

Caregiver News

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

Celebrate America

Books That Celebrate America

The White House

Written & Illustrated

by Robert Sabuda

In this spectacular pop-up guide to the White House by bestselling paper engineer Robert Sabuda, readers can take a tour behind the scenes of the office of the executive branch and the residence of the president and his family.

America the Beautiful

by Katharine Lee Bates

Illustrated by Wendell Minor

With his stunning paintings of American landscapes and historical moments, Wendell Minor celebrates our nation's history and beauty and transforms a musical tribute into a visual masterpiece. Wendell Minor is an extraordinarily talented fine artist who has received more than 200 awards for his work.

If I Were President

by Catherine Stier

Illustrated by Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan

Imagine living in the White House, a mansion where you wouldn't have to leave home to go bowling or see a movie! Imagine a chef to cook anything you like. "Two desserts tonight, Madam President? No problem!"

I Am America

by Charles R. Smith Jr.

"I am America/I am proud/I am diverse/soft-spoken/and loud."

Source:

www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/book-list/holidays-celebrations/books-celebrate-america#

4th of July Twig Ornaments

Looking for a fun and easy patriotic craft for your kids to make?

These simple patriotic twig ornaments look great standing on their own or strung together in a garland and they're really fun to make!

You'll need:

- twigs (5 per star)
- red, white & blue acrylic paint
- white glue and glitter
- glue gun
- snippers
- fishing line

Preparing your twigs:

First you need to find a bunch of twigs (we went with sticks that were about the same diameter as a pencil).

This can be a fun way for little ones to get involved in the project. What kid doesn't love collecting sticks?

With your snippers, cut your twigs so they're all roughly the same length. You can vary the size of your stars; just make sure that all of the twigs belonging to one star are the same length.

Remove any loose bits of bark. This is fun, and a great fine motor activity for young children.

Paint your stars. We went with one star each in red, white and blue.

Gluing the stars:

You'll want to play with your twigs a little, laying them out to form your stars. When you're arranging your twigs to form a star, make sure all of the intersecting points touch. You'll be gluing at these points.

They'd look sweet hanging vertically from your deck or patio or even from a branch in a tree.

Happy 4th of July!

Source: <https://happyhooligans.ca/4th-july-twigs-ornaments/>

Latch-On in the Garden CRMC, August 2nd



Thursday, August 2nd
11:00 am—12:30 pm

Catskill Regional Medical Center / CRMC
 68 Harris Bushville Road, Harris,
 New York 12742

All breastfeeding mothers are invited to the Woodland Wildlings Garden to latch on and raise awareness of the importance of breastfeeding for National Breastfeeding Month!

There will be gifts for breastfeeding moms and refreshments will be served. Come meet other breastfeeding moms and celebrate!

Call us for Summer Camp Info!

As summer is quickly approaching please contact our office to inquire about 2018 Summer Camp options for your child(ren).

Be sure to ask about child care subsidy to see if your eligible for help supplementing the cost.

Parents, please call Kelsey at (845) 292-7166, extension 300.

Camps, please contact Lee at (845) 292-7166 extension 302 for information on how to receive subsidy payments.

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Featured Agency:
LIONS Clubs
Submitted by: Ilene Wizwer,
District Governor 2017-2018



Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world. It began as a commitment by Melvin Jones, a Chicago businessman who believed that local business leaders should look beyond their own business enterprises and help the betterment of the communities and the world. What is interesting about the "birth" of the organization is that it began in 1917, one year before the end of WWI. Even 100 years ago, people were thinking globally. We now have over 46,000 clubs which can be found in over 200 countries and geographic areas. Our motto is "We Serve", and our mission is: To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

When people think about the Lions, the first thing that comes to mind is the collection of eyeglasses. Yes, we still do that, but as the needs of the people change, so has Lions. As of 2017, at the beginning of our second century of service, we have 5 areas of service: vision, feeding the hungry, the environment, diabetes and childhood cancer. There are 10 Lions clubs in Sullivan County. Each club serves its community with its own identifying projects. If you would like more information about these clubs, you can find the name and address of the District Governor for Lions at the end of the article.

