

Caregiver News

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

Provider Appreciation Day May 11, 2018

Sullivan Birth & Baby Fest, May 6th

**Spring 2018
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To all of the child care providers, who spend long days caring for and helping to grow the brains of our young children, **THANK YOU** from the bottoms of our hearts!

All pregnant women and new parents are invited to attend this year's Sullivan County Birth and Baby Fest, sponsored by Catskill Regional Medical Center and the Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition and Maternal Infant Services Network. To register, please visit: <https://sullivan-county-birth-and-baby-fest2018.eventbrite.com>

If you need transportation to this event, please call MISN at 845-702-1894.

Featuring:

- * Info Sessions: Nutrition, Breastfeeding, Safe Sleep, Car Seat Safety
- * Tours of the Catskill Regional Medical Center Birthing Center
- * Health education and information from Mother/Baby Support Services
- * Amazing raffle prizes and diaper giveaways
- * Free gifts for all pregnant women
- * Partners and family members encouraged to attend
- * Learn about our Catskill Regional Medical Group Primary Care physicians for newborn to adult care
- * Blood pressure screenings provided by Catskill

Refreshments will be provided!

Catskill Regional Medical Center
 Board Room, 2nd Floor
 68 Harris-Bushville Road
 Harris, NY

Sunday, May 6, 2018
 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

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CSEA/VOICE will cover conference registration fees
 for licensed group & registered family child care providers.
 Visit voicecsea.org for more information.



Featured Agency:
Healthy Families of Sullivan
Submitted by: Patricia Bennett, Program Supervisor



Healthy Families of Sullivan is a comprehensive primary prevention program that focuses on the safety and healthy development of children while at the same time preserving and supporting families. The program provides in home visiting services, which are easily accessible to isolated at risk families and are respectful of cultural and community diversity. These services come at a time in a family's life when few other services are available and infants are most vulnerable. It is also the time when planned early intervention makes the greatest impact. Healthy Families of Sullivan is a comprehensive approach to meeting the health and social needs of Sullivan County newest and most vulnerable citizens, its children. Healthy Families of Sullivan was established in 2002 to serve Monticello, expanded to Liberty in 2004 with the Children and Family Trust Funding, and was fully expanded in 2007 to serve all families in Sullivan County.

The program is credentialed by Healthy Families of America, receives oversight and program support from Healthy Families New York through the **NYS Office of Children and Family Services**, and is a **voluntary program**. Enrollment in program services is available to expectant families and families with newborns aged less than three months.

How can Healthy Families help new moms ?

Surveys have determined that 74% of American parents wish that they had received help in learning how to take care of their newborns. The purpose of Healthy Families is to help relieve some of the stress of having a new baby while coping with other situations at the same time. Your Healthy Families Support Worker will help you to identify the hopes and dreams that you have for yourself and your family and work with you to make them come true, while helping to build strong parent-child relationships.

How can Healthy Families help me care for my baby?

Your Family Support Worker can help you to:

- Understand your baby's unique personality.
- Understand how playing with babies can actually make them smarter.
- Learn how children grow & what you can do to enhance their development.
- Understand what your baby is telling you.
- Learn about other helpful services in the community that are available to you your baby.
- Coordinate services for your child with a primary health care provider.

How much does this cost?

All Healthy Families services are provided at no charge.

For more information call:

(845) 292-5910 extension 2250

or email:

Patricia.bennett@co.sullivan.ny.us

The program is funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Local funding is provided by Sullivan County's General Fund. FFFS funding and Administration, financial support, and oversight is provided by Sullivan County Public Health Services.

For information about other Healthy Families New York Programs, visit: www.healthyfamiliesnewyork.org.



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:

- “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”

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

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!

It's happening...since February 1 we have been receiving phone calls from parents that are either going to or are currently working at Resorts World Catskills. Sullivan County's economy is fast growing and we currently have only fifty-five regulated child care programs. These programs have space to provide care for approximately 941 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 four new programs in the process of opening but we still need child care all over our County, and currently the towns of Bethel, Cohecton, 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 and 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 is scheduled to begin in April 2018. The Council also offers CPR and First Aid to our child care workforce. Check out our calendar for the schedules.

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
Executive Director

Provider Appreciation
is a great time to celebrate the child care providers in your child's life or to show appreciation to the staff at their child care center.

