

Caregiver News

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

Caring Spaces Launched Statewide

Caring Spaces has officially been launched statewide and is being implemented in programs throughout New York State!

The Caring Spaces Endorsement is available for programs and providers who meet a specific criteria and work to maintain their status annually. The three tiers of the Caring Spaces Endorsement are: freedom of movement, responsive caregiving and quality materials.

Caring Spaces was launched by Rosemarie Lawton, the Westchester Infant Toddler Specialist from right here in Region 6! Rosemarie is currently working on a book and has released a blog on Facebook to share updates and information on this topic. Please find the Facebook page; Caring Spaces, and follow along for new information!

The Council would like to acknowledge **Jessica Dean** as the first provider in Sullivan County to earn this endorsement! Congratulations Jessica!

The process for earning this Endorsement is simple and streamlined and our Infant Toddler Specialist is an active participant in helping you meet the requirements. Lets get all of our programs endorsed in Caring Spaces!

Call Kelsey at the Council for more information!
 (845) 292-7166 *305

Fun in the Snow

According to New York State regulation, children must have 'Daily supervised outdoor play, except during inclement or extreme weather or unless ordered by a health care provider'. Here are some fun outdoor activities that you can do throughout these long winter months:

- Find a mild incline in your yard and allow the children to climb up and roll down. This activity helps develop balance and physical coordination and builds strength in the limbs.
- Toss a handful of snow in the air and 'catch snowflakes' as the snow falls back down! This activity helps develop motor control in the hands, as well as the ability to track movement and objects with the eyes. It also helps build spatial awareness.
- Use a stick to write out big letters in the snow. Have the toddlers 'trace' the letter by walking on the lines in the snow! This activity helps develop fine motor skills, balance and coordination and practice the alphabet!



Dear Provider Letter

Continue to review this NEW, IMPORTANT information regularly.

Any prospective or existing operator of a child care program will need to complete the following background clearances, in accordance with a schedule developed by the Office:

- a NYS criminal history record check with the Division of Criminal Justice Services;
- a national criminal record check with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI);
- a search of the NYS Sex Offender Registry;
- a database check of the NYS Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) in accordance with section 424-a of the Social Services Law; and
- a search of the national sex offender registry using the National Crime and Information Center. (This check will not be conducted upon initial implementation and will be required to be completed at a later date).

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/>



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Little Rainbows Day Care at Frost Valley YMCA

Submitted by: Vicky Eddings

My name is Vicky Eddings and I work at Frost Valley YMC, a year-round YMCA camp and conference center located in Claryville, NY. We are unique in that our facility hosts over 42,000 people each year through trips with their school, as a family, or as summer campers. This means that Frost Valley has a program in operation and guests on our property virtually 24 hours a day and 365 days each year. Frost Valley employs over 120 staff year-round and additional seasonal summer staff.

Many of our staff have families. Working long hours in a remote location left us with staff who simply could not find the right alternative for quality care for their kids. After struggling with this issue – either losing staff or seeing many of our staff having to travel long distances – Frost Valley decided to open our own childcare onsite.

We began the process by identifying a home on our property that could be renovated to become the site for a Group Family Day Care program. We needed something small and manageable. We surveyed our staff to understand how many children needed to be served and what hours would be most beneficial. Being able to serve 8 to 12 children would meet the needs.

We needed to hire a qualified childcare administrator who could insure not only that we would meet the licensing requirements for NYS OCFS, but also provide the highest quality programming possible. A comprehensive search led us to Sullivan County native, Angel Morton.

Angel began work with us in June of 2018. A unique aspect of Frost Valley's situation, is that given the nature of our work we often house a substantial portion of our staff. As such, Angel and her family moved to Frost Valley and into the home that would become the site of our day care program. In November 2018, Frost Valley opened Little Rainbows Daycare with two employees. Both Angel and Crystal Kinisky have degrees in Early Childhood Development along with many years of experience taking care of infants through school-age children.

Little Rainbows has had a total of 10 children come through the program – mostly Frost Valley staff, but we have also opened a few spots to local families. The program serves children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old and operates from 7am-5pm, Monday through Friday. With a focus on Frost Valley's core values, safety, and progressive programming, Little Rainbows has allowed our staff's children to have a safe and developmentally appropriate childcare.