Lions and Vision will be the main topic for this newsletter. It began in 1925 when Helen Keller challenged the Lions Clubs International at the annual convention in Cedar Point, Ohio to "become knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." It is because of this speech that Lions worldwide have become leaders to help the blind and visually impaired. With the inception of Lions KidSight USA in 2014, the goal was to protect the sight of our children. According to education experts 80% of learning is visual. We know that learning takes place at home, almost from birth, before children are officially enrolled in an academic venue. By the time young children are experiencing certain vision problems in school it may be too late to correct them. Early detection can lead to early treatment. Our aim is to screen all eligible children from 6 months of age to 18 years old. We have been screening children in Head Start, Nana's House, and Project Excel in Sullivan County for many years. When we go into the elementary schools we do not repeat any type of eye "test" that the school nurse is doing. Lions now are involved with SEE screening. **SEE** is Screening Eyes Early. The volunteer Lions are trained to do the vision screenings. The parent or guardian is asked to fill out a consent form in order to have the screening done. The results of the screening are either a pass or referral.

On the consent form the referral information is attached so that the eye care professional can understand the result of the screening. With a referral it is highly recommended that the parent or guardian take the child to an eye care professional as soon as possible for a complete examination. Most important to understand is that the Lions who are doing the screening are not diagnosing any disorder. What we do is use a PlusOptiX screener that will identify 6 ocular problems: **anisometropia** (refraction of both eyes), **astigmatism** (corneal curvature which can result in blurred vision), **myopia** (nearsightedness), **hyperopia** (farsightedness), **anisocoria** (difference in pupil size of both eyes), and **corneal reflexes** (symmetric eye alignment which will show a turning of the eye known as strabismus). If a referral is noted, there is also a list of eye care professionals in a 6 county area and Pennsylvania available for distribution so the family has a choice of who to take their child/children to for further medical treatment. This year through the Sullivan County Lions Sight and Hearing Committee we will have screened over 1500 children. There are many more eligible children that are able to be screened. We would like to make sure that every eligible child is screened yearly to ensure that his/her vision is not compromised in any way.

For more information, please contact:

Ilene Wizwer,
District Governor 2017-2018,
at ilenewizwer@hvc.rr.com
or by phone at 845-866-2152.

Intensive Technical Assistance

The Council offers intensive technical assistance to enhance your knowledge/skills. Individualized training can be set up to address your program needs in one session or multiple session workshops (conducted at your home during a convenient time for your program).

Consider the following topics, or choose your own:

- “Creating a Positive Environment”
- “Benefiting from Family Style Eating “
- “Age Appropriate Room Arrangements”
- “Supervision”
- “Gross Motor with Indoor & Outdoor Play”
- “Ideas for Better Nutrition & Physical Activity”
- “Learning through Nature”
- “Picky Eaters”
- “Creating Theme Curriculum”

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

This free service is funded by NYSOCFS.

Important Changes to Provider Compliance History

OCFS is preparing to start posting six-year compliance histories of licensed/registered child care programs, rather than the two-year histories that are currently posted. This will provide more information to parents seeking child care and will promote greater governmental transparency. ***This change took effect May 17, 2017.***

It is not being applied retroactively. However, two-year histories that are already posted on the OCFS website may now remain there for up to six years.

QUALITYstarsNY

PARENTS: Visit & Ask Questions
(in person & over phone)

Interested in a child care 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.

(<http://qualitystarsny.org/families-checklists.php>)

Message from Donna Willi, Executive Director

Hello Friends of Child Care!

Sullivan County's economy is fast growing and we currently have only fifty-six regulated child care programs. These programs have space to provide care for approximately 947 children aged six weeks to twelve years old. These programs work hard each day to provide a safe and nurturing environment so parents and caregivers can work but they cannot do it all. There are two new programs in the process of opening and one new one opened last month. **BUT we still need child care** all over our County. Currently the townships of Bethel, Cochection, Forestburgh, Fremont and Rockland there are no child care options at all. If you have ever thought about providing child care, now is the time. Call us, we can help you open a program! Sullivan County needs child care now—as our economy continues to grow, we will need more child care—and not just any child care, high quality child care.