Showing your appreciation to a child care provider doesn't need to be an expensive or elaborate gesture. Take a moment to let them know how much they mean to you and your child. Give them a card or gift made by the child. Give them gifts that support their work or allow them some pampering time for themselves. You may even want to bring them homemade treats, send a gift or flowers to their house or give them a paid day off!

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)

March 11-17 is National CACFP Week

The Sullivan County Child Care Council would like to mention the names of our Child Care Providers and Legally Exempt providers that participate in the Child and Adult Food Program (CACFP). Providers that participate in this program are ensuring that children are eating nutritiously while being cared for throughout the day. Many children are having most of their meals with child care providers. Being on the program requires these programs to be held at a higher standard and receive more visits than most programs. They meet requirements set forth by the Division of Nutrition in NYS. Special thank you to the child care providers listed below.

Elizabeth Acosta

Amy Babicz

Darlene Balzano

Catherine Castillo

George Conklin

Jessica Dean

Tonya Dirie

Karen Gonzalez

Ali Granito

Deborah Gubiotti

Diane Harvey

Patricia McGovern

Faith Metzinger

Gianni Stoddard

Jennifer Williams

Angel Morton

Terri Pellam

Kristy Petrowsky

Karen Pinkel

Marlena Pittaluga-Egan

Tara Poje

Luz Quinones

Rachel Rausch

Elvira Reed

Elizabeth Rivera

Wanda Rodriguez

Omar Rodriguez

Deborah Stack

Deborah Strachan

CACFP Providers

While reviewing menu submissions there have been many days that providers have been missing the daily mandatory serving of a whole grain. Please be sure children are getting the whole grain and you are marking it on your menu plan.

Menus are due by the 3rd of the following month. With online claiming they will be submitted earlier so payment should be earlier as well. Make sure you get your menus in by the third to be processed in time.

Thank you for all you do!

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 at (845) 473-4141 ext. 217 or rlawton@childcaredutchess.org.

For more information 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; please arrive on time! These are adult learning experiences. *No children, please.*

Thursday, April 12, 2018: Building Healthy Relationships with Effective Communication

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 of Health & Safety **NEW**	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
March 2018				1 Purim	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 
18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21 Orientation 10:30a—12:30p @ Council	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 First Day of Passover

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  April Fools Day Easter Sunday	2 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	3	4	5 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	6	7
8 Orthodox Easter Sunday	9 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	10 First Aid/CPR 4:30p-9:30p @ Council *Visit scchildcare.com/calendar	11	12 Webcast: <i>Building Healthy Relationships ...</i> 6:45p-9:15p @ Council	13	14
15	16 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	17 Health & Safety Part 1 of 3 9:30a-4:00p	18 Health & Safety Part 2 of 3 9:30a-4:00p	19 Health & Safety Part 3 of 3 9:30a-4:00p	20	21
22 Earth Day	23 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	24	25	26 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	27	28
29	30	April 2018				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2018		1	2	3 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	4	5 Cinco Day Mayo
6 The Sullivan Birth & Baby Fest 1pm-3pm @CRMC	7 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	8	9 First Aid/CPR 4:30p-9:30p @ Council *Visit scchild-care.com/calendar	10 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	11 Happy Provider Appreciation Day!!	12
13 Mother's Day	14 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**	15	16 Orientation 5:30p—7:30p @ Council	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
20	21	22	23 Becoming Breastfeeding Friendly 6p-7:30p @ Council Free for CACFP Participants	24	25	26
27	28 Council Closed for Memorial Day	29	30	31 CDA @ Council 5:30p-8:30p**		

****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
Breastfeeding Friendly	1.5	TBA Free CACFP	2, 3	—	—
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

416/417.5 Safety

(f)(1) Barriers must exist to prevent children from gaining access to any swimming pool, drainage ditches, wells, ponds or other bodies of open water located on or adjacent to the property where the day care program is located. Such barriers must be of adequate height and appropriately secured to prevent children from gaining access to such areas.

(2) Barriers must exist to prevent children from gaining access to unsafe, dangerous or hazardous areas or devices. Such areas and devices include, but are not limited to, holes, pits, wood, pellet and coal burning stoves, fireplaces and permanently installed gas space heaters.

