

# Caregiver News

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

## Sullivan County Providers: WE APPRECIATE YOU

On May, 8 2020, we celebrated Provider Appreciation Day.

May you be proud of the work you do and the difference you make.

Thank you to all of our Sullivan County Providers for your hard work, today and every day.

With Love from the Staff of the Child Care Council



## All About Germs

Handwashing is more important than ever in the fight against germs and COVID-19. These simple activities can help children understand the importance of handwashing and the role that germs play in our health!

### Everything You Touch

You need: White paper, crayons, and tape.

1. Have children draw and color pictures of small germs on paper. Make up your own germs or print some from [www.scrubclub.org](http://www.scrubclub.org).
2. Have children tape the pictures around the room on everything they touch over a 1/2 hour.
3. Look around at the room at the end of that time and talk about how they themselves pick-up and spread germs like these to all of these things.

### Glitter Germs

You need: Shaker of glitter, soap and water, sink or bowl, and towels.

1. Put a small amount of glitter on children's hands.
2. Put children into 2 groups: have group 1 wash their hands with soap and group 2 without soap.
3. Show how soap gets rid of the glitter (germs) better than water alone.
4. Next, put glitter in your hand and then touch the children's hands, shoulders, hair, etc. to show them how the glitter was transferred. Explain how germs are also transferred in this way.

## OCFS FUNDED TRAININGS

New York State's Office of Children and Family Services is funding several trainings for daycare center directors all over the region in the coming months. Please check back regularly for any changes in the schedule due to COVID-19. Here is the current schedule:

June 24 and June 25, 2020  
**Fiscal Management**  
 Child Care Council of Westchester, Val Halla

July 30, 2020  
**Strengthening Supervisory Skills**  
 Family of Woodstock, Kingston

September 16, 2020  
**Orientation: The Process of Staff Integration**  
 Child Care Council of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie

October 20, 2020  
**Director's Role in Developmentally Appropriate Practices**  
 Sullivan County Child Care Council, Liberty

These trainings are FREE to daycare center directors.

Please contact the Sullivan County Child Care Council with questions about any trainings that are scheduled in the coming months. More information will be shared as it is available.

Please check **page five** of the newsletter or contact the Council at (845) 292-7166. to see other trainings being offered.

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# COVID-19 Resources for Providers and Parents

Our lives and routines have changed dramatically and rapidly over the course of the last several weeks. In the upcoming months, we can expect to see continuous changes as things shift into a new normal. It is important to remember how these extraordinary changes are affecting the children in our lives, as parents and as child care providers.

As programs begin to reopen, we must remember, this transition is NOT the same as a normal back to school transition, or even comparable to when a child first attends daycare. These unprecedented circumstances have unique characteristics and it is so important to recognize the uniqueness of the situation and give the children in your care the space to explore their feelings.

Be prepared to share with parents the changes you have made to your drop off and pick up routines. With the increased importance for health screenings and sanitation practices, there have surely been some changes made to your program. Reassuring parents that you are doing what you can to keep their children safe will alleviate some of the stress they are experiencing, which will help to ease the burden of stress on their children as well.

Expect regressions in behavior. Regressions are completely normal and to be expected when children return to your care after being home in a stressful situation for several weeks. Children who were previously potty trained may have accidents. Children may need help getting dressed or washing hands. Children may be withdrawn, clingy or fussy. They may even exhibit more aggressive behavior than normal. Although this may be frustrating, this behavior is best met with love and compassion. They will eventually return to normal as they adjust to yet another big change in their lives.

Encourage the children to express how they are feeling. Give them the time and space to tell you how this experience has affected them. Read stories about feelings to help them find the language to express themselves.

Encourage coping strategies. If a child is struggling, suggest they bring a comfort object from home or a photo of mom or dad to keep in their cubby when they are feeling sad.

## TIPS FOR PARENTS

- In the week leading up to a return to school, use pretend play to model drop off, pick up, nap time, lunch etc. so your child is prepared to return to a daycare program.
- Read books that will help your child prepare to be away from home such as *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn, *I Love You All Day Long* by Francesca Rusackas, *Bye-Bye Time* by Elizabeth Verdick, or *Llama Llama Misses Mama* by Anna Dewdney
- Talk to your child's teacher about what coping strategies work for your child at home, so they can be used if your child struggles during the day
- Remain as positive and upbeat as you can, especially at drop off time!