High quality child care has many components, including knowledge of appropriate early childhood development. To meet this need, the Council is offering Child Development Associate training series. Our Spring session will graduate our second group of Child Development Associate Candidates in June and we plan to schedule our third class of candidates for September 2018. The Council also offers CPR and First Aid to our child care workforce. Check out our online calendar at scchildcare.com/calendar-2/ for upcoming classes.

Our child care work force works hard each day but we all need to keep working and looking forward in order to ensure all of our families have high quality child care options. If you, or someone you know is interested in opening their own child care program call the Council for more information.

Yours in Child Care,
Donna Willi

OCFS Child Care Forms

Required OCFS forms are available at <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/documents/docsChildCare.asp>.

Please make sure you are using the most current version of the forms.

Print new ones directly from the website as needed, or go to <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/documents/docs%20Pubs.asp> and you can order free copies of all OCFS Forms using the order form.

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 please email info@scchildcare.com or call the Council (845) 292-7166 x309.

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

Early Childhood Cooperative Experience

Easter Seals of New York, Inc.

Deborah Gubiotti

J&C First Steps Daycare, LLC: Diane Harvey

Nana's House Child Care Center, Inc.

New Hope Manor

Marlena's Family Daycare: Marlena Pittaluga-Egan

Twin Bridge Play School Inc.

Kristy Petrowsky

Sullivan County Head Start, Inc. (All locations)

Medication Administration

Obtain your MAT Certification or Renewal through an independent study program plus testing with a SUNY MAT instructor.

You *must* renew your MAT Certificate every 3 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)

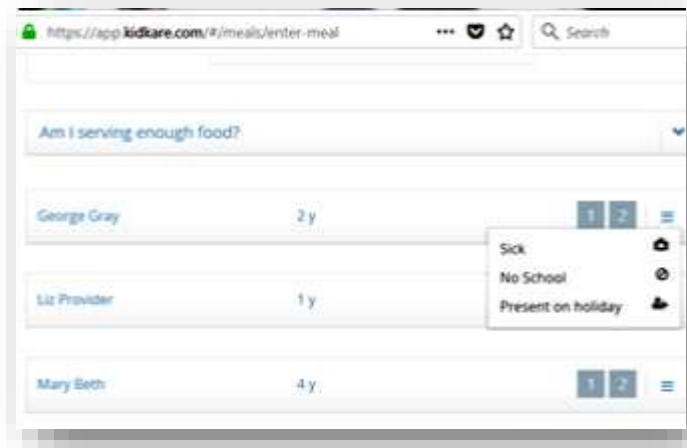
New CACFP Participants:

Breana Moorer, Jennifer Williams, Jimmy Gonzalez & Katherine Reynolds

For more information call:
Aimee Pittaluga, CACFP Coordinator

A few things for providers to keep in mind:

- ⇒ One whole grain rich product must be served daily.
 - Providers must record when they serve a whole grain rich product.
 - Soon meals/snacks will be disallowed for each day which does not contain a whole grain. (You will not receive a warning.)
- ⇒ When you have a school-age child in your care all day please mark them on the attendance bar properly. (See below.) No additional notes or comments are needed.



- ⇒ CACFP reimbursement is arriving sooner as a result of the online submissions.
 - Be sure to have menus in once the new month starts to receive the quickest payment.
- ⇒ You can use your Minute Menus Reports button to check on claims and to check to see if you had any disallowances.
 - You can use the reports tab to retrieve your monthly menu and attendance and tax forms.
- ⇒ Take notice of children's enrollments that are about to expire.
 - Look over each child's enrollment. Make necessary changes, then print and send signed updated enrollments for approval,—prior to their expiration date.