(n) Materials and play equipment.

(1) Materials and play equipment used by the children must be sturdy and free from rough edges and sharp corners.

(2) Play equipment must be in good repair, and be placed in a safe location.

(3) Play equipment must be used in a safe manner.

(4) Play equipment must be used specifically for its intended purpose. Such equipment and apparatus may be used only by the children for whom it is developmentally appropriate.

414/418.5 Safety

(f) Barriers must exist to prevent children from gaining access to unsafe areas. Such areas include, but are not limited to, swimming pools, drainage ditches, wells, ponds, or other bodies of open water, holes, wood and coal burning stoves, fireplaces, pellet stoves, permanently installed gas space heaters, or any other unsafe area.

(n) Materials and play equipment.

(1) Materials and play equipment used by the children must be sturdy and free from rough edges and sharp corners.

(2) Play equipment must be installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and instructions, be in good repair, and be placed in a safe location.

(3) Play equipment must be used in a safe manner.

(4) Play equipment and apparatus may be used only by the children for whom it is developmentally appropriate.

(5) All programs that substantially modify, or install new, outside play equipment must do so in accordance with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Public Playground Safety Handbook.

Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I found a playground set for free and I would like to install it for my child care program.

I am concerned about the regulatory requirements for ground surfacing under it. It is a used set so there is not product booklet that came with it. How do I make sure I have it installed correctly?

My other concern is the cost of the ground surfacing. I'm getting the play equipment for free but I'm concerned about the cost of having it installed properly.

Sincerely,
Cushioned surfaces

Dear Cushioned surfaces,

If the manufacturer of the playground equipment is known, you may be able to find the guidelines on their website or obtain a copy by contacting the company.

In the case that you are unable to obtain the manufacturers guidelines you can refer to the CSPC Playground Safety guidelines, which can be found along with other playground safety tips at:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/safety-education/safety-guides/playgrounds>.

As for cost, you can apply for the child care grant (voicelsea.org for more information) for reimbursement for Health & Safety program needs.

You can also contact local companies, loggers, lumber companies or electrical companies who may be willing to donate wood chips.

Hope this helps!

Jodi

From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

As the excitement of spring time draws near, so does the excitement of being able to play outside without the winter clothes! Grab your rain boots and spring jackets and get ready for warmer days.

Please remember to check play equipment and play areas for the dangers winter can leave behind.

- ⇒ Check to make sure any play equipment that was outside did not get cracked, broken or weaken under the elements.
- ⇒ Make sure that any play equipment or household/yard items such as buckets, flower pots or the like that have the capacity to collect water are emptied out or turned over so melting snow and spring showers do allow them to become safety hazards for the children.
- ⇒ If you plan on installing new playground equipment, refer to the manufacturers safety ground covering guidelines to remain in compliance with the regulations.
- ⇒ Don't forget to use grant money for new play equipment! Visit Voicelsea.org for more information.

Theresa Murdock-Marin,
Registrar

OCFS Child Care Forms

Required OCFS forms are available on their website 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.

Child Care Time & Attendance (CCTA)

Please help us welcome our newest web-based users:

Childrens Safe Stay
Judith Brannigan
Learn n Play Family Daycare
Lots A Tots
Nanas House Child Care Center
New Beginnings Montessori

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@scchildcare.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

National Consumer Protection Week

www.cpsc.gov

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) is March 4-10, 2018! This week is all about keeping you safe. We're working side-by-side with federal and state partners and consumer groups to help you make informed decisions about *product safety* on five different topics:

Day #1: Baby Safety: Bare Is Best!

Nearly half of the infant crib deaths and two-thirds of bassinet deaths reported to CPSC each year are suffocations caused by placing infants to sleep on top of pillows, thick quilts and/or overcrowding in the baby's sleeping space.

Many of these deaths are preventable. Moms and dads — follow our [safe sleep tips](#) and make sure other family members and caregivers do the same.

- Always place baby on their back to sleep. This helps prevent suffocation and can reduce Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
- Bare is Best for babies. Do not add extra padding, pillows, blankets or other soft bedding.

Visit our Crib Information Center at www.cpsc.gov/cribs for more safe sleep tips.

