registry, 16 Court Street, 31stFloor Brooklyn, NY 11241.

This online registry can be helpful in tracking your continued education needed for your child care program and provide resources to guide your career choices and professional growth.

You can also submit your ASPIRE training record to your registrar or licenser as proof of training records that are required every two years.

You can also contact ASPIRE directly for assistance at (718) 254-7716.

Jodi

Child Care Time & Attendance (CCTA)

Submit your timesheets online with the Child Care Time and Attendance (CCTA) System!!

We encourage all providers to submit timesheets through our web-based system, CCTA.

There are several benefits to using the web-based provider portal such as:

- ◆ Eliminate the cost of shipping, mailing and purchasing paper products and postal supplies.
- ◆ Eliminate time delay of using the postal service.
- ◆ TRACK PAYMENTS ON A DAILY BASIS.

Please help us welcome out newest web-based users:

The Ark of Learning, LLC

If you are interested in submitting your timesheets online, please give Kelsey a call at (845) 292-7166 x311!

NY Works for Children/ASPIRE

The Aspire Registry is an online system that supports early childhood professionals and recognizes the important work that you do. With an Aspire profile, you can take advantage of helpful resources to guide your career choices and plan your professional growth.

How to Complete Your Organization Account

This page should be used by directors and administrators to complete their Organization account. Instructions for how to set-up an Aspire profile are on the following page.

1. Activate your Organization account Go to www.nyworksforchildren.org and click Join or Log into Aspire. Select Create an Organization Account and enter your contact information and program license number or permit number. You will receive your Organization ID and password from The Aspire Registry within 3 business days.
2. Create Aspire Profiles Follow the steps listed on the following page to complete your Aspire profile. Create a plan for how you will assist your team in completing their Aspire profiles. Keep in mind that each person will need about 20 minutes to complete the application process. Support your staff to complete their own Aspire profiles. Copy and distribute the following page as a resource, along with your Organization ID.
3. Provide additional information about your program After each member of your faculty has created an Aspire profile, use the Employees Tab to verify each employee by selecting Update next to each name. Under the Classrooms Tab add classrooms to your account by selecting Add Group. Select the teaching staff that works in each classroom and update classroom information. 4. Keep your account up to date! We recommend logging into your Organization account regularly to make sure your information is still accurate. Support your staff to send in any new training or education information throughout the year.

Legally Exempt News

All Legally Exempt providers are subject to announced or unannounced inspection and/or verification of child care to verify compliance with applicable laws and regulations and any additional requirements imposed on such a provider by the social services district.

All Legally Exempt providers are **required to maintain current and accurate attendance records for each child showing the date of attendance with the time of arrival and departure; on a daily basis (full day absences must also be noted).**

An eligible provider must certify that all documentation and information provided to a social services district is accurate and true. Any false or fraudulent claims for payment by a provider may result in the deferral or disallowance of payment for such claims with a social services district, and/or referral for investigation.

It is important to become familiar with the NYS Regulations & CACFP Policies and Procedures.

Legally Exempt Child Care Rates

Standard Without training	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
Weekly	\$98	\$98	\$98	\$93
Daily	\$21	\$20	\$20	\$20
Part Day	\$14	\$13	\$13	\$12
Hourly	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25

Enhanced With training	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
Weekly	\$105	\$105	\$105	\$100
Daily	\$23	\$21	\$21	\$21
Part Day	\$15	\$14	\$14	\$14
Hourly	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

LE Group Child Care	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
Weekly	\$0	\$0	\$135	\$128
Daily	\$0	\$0	\$29	\$28
Part Day	\$0	\$0	\$19	\$19
Hourly	\$0	\$0	\$5.63	\$5.25

Product Recalls

www.cpsc.gov

Child Safety Seat Recalls

www.recalls.gov/nhtsa.html

Safer Together: CPSC and CBP Collaborate to Keep Unsafe Toys Off Store Shelves

Here are some safety tips for consumers to keep in mind this holiday season:

- **Magnets:** Children's magnetic toys are covered by a strong safety standard that aims to prevent magnets from being swallowed. High-powered magnet sets that do not meet CPSC's lifesaving standard are not permitted.
- **Balloons:** Children can choke or suffocate on deflated or broken balloons. Keep deflated balloons away from children younger than 8 years old. Discard torn balloons immediately.
- **Small balls and other toys with small parts:** For children younger than age 3, avoid toys with small parts, which can cause choking.
- **Scoters and other riding toys:** Riding toys, skateboards and in-line skates go fast, and falls could be deadly. Helmets and safety gear should be worn properly at all times, and they should be sized to fit.