This has led to much alleviated stress. Our employees have found it is a significant benefit as well as an excellent recruitment tool in our competitive job market. Whether someone is looking to move to New York from another part of the country or a local resident looking for care, being able to say we have an option for applicants can be a game changer.

One question we often get is: Do the employees have to pay for onsite childcare? The answer is yes. As a non-profit, Frost Valley does everything we can to ensure our programs are kept as affordable as possible, but we do charge a fee for all of our programs to those who can afford to support our direct costs. Prices for Little Rainbows Daycare begin at \$117 for 3 days per week.

After being open for a year, we feel that this has been a success for our organization. We've seen a boost in employee morale, employees using their personal time for reasons other than childcare needs, and our applicant pool has been widened for several positions.

To offer a firsthand account, I have been fortunate to use this program for my own family! I am a working mother of a 6-month old and I can truly say that words cannot express what a gift it has been to have outstanding, reliable childcare right at Frost Valley. My son is happy to leave me each day and just as happy when he comes home. This is so key to my productivity and progress as an employee. I hope more employers will consider these types of solutions for their staff. It has certainly worked for Frost Valley YMCA.



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.

OCFS Child Care Forms

Required OCFS forms are available at:

<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/documents/docsChildCare.asp>

Don't forget to order your NEW versions of the blue card!!!

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.

QUALITYstarsNY

QUALITYstarsNY is a voluntary five-star "rating system" for providers much like those used for hotels and restaurants, with the number of stars indicating the quality of an early care and learning program. However, unlike other rating systems, QUALITYstarsNY provides an infrastructure for assessing, improving and communicating the quality of care provided by early learning programs.

QualitystarsNY is here in Sullivan County!

<http://qualitystarsny.org/index.php>

Click "Interested in Applying" to start the process of becoming the **first** program in Sullivan County to participate in the New York State QUALITY RATING SYSTEM.

Message from Donna Willi, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are still working diligently to implement the federal changes into our regulations and to share the information with you as we receive it. Don't panic. We are all here to work together so all programs can remain in compliance and our kids can be cared for in safe programs!

ALL providers, including informal friends and family programs (with a few exceptions) will need to complete a federally based finger printing process, child abuse history, sex offender history and state exclusion of employment checks. The majority of the costs for these checks will be absorbed by the state, however all providers will be required to pay the \$25 state central child abuse registry fee. This fee is per check not per person in a household and will only need to be paid once per program/new person. Documentation for these checks can be found at:

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/documents/docschildcare.asp>

And click on: [Packet - Comprehensive Background Clearances](#)

All providers will not need ALL forms included in the link. Please call or email the Council for guidance or refer to the cover page of the packet. Upon accurate completion of the required forms mail, drop or email them to the Council. The responses have been coming back very quickly and, unless there is an issue needing a more in depth review don't seem to be causing delays in hiring. These background checks will be required every five years. The Office of Children and Family Services has created a schedule to get everyone in compliance in a timely and organized manner. This schedule CANNOT be deviated from – so please be patient and move forward as directed.

Look for ongoing updates on the Council and OCFS websites.

Yours in Childcare –
Donna

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

Twin Bridge Play School Inc.

Sullivan County Head Start, Inc. (All locations)

Little Rainbows Daycare

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)

Is your child care provider on the CACFP Program? If you want to know if your child's provider participates in healthy meals by CACFP OR you are a child care provider interested in getting reimbursed for healthy meals to the children in your care, call Aimee at 845-292-7166.

Wintertime Outdoor Play

With the temperatures dropping, it is especially important to get the children properly dressed and get outside whenever possible. Gross motor movement in children is very important for several reasons. Exploring the outdoors and breathing fresh air while exerting energy is a good way to let children get the release they need to be able to better focus, nap and build a healthy appetite.

Gross motor activities are also important for school readiness. Large muscle movement allows children to develop body awareness, balance and coordination.

Children need to have structured activities as well as free play to truly benefit positive outdoor play. Start a game of tag, kickball or have a race.

Talk about outside rules and how they differ from indoor rules. Let them run and yell and be rambunctious. Throw things, retrieve things, catch and slide. Get the wiggles out!