We have received the new CACFP Crediting Foods Books. Feel free to come by and get one. Call Aimee Pittaluga, CACFP Coordinator, at (845) 292-7166 X 306 with any questions .

Infant/Toddler Services for Providers

Infant/Toddler Technical Assistance Center

The Infant/Toddler Technical Assistance Network, funded by the NYSOCFS, is an initiative aimed at supporting high quality infant and toddler care. The Network offers support to programs serving infants and toddlers.

The Infant/Toddler Specialist can offer the following ongoing services for **FREE** in Sullivan County:

- Phone and in-person support on a variety of issues:
 - Age appropriate behavior management techniques
 - Responsive care giving
 - Understanding the NYS Child Care Regulations
 - Developmentally appropriate practice for infants & toddlers
 - Infant—toddler development and behavior
 - Assistance answering parent questions about their infant or toddler
- Visits to your program to work on a quality improvement project
- Resources or tip sheets
- Starting up your infant/toddler program including help setting up your space
- Assistance with continuity of care classroom waivers
- Assistance with freedom of movement certification for “container free” program

We serve family and group child care programs, child care centers and CCR&Rs.

Rosemarie is also now reliable in Infant and Toddler CLASS which is an assessment tool that measures the quality of language and interactions in the classroom.

Strong language and interactions is shown to be essential for the healthy social, emotional, and cognitive development of young children. When we talk to young children in pleasant tones, initiate and repeat sounds and words and encourage further exploration of their environment through language we are not only building their vocabulary and comprehension but also their self-confidence and desire to learn.

For more information on how to improve the language and interactions in your program contact Rosemarie Lawton, Infant/Toddler Regional Specialist by calling (845) 473-4141 ext. 217 or email rlawton@childcaredutchess.org.

Webcast Trainings ecetp.pdp.albany.edu

Webcasts are held at the **Sullivan County Child Care Council in Liberty**; classes start promptly at 6:45. These are adult learning experiences; *no children, please*.

Thursday, June 7, 2018: Educating for Sustainability

**Thursday, October 25, 2018: Town Hall Meeting—
Examining the Business Side of Child Care**

Videoconference trainings are funded by the NYSOCFS. They are produced by the Early Childhood Education and Training Program and are conducted in English.

The most current brochure is available at www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/videoconferencing.shtm.

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	Hours	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas
Early Intervention	1.5	1, 4	3, 4, 7, 8
Emergency Preparedness	1.5	4, 7	1, 4, 5
Expulsion & Suspension Prevention Strategies	1.5	1, 3, 4, 7	3, 4, 6
Family Engagement	1.0	3, 4	4, 5, 6
Foundations in Health & Safety	5.0	2, 3, 6, 7, 9	NA
Keeping Children Safe	1.5	1, 3, 4, 7	1, 2, 8
Infant Brain Development	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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2018					1	2
3	4 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	5	6	7 Webcast: <i>Educating for Sustainability</i> 6:45p-9:15p @ Council	8	9
10	11 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	12 First Aid/CPR 4:30p-9:30p @ Council <small>*Visit scchilcare.com/ calendar</small>	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16
17 <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	18 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	19	20	21 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p** <i>First Day of Summer</i>	22	23
24	25 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	26	27 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	28	29	30

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 <i>Happy Independence Day</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 First Aid/CPR 4:30p-9:30p @ Council <small>*Visit scchildare.com/ calendar</small>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	July 2018			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2018			1	2 Strengthening Supervision Skills for Directors 9a-4p @ Council Latch-on in the Garden 11a-12:30 @ CRMC	3	4
5	6	7 First Aid/CPR 4:30p-9:30p @ Council *Visit scchildcare.com/ calendar	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

****ALL CDA Courses must be completed for CDA approval—however—
if you are not completing a CDA you may register for individual classes.**

