

# Caregiver News

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

## Celebrate Spring: Earth Day

With Spring in the horizon and hopes that COVID will continue to decline, there is many things to celebrate. As spring begins to dawn, celebrate in your programs with these activities made from **recycled materials!**

These make for great Earth Day crafts or Mother's Day gifts!

### Wildflower Seed Bombs

This sensory activity can turn into a fun project to continue to observe through spring and summer!

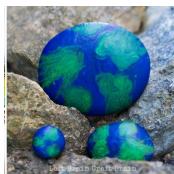
Blend construction paper and water until it becomes pulp. It should be mushy but still stick together. Add packet if wild flower seeds.

At this point, allow the kids to feel the 'dough' and play with it while molding it into small balls. Set out to dry and plant or send home for a sweet gift!



### Rock Garden

A lovely addition to your seed bombs is some hand painted rocks that can be collected on a nature walk. The littlest kids can have some painting fun with a sensory Ziploc bag filled with paint while the older kids do their rock painting.



### Newspaper Watercolors

This craft is a great chance to use up your old newspapers and inspire creativity for all ages!

Give each child a sheet of newspaper and allow them to paint with water colors. You can use their finished product to make flowers to hang in your program, cards for mothers day, create owls with some additional cutting and pasting for older children. The possibilities are endless!



## IT Teacher Talk

***Are you an infant and/or toddler teacher in a daycare center in Sullivan County?***

***Are you a director or owner looking for FREE professional development opportunities for your staff?***

Join us for:

### IT Teacher Talk- Sullivan County!

The Sullivan County Child Care Council and Kelsey, the Infant Toddler Specialist, are creating a space for infant and toddler teachers to come together to learn, discuss and receive support for anything and everything happening in the classroom! The group will meet (remotely) every other month. We will transition to in person meetings as that option becomes available.

We will discuss developmental milestones, social emotional growth, quality materials, a positive classroom environment and more. Upon request, specific topics can be covered at each meeting.

**Please contact Kelsey for more information!**  
**(845) 807-1129**

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**The Sullivan County Child Care Council is operating and we have at least one member of the staff present in the office each business day. However, we are not open to the public at this time.**

**If you need to drop something off, please call FIRST and we will be happy to make arrangements so that you have access to the building. Thank you for your understanding and stay safe.**

## Sullivan County Public Health

Submitted By: Catherine Paci BS, Ed—Public Health Educator

Sullivan County Public Health Services is committed to promoting the health of those who live, work and play in Sullivan County. We are a partial service local health department with a workforce of over 7 employees to meet the health needs of our community. We offer nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, Healthy Families, Children With Special Health Care Needs, bilingual outreach workers, The Rural Health Network and administrative staff.

Sullivan County Public Health Services offers a Certified Home Health Agency which includes home care to newborns and mothers eligible for maternal infant care services, young children and adults in need of at-home care, elder patients in need of skilled nursing, patients in need of wound care after surgery and individuals with disabilities in need of daily living and other forms of self-care.

Sullivan County Public Health Education Center offers community presentations on health-related topics, improves community awareness of public health issues, collaboration between community organizations to improve health outcomes.

The Rural Health Network is a collaborative group of organizations who work together to address the health needs of our community. We coordinate health and human services with our community partners to work together to leverage limited resources, and to ensure an effective and efficient service delivery system to improve health outcomes.



Sullivan County Public Health Services continued to see a decline in active Covid-19 cases over the past few days. There are a total of 159 active cases in the County, 586 in quarantine, 4 hospitalized and 66 deaths. Since March 2020 there have been 4,325 confirmed cases. To date, eight (8) vaccination clinics have been held since we began to receive vaccine on January 20, with a total of 1,509 individuals receiving their first dose. Today we vaccinated 224 essential workers. Tomorrow we will vaccinate at least another 100.

The 1,509 total included a one-time allocation for 600 seniors 65+ and additional vaccines for essential workers in category 1b. Those seniors and essential workers vaccinated the week of January 20 will be brought back for their second vaccines starting February 17, essentially doubling the number of clinics we're holding weekly going forward, for residents receiving both first and second doses.

We will also continue to see a 20% increase in our weekly allocation from the state. Many county staff and community volunteers are already being used to staff our clinics to assist our core public health staff operating clinics. To sign up to volunteer go to [www.health.ny.gov/ServNY](http://www.health.ny.gov/ServNY) and select "Sullivan County, NY." Sullivan County Public Health Services receives COVID vaccines from New York State and is required to distribute them in accordance with NYS Vaccine Distribution Guidelines.