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS, PARENTS AND CHILDREN

- <https://www.cdc.gov/childrenindisasters/school-return-after.html>
- <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>
- <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/resources-for-supporting-childrens-emotional-well-being-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>
- <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/2896-getting-started-with-mindfulness-a-toolkit-for-early-childhood-organizations>
- <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3291-coronavirus-resources-for-early-childhood-professionals>

Information taken from Zero to Three: What Comes Next: Back to Child Care Following Shelter-in-Place. Find the full article here: <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3413-what-comes-next-back-to-child-care-following-shelter-in-place>

A Special THANK YOU to...  
**ELIZABETH RIVERA**  
and  
**WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH**  
FOR YOUR MASK DONATIONS!

## 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](mailto: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

Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, **Provider Appreciation Day** is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother’s Day. The founding organizers saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of childcare providers who care for children of working parents. This year, we as a worldwide community, battle the COVID-19 Pandemic childcare providers need more thanks and recognition than any other year prior to today. Sullivan County has a total of forty-five licensed and registered childcare programs of various modalities, of those; twenty-five have made the personal choice to remain open to serve our community and its essential workers. These programs serve at minimum six families and up to over thirty families per day. And each day with each drop off and pick up brings additional risk to these providers, their families and their staff. They are working longer hours and caring for more children than pre-pandemic. They are charged with keeping a sense of normalcy for the children’s mental health and well being with little attention paid to themselves.

Our child care providers greet our children each day to care and nurture them so our health care workers, gas and food store clerks, law enforcement and many others we can go off to work knowing they are leaving their children in good hands. Childcare providers spend their days teaching our children, supporting their emotional wellbeing, preparing food, cleaning up, teaching manners, interacting and playing, preparing food again and cleaning up again and this year, added to their duties is home schooling. And in addition to their direct care hours, with most weeks well above fifty hours, still need to shop for food, clean and disinfect their program areas/houses and complete required paper work and now more than ever before worry about their own and their families health and wellbeing. They continuously participate in training and professional development and maintain CPR and First Aid certification. Why do they work so hard, because they love what they do and genuinely care about the families and children they care for. May 8<sup>th</sup> is designated Provider Appreciation Day but don’t forget them on May 9<sup>th</sup> and after; their work does not stop.

The saying, “we are all in this together” is a cliché that does not illuminate the individual situation of each and every person wallowing in this pandemic. Please take a few moments and show your appreciation and thanks to your child care provider by bringing them flowers, write a kind note, work with your child to create a special remembrance, buy something for their program, pick your child up early, or give your provider a paid day off, a raise, or a bonus. Think about how hard you work each day and then think about your provider’s day. Would you like to trade places?

***Thank you, Sullivan County Child Care Providers – we appreciate you!!***

Yours in Child Care,  
**Donna Willi, Executive Director**  
Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtm) or contact the SUNY MAT Grant Program at 800-295-9616 or [mat@pdp.albany.edu](mailto: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](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtm)

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

## Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Is your child care provider on the CACFP Program? Are you a provider interested in joining?

Please call Aimee Pittaluga at (845) 292-7166.

## Handwashing and Food Safety

As much as we know the importance of hand washing, it is a good time to remind child care providers that mealtimes are especially important times to wash. Parents and childcare providers should set good examples by washing their hands frequently and encouraging children to do the same.

**Make sure you are washing hands effectively**

- Rub hands together for about 30 Seconds
- Wash hands thoroughly. washing each finger and nail bed and top of the hands included
- Rinse the suds off your hands with warm water and finger tips pointed towards the drain.
- Finally, dry hands completely on clean paper towels or your own personal towel. Cloth towels that others have used may spread illness.
- Turn off faucet with paper towel.
- Discard paper towel with a touchless garbage bin.

**When should you be sure to wash hands?**

- BEFORE preparing and eating food
- AFTER handling raw meat, fish, poultry or eggs
- AFTER touching pets
- AFTER playing in dirt or sand or with shared toys
- AFTER using the bathroom, changing a baby, or helping a child use the bathroom
- AFTER blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing on your hands

## Online Training

### NYSOCFS/PDP Online Trainings—FREE!

[www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/elearn.aspx](http://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

## Family Daycare Association

Our next meeting will be schedule and announced via EMAIL and PHONE as soon as social distancing measures have lifted.

### STAY SAFE AND STAY HEALTHY!!

Being a part of the Family Daycare Association gives you the chance to have face to face conversations with other providers, troubleshoot issues in your programs and share ideas. You also get 1.5 FREE training hours for each session!