Never take outdoor play time away from a child as punishment. Children that have behavioral issues will likely do better when they are able to run around and exert extra energy they may have pent up.

On colder days, even ten minutes of outdoor play can be very beneficial. When outdoor play isn't possible due to freezing temperatures or precipitation, you are still required to allow children time to exercise their gross motor muscles. Some children love to dance. Try different types of music, a marching band, a structured movement song, freeze dance, standing up and sitting down to parts of a song. You can teach letters or prepositions words like; above, below, up, down, side-to-side, right to left using arm and body movements as ways to implement learning in gross motor play. Be creative! Let children share their own dance moves and let the other children copy them.

Having a space to jump rope, do jumping jacks or climb are other great ways to help build large muscle development. Make it fun and the children will enjoy themselves while learning and building muscle to help them better develop.

-Aimee Pittaluga, CACFP Coordinator

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 and 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

Has your program taken advantage of the free technical assistance that we are offering for infants and toddlers? The Council is supportive of quality improvement and has grant money to purchase materials for programs working with the Infant Toddler Specialist!

****Call Kelsey for more information today! **
(845) 292-7166x305**

Family Daycare Association

The Family Daycare Association will hold it's fourth meeting on January 9, 2020. We have covered some excellent topics thus far; Toddler Transitions, Caring Spaces and Mindfulness and Responsive Caregiving. At our last meeting we discussed becoming more active in the community as local providers! We will continue to expand on that idea in the coming meetings. We also launched a Facebook group for family and group family providers to exchange ideas, stories and support. Please search for Sullivan County Family Daycare Association to be added to this group!

**Our next meeting is being held on
January 9th!**

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*.

STAY TUNED FOR 2020 SCHEDULE

**To sign up or for the most current brochure , go to:
www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/webcasting.aspx.**

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

Online Training

NYSOCFS/PDP Online Trainings—FREE!

www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/elearn.aspx

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
1	2 CDA 5:30pm-9:30pm	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 CDA 5:30pm-8:30pm	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 CDA 5:30pm-8:30pm	17	18	19 Provider Info Session 10:30am-11:30pm	20	21
22 First Day of Winter and Hanukkah	23	24 Christmas Eve Closed at 12:30pm	25 Christmas Day CLOSED	26 Kwanza begins CLOSED	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	December			

Find EIP approved training and register at www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/FindTraining.aspx.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6 CDA 5:30pm-8:30pm	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 CDA 5:30pm-8:30pm	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr Day CLOSED	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 CDA 5:30pm-8:30pm	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 President's Day CLOSED	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28	29

CDA CONTENT AREAS

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

CORE COMPETENCY AREAS

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

OCFS TOPICS

1. Principles of Child Development
2. Nutrition and Health Needs of Infants and Children
3. Program Development
4. Safety and Security Procedures
5. Business Record Maintenance and Management
6. Child Abuse and Maltreatment Identification & Prevention
7. Statutes and regulations pertaining to child daycare
8. Statutes & regs pertaining to Child Abuse & Maltreatment
9. Shaken Baby syndrome

Thinking about becoming a childcare provider? Or are you a current provider that needs a refresher? The Child Care Council is offering a H +S class in October. Consider joining us! Call Lee at (845) 292-7166x302 with any questions.

Course Title	Hrs/ CEU's	Cost/ Reduced Cost	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas	CBK Areas
First Aid / CPR	5	\$75	2, 4	—	5
Health & Safety Training	15/ 1.5	\$250	2,4,5, 6,7,8,9	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 professional development training & education
- **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & First Aid (FA):** to assist income eligible providers offset the cost
- **The MAT Rebate Program:** For child care facilities to offset the cost of the training to certify staff to administer medication in a child care setting.

Apply online at: <https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mytraining/EIPAPP/preapp.aspx>

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

New Regulations have been released as of September 25, 2019.