Day #2: Fire Safety

Every year there are about 360,000 home fires leading to roughly 2,200 deaths. Two-thirds of all deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms or no smoke alarms at all. In addition, nearly 11,500 ER-treated fire injuries (pdf) are reported each year.

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside each bedroom.
- Test the alarm once a month.
- Always stay in the kitchen when cooking. Stand by your pan!
- Create an **escape plan** with your family. Make sure there are two ways out of each room.

For more tips, check out our multigenerational tool kit and fire safety information center.

Day #3 : Pool Safely

Every year more than 340 children, younger than 15, fatally drown in pools and spas. These deaths are preventable.

Pool Safely by following these simple steps to keep children safer in and around the water.

- Never leave a child unattended in or near water.
- Teach kids to stay away from pool and spa drains.
- Install proper barriers, covers and alarms on and around your pool and spa.
- Teach children how to swim.
- Learn how to perform CPR.

Visit www.PoolSafely.gov for more safety tips.

Day #4 : Anchor It!

CPSC is aware of numerous injuries and deaths resulting from TV and furniture tip-overs. About 60% of child tip-over fatalities involve children age two to five. To protect children against tip-over dangers:

- Anchor furniture, such as dressers, armoires and bookshelves to the wall.
- Secure TVs to the base or wall. Recycle older, unused TVs.
- Check for, and act on recalls of products that present tip-over hazards.

For more safety tips, visit www.AnchorIt.gov.

Day #5: Recalls: Use Them

To protect your family from hazardous products, CPSC issues recalls to get these products out of your home and to provide a remedy from the company. Each recall will provide a remedy of a refund, repair and/or replacement of the product to consumers.

- Check www.CPSC.gov or www.SaferProducts.gov for a full list of recalls.
- Sign up for recall emails for particular product categories.
- Follow CPSC on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter where each recall is announced.

Recalls.gov

Graco Table2Table 6-in-1 Highchairs

Recall number: 18-112

Recall date: March 1, 2018

Hazard: The highchair's rear legs can pivot out of position making the chair unstable and posing a fall hazard to a child in the highchair.



Incidents/Injuries: Graco has received 38 reports of the rear leg pivoting out of position, including five injuries to children who got bumps and bruises when their highchair fell over when they were in it.

Remedy: Repair—Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled highchairs and contact Graco for a free repair kit.

Consumer Contact: Graco at 800-345-4109 or online at www.gracobaby.com and click on Support, then Product Recalls for more information.

Multipro Baby Cradle N Swings

Recall number: 18-716

Recall date: January 18, 2018

Hazard: The bassinets fail to meet the mandatory federal safety standard for bassinets and cradles, posing fall and entrapment hazards to babies.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported

Remedy: Refund—Consumers should immediately stop using the Multipro Baby Cradle N Swing, disassemble it and throw it away. Consumers who purchased the product on Amazon.com have been contacted directly and automatically issued a gift card refund for the full purchase price of the product.

Consumer Contact: If you purchased the product on Amazon and do not receive direct communication, you can contact Amazon toll-free at 888-280-4331 anytime or online at www.amazon.com



Child Care Council Info

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

We are available for assistance in person:

7 Community Lane, Liberty, NY 12754,

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	\$205
6wks-24mos	\$200	\$175	n/a
18mos-36mos	n/a	n/a	\$204
3y-5y	n/a	n/a	\$187
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, March 21, 2018, 10:30 am

Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 18, 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.

We need Child Care Providers!

Specifically for children ages 6 weeks to 12 months old in the Liberty, Monticello & Fallsburg areas & 3pm—11pm and weekend shifts.

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	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		2
Cochecton	0	0	0	0		5
Delaware	0	2	0	0		1
Fallsburg	2	6	1	0		16
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0		0
Fremont	0	0	0	0		1
Highland	1	1	0	0		0
Liberty	2	8	2	2	1	25
Lumberland	0	0	1	0	1	1
Mamakating	1	0	0	1		5
Neversink	0	0	1	2		10
Rockland	0	0	0	0		5
Thompson	6	2	5	3	1	33
Tusten	0	1	0	0		0
Totals	12	23	12	8	3	105

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2018 Donation Form

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(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: _____

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Mail Form & Payment To:

Sullivan Co Child Care Council, Inc.
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*Please submit a business card with your donation of \$100 or more.
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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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