Find us on Facebook in our *private* group: **Sullivan County Family Daycare Association!**

Call Kelsey with any questions at (845) 292-7166!

## Webcast Trainings

[ecetp.pdp.albany.edu](http://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*.

### Trauma Informed Care

Thursday, June 11, 2020

### Town Hall Meeting: Challenging Behavior

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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

**\*\*Please contact the Council to find out if these trainings are running as scheduled!**

## 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 "Caring Spaces" endorsement

Call Kelsey to find out about the free services and grant money we are offering for participating in the Infant Toddler Network! (845) 292-7166 x305

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9*	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Fiscal Management Training CCCW**	25 Fiscal Management Training CCCW**	26	27
28	29	30	<b>June</b>			

Find EIP approved training and register at [www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/FindTraining.aspx](http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/FindTraining.aspx).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July</b>			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Strengthening Supervisory Skills Family of Woodstock**	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August</h1>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	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 offers Health and Safety classes for interested participants! Call Donna to inquire about our next scheduled class! (845) 292-7166 x309**

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](mailto: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

### Spot Light on Confidentiality and Parent Accessibility

#### (6) Confidentiality.

(i) Information relating to an individual child is confidential and cannot be disclosed without written parental permission to anyone other than the Office, its designees or other persons authorized by law.

(ii) Information relating to an individual child may be disclosed to a social services district where the child receives a day care subsidy from the district, where the child has been named in a report of alleged child abuse or maltreatment, or as otherwise authorized by law.

(iii) Redisclosure of confidential HIV-related information, as defined in section 360-8.1 of this Title, concerning a child receiving family day care is not permitted except in a manner consistent with article 27-F of the Public Health Law.

(7) A family day care home may not refuse to admit a child to the home solely because the child is a child with a developmental delay or disability or has been diagnosed as having human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), HIV-related illness or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Each such child must be evaluated by the program to determine whether the child could be accommodated in the program if reasonable modifications are made to the premises and/or program. Nothing contained in section 417.11 of this Part, shall be deemed to require the program to incur significant additional expenses to modify the premises and/or program to accommodate such a child.

(8) The parent of any child receiving family day care must have:

(i) unlimited and on demand access to such child;

(ii) the right to inspect all parts of the home used for child day care or which could present a hazard to the health or safety of the child whenever the parent requests at any time during the hours of operation of the home;

(iii) unlimited and on demand access to the caregivers whenever such child is in care or during the normal hours of operation; and

(iv) unlimited and on demand access to written records concerning such child except where access to such records is otherwise restricted by law.

(9) Electronic monitors and surveillance equipment.

(i) The parents of all children receiving care in a family day care home equipped with electronic monitoring devices or surveillance cameras installed for the purpose of allowing parents to view their children in the day care setting by means of the Internet must be informed that cameras will be used for this purpose. All assistants and employees of the family day care home must also be informed if electronic monitoring devices or surveillance cameras will be used for this purpose.

(ii) All parents of children enrolled in the family day care home and all assistants and employees of the family day care home must be made aware of the locations of all electronic monitoring devices or surveillance cameras used at the family day care home.

## Congratulations

to our newest registered / licensed child care provider:

**CAITLIN STEFFENS OF GIGI'S PLACE**



## Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

When I take the kids out of the home and off premises, do I need a transportation plan, and parent permission, even if we are only going down the street to the park? I have it in my policy that we go to the park and go for outdoor walks, all of the parents sign it when the child initially starts the program, so the parents all know if we are not at the home we are either at the park or we went for a walk. Literally, I can see the swings from my driveway so I know *they* can.

Signed,  
Waiting for Sunny Days

Hello Sunny Days,

Yes, you need to let the parents know the day of your walk or drive, where you are going and how long you plan to be gone. You will need signed permission from each parent, have a transportation plan and have it posted with in view of the parents as well. You may want to verbally remind them at drop off too. Bring the children's emergency information, emergency medications, a first aid kit and have a phone with you when you go. This is necessary first and foremost for the children's and your safety. Also, if the parents do not know where the children are you are limiting their access to their child. If the parent does not sign the permission you will have to make other plans as well. As you can not leave the child behind or demean the child due to parental decision. I hope this helps. Have fun and enjoy those sunny summer days. Be safe

~Jodi

## From the Desk of the Registrar

Dear Providers,

I want to send my deepest thanks to you all. We are all changing our ways of life. As adults we forge ahead. Although children are resilient they need your support and the security of knowing you are always there for them. For children whose lives have changed, and are not in your care be sure to connect with them and parents. Remain in their lives, let them know you are there when normal returns. We are all preparing for a great summer. Be well and be safe.