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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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. Statutes and regulations pertaining to child daycare 8. States & Regs pertaining to Child Abuse & Maltreatment 9. Shaken Baby syndrome
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Course Title	Hrs/ CEU's	Cost/ Reduced Cost	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas	CBK Areas
First Aid / CPR	5	\$75	2, 4	—	5
Orientation	NA	\$10	NA	NA	NA
Strengthening Supervision Skills for Directors (All Directors/Site Supervisors are encouraged to attend!)	6	FREE	3, 5	5, 6	6, 7
Webcast—Building Healthy Relationships	2.5/ 0.25	NA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Educational Incentive Program (EIP)

EIP is sponsored by the NYSOCFS, funded by the federal Child Care & Development Fund and administered by the Professional Development Program (PDP), Rockefeller College, University at Albany.

The following grants & scholarships are available to child care providers:

- **College Credit, Non-Credit Bearing & Credential Training:** to assist child care providers in paying for the professional development training & education
- **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & First Aid (FA):** to assist income eligible providers offset the cost
- **The MAT Rebate Program:** For day care facilities to offset the cost of the training to certify staff to administer medication in a child care setting.

Apply online at: www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/apply.shtm. You may also contact EIP by email ateip-to@albany.edu, or by phone at either (800) 295-9616 or (518) 442-6575.

Focus on the Regulations

Review Regulations @ ocfs.ny.gov

.3 Building & Equipment

- (b) Rooms that will be used by the children must be well-lighted and well-ventilated. Heating, ventilating and lighting equipment must be adequate for the protection of the health of the children.
- (d) A temperature of at least 68° degrees Fahrenheit must be maintained in all rooms to be occupied by children.
- (n) Adequate and safe water supply and sewage facilities must be provided and must comply with State and local laws. Hot and cold running water must be available and accessible at all times.
- (a) Suitable precautions must be taken to eliminate all conditions which may contribute to or create a fire hazard.

.4 Fire Protection

- (a) Suitable precautions must be taken to eliminate all conditions which may contribute to or create a fire hazard.

.5 Safety

- (a) Suitable precautions must be taken to eliminate all conditions in areas accessible to children which pose a safety or health hazard.
- .5(b)(7) Each program must have on site a variety of supplies →

including food, water, first aid and other safety equipment to allow for the protection of the health and safety of children in the event parents are unable to pick up children due to a local disaster. The plan must take into account a child's needs for an overnight stay. Food supplies must be non-perishable and of sufficient quantity for all children for an overnight stay.

(m) Communication.

- (1) A working telephone must be available for use by all caregivers at all times children are in care.
- (r) An operable flashlight or battery powered lantern must be kept in the child care area. Such equipment must be properly maintained for use in the event of a power failure.

.11 Health & Infection Control

- (1) Caregivers and volunteers must thoroughly wash their hands with soap and running water...
- (2) Caregivers and volunteers must ensure that children thoroughly wash their hands or assist children with thoroughly washing their hands with soap and running water ...

From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

As mother nature has been keeping us alert, I want to thank you all for your diligence with shelter-in-place drills.

I hope that everyone was able to remain safe and calm through the May storm and that you were able to shelter-in-place as smoothly as possible if needed in your area.

As the drills only need to be done twice a year, it's always good to check supplies during drills and replace them as necessary. We now see why completing these drills and having enough water and easy serve foods can make an actual emergency much less stressful. I also want to remind you to complete your drills and document them, as required.

Thank you for working relentlessly to keep our children safe!

Theresa Murdock-Marin,
Registrar



Congratulations
to our newest licensed child
care provider:

Cassandra White—
White's Angels Daycare, Inc



Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

There have been many power outages in the past few years and I am wondering if I need to contact parents to pick up children if my power goes out.

Sincerely,
Power outages

Dear power outages,

We try our best to plan for emergencies to the best of our abilities. Planning for emergencies will help ease the stress of the unknown outcomes of storms and high winds or other unforeseeable events.