The weekly allocations are designated by New York State to county health departments for specific populations and although new "eligible individuals" continue to be added by the state, we must follow the guidance we are given each week for how to distribute the vaccine we receive.

At this time we are unable to vaccinate additional individuals 65 and older because the state has not given us permission to do so. Pharmacies are designated to vaccinate 65 and older and will be receiving vaccine from NYS. Please call your local pharmacy to see when they will be receiving vaccine. The Medicine Shoppe in Liberty and Riverside Remedies in Callicoon have limited vaccine available and residents can visit their websites or call them directly for more information on how to sign up.

This week Sullivan County Public Health was allocated 300 doses. The doses are allocated for 1b essential workers. Garnet Health Medical Center- Catskills is continuing to vaccinate individuals in category 1a. health care workers. Sun River Health Care will be vaccinating additional residents. We expect additional doses will be allocated to our area health care partners and pharmacies in the coming weeks and will share information in a coordinated manner as it becomes available.

**NEW YORK STATE COVID-19 VACCINATION HOTLINE**  
**1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)**

**The COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline is open 7AM - 10PM, 7 days week, to help New Yorkers determine if they are eligible and schedule vaccination appointments.**

**To learn more go to <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/phased-distribution...>**

**\*\*ALL INFORMATION WAS ACCURATE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION, FEBRUARY 16, 2021.**

**FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL CATHIE PACI—(845) 513-2222**

## 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 .

\*This free service is funded by NYSOCFS.\*

During this time we can offer sessions via Zoom—try it!

## 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

**Council Friends –**

**Another quarter of a year gone by. As I think about what to write, I quickly become overwhelmed with all the information that I would like to share. What would be most important and helpful to our readers?**

**Within minutes I get up, get a snack or cup of coffee and try to prioritize my thoughts. Then my thoughts drift to the weekends, days off and family time. It is what drives me and has kept my perspective in the past almost twelve months. Life is hard for everyone. It may look different to everyone, but it is hard and exhausting. Find your perspective and focus on it – even for a moment. There is a light – follow it – we will all get there together.**

**Yours in Child Care,  
Donna**

*one day at a time*



## CLASS Tool

Did you know that for infants & toddlers, teacher-student interaction is more fundamental in learning and development than playing with toys/reading books/social interaction? CLASS is a tool that focuses on teacher-student interactions that is research proven to drive learning and development.

**Marisa, our Infant Toddler Mental Health Consultant, is certified to conduct the CLASS observation and assessment tool. If you're a provider who would like assistance with increasing your positive teacher-student interaction, reach out today! 292-7166**

You too can become CLASS certified! Visit <https://teachstone.com/class/> for more information

## 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**

**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? 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.**

## HAPPY CACFP Week March 14—20 2021

Our providers, you, have done an incredible job continuing to run smoothly despite all the challenges brought on by COVID. Here are a few tips that may help you address some of these new challenges brought on by accepting school age children and their inconsistent schedules.

Coordinating schedules and facilitating online school is difficult and unfamiliar. When implementing the CACFP program, remember:

- Despite age, all children should be offered the same foods. Being that this is a unique situation, I understand that the serving of meals may stagger. If you are concerned about meal staggering, please let me know.
- Be sure that all enrollments are up to date and reflect current meals.
- Keep attendance records up to date on school days and non-school days. Keeping all records accurate helps to prevent "error codes".
- Make sure enrollments reflect the school of attendance, if any.
- Encourage school age children to help you create meals. This is a great opportunity for them to gain access to the kitchen, learn about ingredients, learn how to spot whole grains and to use measurement tools. Hands on learning can be a welcome change of pace for the children and for you.
- Use mealtimes to engage with the school age children about how they feel during these challenging times. Include them in regular mealtime conversations so they feel like part of the program. Help them with proper manners and expectations.

It is normal to feel overwhelmed with all the additional responsibilities that come with accepting school age children. Set boundaries that will keep the older children involved while protecting the younger children in your program. Thank you for all you do always.

— Aimee Pittaluga, CACFP Coordinator

## 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

## Webcast Trainings

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

When available, 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*.

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 a variety of education and quality improvement support via phone, text, email, zoom trainings and when necessary, field visits.

Call or text Kelsey to find out about the free services and grant money we are offering for participating in the Infant Toddler Network!

(845) 807-1129

## Infant Toddler Mental Health Consultant

Mental Health Consultation is an opportunity for early care and education and mental health providers to work together to make a childcare setting the best place it can be. This service will be provided at no cost to the program, but rather through funding provided by NYS OCFS.