Once gifts are open:

- Keep toys appropriate for older children away from younger siblings.
- Battery charging should be supervised by adults. Chargers and adapters can pose thermal burn hazards to young children. Pay attention to instructions and warnings on battery chargers. Some chargers lack any mechanism to prevent overcharging.

Menorahs

Description: This recall involves clear acrylic Hanukkah menorahs in a pyramid design that are 10.5 inches long, 1.2 inches wide and 2.3 inches high. Model number 240-14-0169 and bar code can be found on a round white label on the side of the menorah.

Hazard: The menorahs can melt when the candles are burning, posing a fire hazard.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled menorahs and return them to Target for a full refund.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received eight reports of the product melting, including three reports of fire. No property damage or injuries have been reported.

Consumer Contact: Target at 800-440-0680 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT daily, online at www.target.com and click on "School/Stationery/Seasonal" on the product recalls page or the "Product Recalls" tab on Target's Facebook page for more information.

Lexibook® Baby Bath Seats and Chairs

Description: This recall includes all Lexibook Baby Bath Seats and Chairs. The plastic baby bath seats/chairs are intended for children 6 months and up. They have a plastic base with suction cups on the bottom, a back/arm support and a toy tray. "Lexibook" is stamped on the back/arm support. "Made in China" and "2014 Lexibook Limited IT028/IT029 SN: 1407/VA09" are stamped on the bottom of the base. They were sold in a variety of colors.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled baby bath seats and contact the online retailer where it was purchased for return instructions and to receive a full refund, or a refund in the form of a store credit or gift card, depending on the online retailer. All known purchasers will be contacted directly about the recall.

Hazard: The bath seats/chairs fail to meet the federal safety standard, including requirements for stability and the bath seats can tip over while a baby is in it, posing a drowning hazard to babies.

Consumer Contact: Young Explorers, refund, (855) 831-7478 anytime, email, recalls@youngexplorers.com, online at www.youngexplorers.com. Amazon.com, gift card, (888) 280-4331 anytime, online at www.amazon.com; Wayfair LLC, store credit, (888) 549-1625 M--F from 8a--5p ET, online at www.wayfair.com. Unbeatable Sale, Inc., refund, 888-657-8436 M--F from 9a--5p ET, online at www.unbeatable.com.

Baby Jogger

NHTSA No.: 15C002000

Models: City Go Infant Car Seat, City Mini Infant Care Seat, Vue Lite Infant Seat

Noncompliance: Baby Jogger, LLC (Baby Jogger) is recalling certain City GO Infant Car Seats (models BJ64510 and BJ64529), City GO Base for infant car seat (models BJ80400 and BJ61500); City Mini Infant Car Seat/Stroller Travel Systems (model BJ72510); and Vue Lite Infant Car Seat/Stroller Travel Systems (models BJ70411, BJ70424, and BJ70431). The affected child seats have information on the labels, instruction manual and registration card that is either the wrong size, has an incorrect background color, or is in the incorrect order or is missing. As such, these seats fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 213, "Child Restraint Systems."

Consequence: Missing information, undersized text, lack of capitalization and warnings in an incorrect order may affect the consumer's understanding on the proper use of the infant car seat, increasing the risk of injury to the child in the event of a crash.

Corrective Action: Baby Jogger will notify registered owners and will provide a free replacement infant car seat. The recall began on September 27, 2016. Owners may contact Baby Jogger toll-free at 1-800-241-1848.

Notes: 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.

Happy Holidays!

Child Care Council Info

Normal Business Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

We are available for assistance in person:

7 Community Lane, Liberty, NY 12754,

Mail: **PO Box 186, Ferndale, NY 12734.**

Staff members can be reached by telephone at
(845) 292-7166, or toll free: **(877) 292-7190.**

Average Weekly Cost of Child Care

	Family Child Care	Group Family Child Care	Day Care Center
6wks-18mos	n/a	n/a	\$185.00
6wks-24mos	\$167.50	\$167.50	n/a
18mos-36mos	n/a	n/a	\$175.00
3y-5y	n/a	n/a	\$152.50
2yrs-5yrs	\$167.50	\$161.66	n/a
5y-12y	\$111.25	\$87.50	\$167.00

Prospective Child Care Providers

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

If you prefer to attend a face to face orientation session providing the opportunity to ask direct and specific questions to the Registration Coordinator, you may attend* one of the following Orientation Sessions:

Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 10:30 am

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

We need Child Care Providers!
Specifically for children ages
6 weeks to 12 months old in the
Liberty, Monticello & Fallsburg areas.