As long as you can remain in compliance with the regulations, you may remain open for business. A few regulations to keep in mind are found under Building & Equipment, Safety, and Health & Infection control, for example:

- ⇒ Room used by children must be well lit and ventilated.
- ⇒ Minimum temperature of 68 degrees must be maintained.
- ⇒ Adequate and safe water supply & sewage facilities must be provided. Hot and cold water must be available & accessible at all times.
- ⇒ Suitable precautions must be taken to eliminate all conditions which pose a safety or health hazard.
- ⇒ Caregivers & children must thoroughly wash hands.

You may be able to make some adjustments to remain in compliance and open for business!

Stay Safe!

Jodi

Child Care Time & Attendance (CCTA)

Please help us welcome our newest web-based users:

Amber Creegan
Rivka Kaufman
Jimmy Gonzalez
Linn Parker

First Steps Early Learning Day Care White's Angels Day Care

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

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

There are several **benefits to using CCTA** 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.

It is recommended to use Internet Explorer on desktops or laptops. Most iPads and other hand held tablets are not supported by this system

****REMINDER – ALL timesheets have a 60 expiration date from the last date of service. ANY TIMESHEETS that are RECEIVED AFTER the 60 expiration date (electronically or paper) will be RETURNED to provider as NOT PAYABLE****

If you are interested in submitting your timesheets online or have any other questions or concerns, please call Lee at (845) 292-7166 x302.

NY Works for Children/ASPIRE

It's the moment you have all been waiting for...

As of this week, you are now able to upload documents directly to your Aspire profile! No more photocopies, and no more mail. Now, when you are ready to update your profile, just enter your new information, upload your documents directly to the system and click submit. It's that easy!

NEW RENEWAL POLICY Additionally, we are modifying our renewal process. Previously, we required that members log in once a year to review and renew your membership. **Now, as long as you are updating your profile regularly, you will no longer be required to renew your membership!** Don't worry, we'll still send you a few reminders to keep your profile up-to-date, but only members who have not updated their profile in 12 months will be asked to renew their membership.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any specific questions about The Aspire Registry by emailing us at info@nyworksforchildren.org.

Legally Exempt News

Mandatory/Required Health & Safety for Legally Exempt Providers

You are **ONLY** exempt if you are the child/ren's:

- Grandparent or Great-grandparent,
- Sibling AND living in a separate residence
- Aunt/Uncle

There are two OCFS approved training options:

1. Online "e-Learning"—Foundations in Health & Safety
 - ⇒ FREE
 - ⇒ Self paced
 - ⇒ Go to www.ecetp.pdp.albany
2. Classroom training: Health & Safety for Legally Exempt providers
 - ⇒ \$210.00
 - ⇒ Training dates to be announced; Contact Lee at the Council (845) 292-7166 X302 for more information

***Remember to submit a copy of your certificate to Lee**
at lbrown@scschildcare.com
or PO Box 186 Ferndale, NY 12734.

No payments will be issued if training requirements are not met within application period.

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

Reduce Hydro Pro water bottles

Recall date: April 19, 2018

Description: This recall involves Base Brands children's Reduce Hydro Pro Furry Friends water bottles. The stainless steel insulated, 14 ounce water bottles were sold in a pack of two bottles: a pink bottle with a character of a bear face and a gray bottle with the character of a lamb head. The recalled water bottles have a removable lid gasket and a rubber carry strap. Reduce, www.reduceeveryday.com & 14oz/0.41L are printed on the blue or pink underside of the bottle.

Hazard: The pink paint on the outside of the bear water bottle contains levels of lead that exceed the federal lead paint standard. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health issues.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled water bottles, take them away from children and return them to any Costco store for a full refund. Costco and Amazon are contacting all known purchasers directly. Consumers who purchased a water bottle via Amazon should contact Base Brands for a free replacement water bottle, including shipping, or a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Base Brands (833) 600-2887, 9a-5p M-F, email at info@basebrands.com or online at www.reduceeveryday.com & click on Safety Notices for more information.