As the Infant Toddler Mental Health Consultant, Marisa will:

- Use observation tools to improve infant/toddlers development, learning, social, and emotional experience
- Review the outcomes from observation tools to create a plan for improvement

Call Marisa for more information on available services!  
(845) 292-7166

## Family Daycare Association

Our next **REMOTE** meeting will be :  
**March 25, 2021**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm**  
**ACES Training-Part I**

Kelsey is available for remote technical assistance! Call or text her at (845) 807-1129 with any questions or requests.

*Find us on Facebook!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Claim due	4	5	6
7 Int'l Woman's Day	8	9*	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Begins!	15 Celebrate CACFP all week	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day if Spring
21	22	23	24	25 FDA Meeting -ACES Part I	26	27 First Day of Passover
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31	<b>March</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>April</b>				1	2	3 Claim due
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8 ACES Training-Part I 6pm-7:30pm	9 ACES Training-Part II 6pm-7:30pm	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Arbor Day	



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May</b>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Provider Appreciation Day !	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Mother's Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Armed Forces Day
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>30</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>31</b> Memorial Day	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

**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
10. ACES

**Thinking about becoming a childcare provider? Or are you a current provider that needs a refresher? The Child Care Council offers First Aid and CPR 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
<b>First Aid / CPR</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>2, 4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5</b>

**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](https://ocfs.ny.gov)

#### SPOTLIGHT On: COVID Vaccine

Please see this month's Dear Provider Letter for more detailed information.

##### WHO:

- Owners, Operators and staff of OCFS licensed and registered child care programs.
- Providers and staff of Legally Exempt Group Child Care programs

Unlicensed, unregistered, informal or legally exempt home-based providers of child care are **NOT** eligible at this time.

##### HOW:

As reported on the "COVID-19 Vaccine: Safe, Effective, Free" <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> (2021)

**Step 1:** Go to the: Am I Eligible app to see if you're eligible and make an appointment. You can also call the New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829). Once you have successfully scheduled an appointment, you will receive a confirmation email that contains a barcode. You will need to bring this to your appointment.

**Step 2:** Complete the Vaccine Form. Once you have a confirmed appointment, you must complete the New York State COVID-19 Vaccine Form. This form should be filled out online and you will receive a submission ID indicating completion. You will need to bring the submission ID to your appointment. If you cannot submit the form online, it will be available at the vaccination sites.

**Step 3:** Bring proof of eligibility to your appointment. Depending on your eligibility category, proof can include an employee ID card, a letter from an employer or affiliated organization, a pay stub, a driver's license, passport, or any legal proof of your date of birth and residency. At the time of your appointment, you'll be asked a series of clinical questions to ensure readiness for a vaccine. You will be asked for insurance information BUT the vaccine is free and there will never be a charge to you. This information is for administrative use only. (Daycare providers should bring their license or registration as proof (Regional Office, 2021))

**Step 4:** Your second dose appointment will be scheduled automatically when you receive your first vaccine dose. Your second appointment will be scheduled for the same time and at the same location, three weeks following your first dose. You will receive a card onsite with the date and time indicated and a confirmation email will follow a few days later. Please keep in mind when scheduling your first appointment that your second appointment will occur at the same time of day.

##### What you will need to bring with you to your appointment recap:

- Copy of the confirmation email with barcode
- Submission ID
- Proof of eligibility
- If Daycare staff, fulltime/ part time / substitute/teacher etc.. letter from the employer or employee id
- For Home based providers your license / Registration.
- Insurance Information

All though it does not say so on the website a basic form of ID is always recommended such as Drivers License, Passport or Identification Card

The Office Of Children and Family Services has not mandated that all providers are required to have the vaccine. The Department of Health does however, strongly recommend it if you are medically able to.

##### Resource list:

###### COVID 19 Vaccine Facts

Sullivan County Department of Public Health) <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/PublicHealth/COVIDvaccines>

Frequently Asked Questions (NYS Department of Health) <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/frequently-asked-questions-0>

OCFS <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/>

COVID-19 Vaccine: Safe, Effective, Free <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

## Congratulations

to our newest registered / licensed child care providers:

Healthy Kids Programs



### Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I have read about the new category for training requirements, I am so confused and anxious I just have so many things going on right now. I can't find it anywhere, I don't know what is accepted as a course, is there one I can register for if so, how do I register for it? When do I have to have it done? Is it included in the 30 hour requirement or added to the 30 hours. I am hoping you can help me, please?