Please call 845-292-7166 to attend a child care orientation or visit ocfs.ny.gov and click on Become a Provider for more information & the free online orientation.

Child Care Programs in Sullivan County

Township	OCFS Registered/Licensed Child Care Programs				Private Schools	7/1/16-9/30/16 Requests for Care
	Day Care Centers (DCC)	Family Day Care Homes (FDC)	Group Family Day Care Homes (GFDC)	School-Age Child Care (SACC)		
Bethel	0	0	0	0		1
Callicoon	0	2	3	0		8
Cochecton	0	1	0	0		4
Delaware	0	3	0	0		5
Fallsburg	2	6	1	0		59
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0		0
Fremont	0	0	0	0		0
Highland	1	1	0	0		3
Liberty	2	9	2	2	Y	73
Lumberland	0	0	2	0	Y	11
Mamakating	1	0	1	1		21
Neversink	0	1	3	2		5
Rockland	0	2	0	0		12
Thompson	6	2	4	3	Y	118
Tusten	0	0	0	0		1
Totals	11	27	17	7	3	253

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2017 Donation Form

Professional Supporter (Check One)

(Eligible for reduced training costs.)

- \$35 Family Day Care Provider (\$25 if participate in CACFP)
- \$50 Group Family Day Care (\$40 if participate in CACFP)
- \$125 Day Care Center / SACC (\$100 if participate in CACFP)
- \$25 Legally-Exempt Provider (\$15 if participate in CACFP)

Community Supporter (Check One)

- \$50 Advocate \$100 Sponsor* Other* _____

Name/Organization: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Mail Form & Payment To:

Sullivan Co Child Care Council, Inc.

PO Box 186, Ferndale, NY 12734

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

Thank you for your financial support; it helps families gain access to quality and affordable childcare!

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Email: info@scchildcare.com
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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!**

Caregiver News

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 or contact the NYS DOH at (800)-942-3858
 OR (518) 402-7400.



Message from Donna Willi, Executive Director

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Early care and education can be defined and provided in many settings but very simply regardless of where a child spends their first five years it is imperative that place provides high quality care and developmentally appropriate learning. The long term goal is, of course, life success but the short term goal is school readiness.

Our kindergarten teachers are charged with preparing their students for the next grade level but what if a child.....

...arrives on their first day of Kindergarten not socially ready for the interactions that they will need to be successful in a classroom setting?

...is not academically prepared to begin their Kindergarten learning at the same information level their teacher is expected to begin?

...is not cognitively prepared to absorb the information that will be necessary for them to move forward with their learning?

These are the questions our teachers must find answers to each and every day. The child care profession, also referred to as early care and learning, has been fighting to ensure our teachers do not have to find answers to these questions for many years with little success. Close to one half of the children in Sullivan County enter Kindergarten unprepared, starting on day one—behind.

How can we be better at addressing this problem? The Sullivan County Child Care Council is working on several projects to face this issue head on.

- Beginning (pending PDP approval) in February 2017, we are offering 120 hours of classroom professional development, technical assistance and other supports necessary for our child care workforce to obtain their Child Development Associate (CDA).
- We have received a grant from NYS Dormitory Authority to renovate vacant space in our office building. We plan to provide high quality infant care to four infants in this space, which will include breast feeding friendly policies. The facility will also be used to provide a high quality, hands on and visual training model to parents and child care professionals.
- And lastly, we are currently engaging community partners, working to implement a School Readiness Project, modeled after Chemung County. See: www.chemung.schoolreadiness.com for more information.

If you are interested in any of these projects please email or call us. And remember —

- Quality promotes “robust brain development” over the first 4 years of life.
- During the first 3 years a child’s brain grows at the rate of 700 neural connections per second!
- During the first 4 years of life 85% of their brain architecture is complete!

Yours in **Quality**,
 Donna