FDC:

417.14(b)(1) Each applicant must complete the Office-approved training that complies with the federal minimum health and safety pre-service training requirements or three-month orientation period training requirements. This training must be obtained pre-service or within three months of starting such position. Individuals who have completed Office approved training that complies with federal health and safety requirements may be left unsupervised with children. **Any teacher, director, or volunteer who does not complete this training must not be left unsupervised with children in care until such times as the training has been completed.**

(c) Each employee and volunteer must complete a minimum of thirty (30) hours of training every two years. The required (30) hours of training every two years is subject to the following conditions:

(1) Fifteen of the required thirty (30) hours of training must be obtained during the person's first six months at the program.

(2) A minimum of five (5) hours of Office approved training must be obtained each year which addresses topics or subject matters set forth in 417.14(f). (all 9)

As a Reminder:

417.15(b)(13) The caregivers, employees and volunteers must be familiar with the regulations governing family day care. Such regulations must be readily accessible to the caregivers for reference purposes and must be made available for review to a parent of a child in care upon request by a parent.

SACC:

414.14 (b) Each applicant for, or individual in the position of director, teacher, or volunteer must complete Office- approved training that complies with federal minimum health and safety pre-service or three-month orientation period requirements. This training must be obtained pre-service or within three months of starting such position.

(1)Any teacher, director, or volunteer who has not completed this training must not be left unsupervised with children in care until such time as the training has been completed.

(c)Each staff person and volunteer must complete a minimum of thirty (30) hours of training every two years. The required (30) hours of training every two years is subject to the following conditions:

(1)Fifteen of the required thirty (30) hours of training must be obtained during the person's first six months at the program.

(2)A minimum of five (5) hours of Office approved training must be obtained each year which addresses topics or subject matters set forth in 414.14(d). (all 9)

As a Reminder:

414.15(b)(13) All staff and volunteers of the school age child care program must be familiar with the Office regulations and policies governing such programs, and the program's policies. Such regulations and policies must be readily accessible to staff and volunteers for reference purposes.

Congratulations

to our newest registered child care providers:

Kids Connection Daycare



Karen Patalona



Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I heard that new regulations have been coming down the pipe, for all of us in the daycare field. Are they being implemented yet? How long do I have to comply? Where can I read them?

Trying to Keep It Straight.

Dear Trying to Keep it Straight,

The new regulations are here as of September 25, 2019. As you can see to the left, I have highlighted some very important changes. All modalities of care are affected by these changes. Part of your many responsibilities as a provider is to be familiar with the new regulations and be confident that all employees and volunteers are familiar with them as well. The regulations must be "ready and accessible" for reference for caregivers and ready for review to a parent upon request. 417.15(b)(13)FDC. You can get them from OCFS documents page: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/documents/docsChildCare.asp>. You may find it convenient to keep your Health Care Plan, Regulations and other updated site documents (from your most current registration date) together in a easily accessible space.

Thanks for the great question,

Jody

Just as a baby learning to walk; sometimes adults have to take a few steps back, to move forward. Reflect, Revise, Relive ~ Anonymous

From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

Just wanted to say thank you. We have been through some major changes in regulations and we are trying to figure them out. You have all been very patient through out this process it is greatly appreciated. Have a warm, happy and safe winter and Happy Holidays.

**Sue Sennett
Registrar**

Reflect, Revise, Relive ~ Anonymous

Child Care Time & Attendance (CCTA)

Please help us welcome our newest web-based users:

**Middletown Hebrew Association of Middletown NY, INC.
AKA MHA Preschool & Temple Sinai**

Blooming Grove Day Care Center

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

What The Aspire Registry can do for you:

- Provide you with a free online professional portfolio
- Keep a record of your education, employment, and professional development all in one place
- Help you find and register for training and professional development
- **One step closer to QualityStarsNY participation!**

What The Aspire Registry can do for the early childhood field:

- Bring increased recognition, professionalism, and compensation to the early childhood field
- Collect important data to influence policy decisions

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	\$104	\$98	\$98	\$98
Daily	\$23	\$23	\$21	\$20
Part Day	\$15	\$15	\$14	\$13
Hourly	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25

Enhanced With training	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
Weekly	\$112	\$105	\$105	\$105
Daily	\$25	\$25	\$23	\$21
Part Day	\$16	\$16	\$15	\$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	\$146	\$135
Daily	\$0	\$0	\$33	\$29
Part Day	\$0	\$0	\$22	\$20
Hourly	\$0	\$0	\$6.00	\$5.25

CPSC Cautions Consumers Not to Use Inclined Infant Sleep Products

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning parents and

caregivers about the dangers of popular inclined sleep products for infants, citing the findings of a new study. The study is part of a growing body of evidence showing that inclined sleepers with higher angles do not provide a safe sleep environment for infants. Several inclined sleepers have previously been recalled by the CPSC.