Petit Collage musical jumbo wooden xylophones

Recall date: April 19, 2018

Description: This recall involves Petit Collage musical jumbo wooden xylophones. They are musical instrument toys for children. The recalled toy xylophone has a wooden base shaped like the profile of an elephant with five different colored metal keys and a wooden beater stick with a red wooden ball attached to one end. The beater stick measures about 5 5/8 inches long by 3/4 inches wide. "Petit Collage" and "TT.1902.0617" are printed on the bottom back of the xylophone. Only xylophones with this letter/number combination are included in the recall.

Hazard: The ball on the end of the toy xylophone beater stick can separate, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received one report of the ball separating from the beater rod and one report of the ball being loose. No injuries have been reported.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toy xylophone beater sticks away from children, stop using them and contact Wild & Wolf for a free replacement beater stick.

Consumer Contact: Wild & Wolf (855) 215-5879, 8a-5p M-F or online at www.petitcollage.com and click on "Product Safety" or www.Wildandwolf.com.

Nickelodeon PAW PATROL Deluxe Marshall Hat with flashlight

Recall date: April 5, 2018

Description: This recall involves the Nickelodeon PAW PATROL Deluxe Marshall Hat sold with an accessory flashlight. The PAW PATROL Marshall hats are red with a yellow ribbon, black & white spotted dog ears and a black flash light attached to the side of the hat. The flashlight is included with the hat and they share the SKU number. Only flashlights with SKU 01292093 & date codes 1703RY01, 1603RY01, & 1503RY01 are involved in this recall. The SKU number and date codes are on the sewn in label under the ear on the hat.

Hazard: The batteries in the flashlight can overheat, causing the flashlight to become hot, posing burn and fire hazards.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the flashlight that was sold with the hat away from children, stop using it, remove the batteries and dispose of the flashlight and contact Spirit Halloween for a full refund. Customers will be asked to provide a photo of the tag located under the ear in the hat.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received three reports of the flashlight overheating and one report of an overheating flashlight in Canada. No injuries or fires have been reported.

Consumer Contact: Spirit Halloween (866) 586-0155 from 9a-5:30p M-F, email GuestServices@spirithalloween.com or online www.spirithalloween.com.

April 17, 2018

Summary: Harmony Juvenile Products (Harmony) is recalling certain Harmony Big Boost Deluxe booster seats. In the event of a crash, the seat belt may cause excessive force to be applied to the restrained child's chest. As such, these booster seats fail to comply

with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 213, "Child Restraint Systems."

Remedy: The remedy for this recall is still under development. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification customer service at (877) 306-1001.

schedule. Owners may contact Harmony

Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 or go to www.safercar.gov.

Child Care Council Info

Normal Business Hours
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

We are available for assistance in person:
7 Community Lane, Liberty, NY 12754,
Mail: **PO Box 186, Ferndale, NY 12734.**

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

Average Weekly Cost of Child Care

	Family Child Care	Group Family Child Care	Day Care Center
6wks-18mos	n/a	n/a	\$204
6wks-24mos	\$155	\$175	n/a
18mos-36mos	n/a	n/a	\$192
3y-5y	n/a	n/a	\$156
2yrs-5yrs	\$200	\$175	n/a
5y-12y	\$173	\$175	\$184

Prospective Child Care Providers

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

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

Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 10:30 am

Wednesday, September 21, 2018, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 16, 2018, 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@scchildcare.com.

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Child Care Programs in Sullivan County

Township	OCFS Registered/Licensed Child Care Programs				Private Schools	Requests for Care 10/1/17-12/31/17
	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	3	2	0		7
Cochecton	0	0	0	0		2
Delaware	0	2	0	0		0
Fallsburg	2	5	2	0		23
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0		0
Fremont	0	0	0	0		0
Highland	1	1	0	0		1
Liberty	2	8	2	2	1	39
Lumberland	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mamakating	1	0	0	1		10
Neversink	0	0	2	2		6
Rockland	0	0	0	0		2
Thompson	5	2	6	3	1	46
Tusten	0	1	0	0		0
Totals	11	22	15	8	3	137

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Mail Form & Payment To:

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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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