Sue Sennett  
Registrar

Sometimes you never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory ~Dr. Seuss

## Child Care Time & Attendance (CCTA)

Please help us welcome our newest web-based user:

### Devon's Daycare

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 the SCCC at (845) 292-7166.

## 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](mailto:info@nyworksforchildren.org).

## Legally Exempt News

### Legally Exempt News & Regulation Update

Timesheets DO's and DON'TS:

- **DON'T** submit later than 60 days after the last day of care on the submitted timesheet
- **DON'T** claim hours children were not present in your program
- **DON'T** claim hours if parents were not at work
- **DO** complete in BLUE ink
- **DO** be sure ALL boxes are completed
- **DO** be sure ALL times are accurate
- **DO** make sure both parent and provider sign and date the timesheets
- **DO** advise of ANY changes in the household or location
- **DO** read info below

Since September 25, 2019, as you may know, many Legally Exempt providers are now required to have a comprehensive background checks completed prior to being eligible for payments. This includes fingerprinting, child abuse check, sex offender check and state exclusion list. You should also expect additional in program visits meant to support you in meeting the regulatory requirements. We will be verifying care and providing you with in program technical assistance to help you stay in compliance with the health and safety regulations.

## Legally Exempt Child Care Rates

Standard Without training	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
<b>Weekly</b>	\$104	\$98	\$98	\$98
<b>Daily</b>	\$23	\$23	\$21	\$20
<b>Part Day</b>	\$15	\$15	\$14	\$13
<b>Hourly</b>	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25

Enhanced With training	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
<b>Weekly</b>	\$112	\$105	\$105	\$105
<b>Daily</b>	\$25	\$25	\$23	\$21
<b>Part Day</b>	\$16	\$16	\$15	\$14
<b>Hourly</b>	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50

LE Group Child Care	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
<b>Weekly</b>	\$0	\$0	\$146	\$135
<b>Daily</b>	\$0	\$0	\$33	\$29
<b>Part Day</b>	\$0	\$0	\$22	\$20
<b>Hourly</b>	\$0	\$0	\$6.00	\$5.25

## **PSC Advances Rulemaking on Crib Bumpers to Protect Infants; Proposed Rule Would Remove Padded, Pillow-like Bumpers from the Market**

### **Release Details**

“WASHINGTON, D.C. – In an effort to protect infants from suffocation and death associated with padded crib bumpers, last week the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted unanimously to advance rulemaking on a federal safety standard for crib bumpers. The proposed rule would prohibit the sale of padded, pillow-like bumpers that fail to meet minimum air flow requirements.

The notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) posits a mandatory safety standard for crib bumpers that would replace the current voluntary ASTM standard with tougher requirements to reduce the risk of injury and death to infants. The most notable change is the new airflow requirement, proposing that bumpers must allow for minimum airflow similar to mesh liners. Without sufficient airflow, infants can suffocate when they roll against the crib bumper and become wedged between bumper and mattress, or when the pillow-like surface of the bumper completely obstructs their mouth and nose.

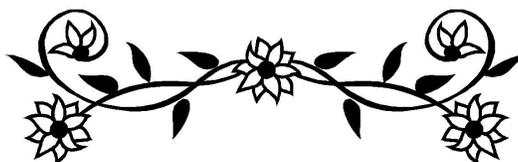
In addition to the new airflow requirement, the proposed rule would reduce the allowable crib bumper thickness to under 2” and would add a firmness requirement for crib bumpers.

The agency is now seeking comments on its proposal and alternative approaches. See the Federal Register notice at [www.cpsc.com](http://www.cpsc.com). “

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## 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

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Bethel	4	4	4	0	0	4
Callicoon	4	3	3	0	0	4
Cochecton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	2	0	0	0	0
Fallsburg	12	9	8	5	3	13
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fremont	2	2	2	0	0	2
Highland	2	1	1	0	0	2
Liberty	17	17	17	0	0	17
Lumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mamakating	2	2	2	0	0	2
Neversink	6	6	4	0	0	6
Rockland	10	6	5	3	0	10
Thompson	26	25	24	3	0	27
Tusten	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>87</b>

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