The agency continues to emphasize that the best place for a baby to sleep is on a firm, flat surface in a crib, bassinet or play yard. Parents and caregivers should never add blankets, pillows or other items to an infant's sleeping environment. Babies should always be placed to sleep on their backs.

New Study Confirms: Babies Should Sleep on Firm, Flat Surface

CPSC received reports of 1,108 incidents, including 73 infant deaths, related to infant inclined sleep products that occurred from January 2005 through June 2019. CPSC hired independent expert Erin Mannen, Ph.D., a mechanical engineer specializing in biomechanics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to conduct infant testing to evaluate the design of inclined sleep products. Dr. Mannen measured infants' muscle movements and oxygen saturation while in various products and positions, such as a flat crib, an inclined crib, and several inclined sleep products. Dr. Mannen found that none of the inclined sleep products her team tested is safe for infant sleep. Dr. Mannen's report was conclusive that products with inclines 10 degrees or less, with flat and rigid surfaces, are likely safe for infant sleep. Dr. Mannen also found that soft and plush-like sleep surfaces pose dangers to infants.

What Should Parents and Caregivers Do Now?

- Stop using infant sleep products with inclined seat backs of more than 10 degrees. Parents and caregivers should not use infant car seats, bouncers, and other infant inclined products for sleep, and should follow manufacturer instructions.
- Follow safe sleep advice. Bare is Best: Do not add blankets, pillows, or other items to the baby's sleep environment. Back to Sleep: Always place infants to sleep on their backs on a firm, flat surface.

Check www.cpsc.gov often to see if your nursery products have been recalled, and promptly follow the recall instructions to

Recall:

This recall involves the MATVRÅ bibs for infants sold in a two pack with one blue and one red bib with a snap at the back of the neck. The blue bib has a green seam along the outside with white polka dots. The red bib has a yellow seam along the outside with red polka dots. MATVRÅ, IKEA and the IKEA logo are printed on a white tag on the back of the bib.

Remedy

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled bibs and return them to any IKEA store for a full refund.

Incidents/Injuries:

The firm received two reports of the snaps on the bibs detaching. Neither incident occurred in the United States. No injuries have been reported.

Sold At:

Exclusively at IKEA stores nationwide and online at www.ikea-usa.com from August 2019 through September 2019 for about \$2.

Child Care Council Info

Normal Business Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-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	\$200
6wks-24mos	\$150	\$150	n/a
18mos-36mos	n/a	n/a	\$190
3y-5y	n/a	n/a	\$180
2yrs-5yrs	\$150	\$150	n/a
6y-12y	\$143	\$143	\$170

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 Registrar please call us during business hours and schedule an appointment!

Or come attend our next scheduled orientation session on Thursday December 19, 2019 from 10:30am-11:30am. Call now to register!!!

Any and all fingerprinting questions or appointments need to go through IdentoGO.

Please call (877) 472-6915.

You MUST be on time for appointments or you will need to reschedule.

Child Care Programs in Sullivan County

	OCFS Registered/Licensed Child Care Programs					
Township	Day Care Centers (DCC)	Family Day Care Homes (FDC)	Group Family Day Care Homes (GFDC)	School-Age Child Care (SACC)	Private Schools	Requests for Care 12/1/2019-2/28/2019
Bethel	0	0	0	0		4
Callicoon	0	2	2	0		10
Cochecton	0	0	0	0		10
Delaware	0	2	0	0		0
Fallsburg	2	4	1	0		16
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0		1
Fremont	0	0	0	0		4
Highland	0	1	0	0		1
Liberty	2	7	1	2	1	39
Lumberland	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mamakating	1	0	3	0		8
Neversink	0	0	2	1		0
Rockland	0	0	0	0		20
Thompson	5	1	3	1	1	82
Tusten	0	0	0	0		0
Totals	11	17	12	4	3	185

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2019 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:

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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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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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