From,  
So Confused

Dear So Confused,

Thanks for the question. The training topic entitled Adverse Childhood Experiences, Focused on Understanding Trauma and Nurturing Resiliency, was introduced into training requirements in January as the 10<sup>th</sup> topic. Currently, The Office of Children and Family Services is diligently working on the implementation of the availability of the training to providers. They ask that all programs be patient and they will notify everyone when the process is concluded. Until such time, we have been granted a grace period. In addition, this training is included in the 2 year / 30 hour requirement. So no worries, we got you!

Keep Calm and Carry On!

From,  
Jodi



### From the Desk of the Registrar

COVID: a 5 letter word we have known for just under a year - a contagion that strikes fear, negativity, uncertainty, change and strife into our daily lives.

SMILE: a 5 letter word we have known since the beginning of human kind - a contagion that spreads hope, peace, health, strength, and fortitude, yet it seems to be disappearing more and more out of our daily lives.

Make it your mission every day to take a moment to relish in a SMILE of hope, a SMILE for internal peace, a SMILE for good health, a SMILE for community strength and a SMILE for personal fortitude. 5 little SMILES will lead to 5 more SMILES- so innocent, yet so impactful.

Sue Sennett  
Registrar

*"Your never fully dressed without a smile" ~ Annie*



## Child Care Time & Attendance (CCTA)

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 SCCCC 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

### Tips for Enrollment:

- MUST** have a subsidy approved family
  - MUST** submit a complete enrollment packet (all boxes/ sections must be checked/filled out, even if it is N/A)
  - Non-Relative** providers **MUST** complete pre-service training & provider certificate
  - Non-Relative** providers **MUST** complete a comprehensive background check
  - Relative** providers **ONLY** include: Grandparent or Great-grandparent, Sibling who is living in a separate residence, Aunt or Uncle
  - To be classified as “In-Home”, care **MUST** be done in the child’s home, **not** the providers
  - Enrollment process may take up to 40 days
- If you’re interested in becoming a legally exempt provider, call Marisa at (845) 292-7166 for more information!**

## 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

## RECALL DETAILS

**Name of Product:** Excedrin Migraine Caplets, Excedrin Migraine Geltabs, Excedrin Extra Strength Caplets, Excedrin PM Headache Caplets, and Excedrin Tension Headache Caplets



**Hazard:** Some of the bottles containing the over-the-counter drug can have a hole in the bottom. If there is a hole, children could access and swallow the contents, posing a risk of poisoning. These products contain the substances aspirin and acetaminophen which must be in child resistant packaging as required by the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA).

**Description:** This recall involves 50, 80, 100, 125, 200, 250 and 300-count bottles of Excedrin Migraine Caplets, Excedrin Migraine Gel tabs, Excedrin Extra Strength Caplets, Excedrin PM Headache Caplets, and Excedrin Tension Headache Caplets. The bottles are plastic with a child-resistant closure. For a full list of the recalled products, visit [www.excedrin.com/products/discontinued](http://www.excedrin.com/products/discontinued).

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately store the recalled Excedrin bottles out of sight and reach of children and inspect the bottom of the bottle to determine if there is a hole. If there is a hole in the bottle, contact GSK Consumer Relations for information on how to receive a prepaid shipping label for return to receive a full refund. Bottles without a hole can be retained and used as directed.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None Reported

**Sold At:** Pharmacies, department stores, grocery stores, and hypermarkets nationwide and online from March 2018 through September 2020 for between \$7 and \$18.

## American Academy of Pediatrics Press Room

### Childhood & Adolescent Immunization Schedules for 2021 Released

The AAP has released the 2021 Immunization Schedule. With it's release, they have issued some guidelines to encourage all parents to get their children up to date with their immunizations as COVID rages on. Here are some highlights from the AAP article released on February 11, 2021

- Pediatricians are concerned that many children remain behind in their vaccines amid the COVID-19 pandemic and urge families to schedule their appointments to catch up.
- The AAP policy statement, "Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule: United States, 2021," describes the timetable for administering vaccinations during stages of a child's development that have proven to be safe and effective at preventing specific diseases.
- The Vaccine schedule includes a catch-up immunization schedule for those ages 4 months through 18 years who start late or are more than one month behind the recommended age for vaccine administration.
- A COVID-19 vaccine for children under age 16 is not yet available. Pharmaceutical companies have just begun enrolling younger children in clinical trials to evaluate safety, and currently the trials include only children 12 and older.

For more information please visit [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org) –The AAP parenting website

## Contact Us

### Business Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm

Assistance in person by appointment only at:

**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
<b>6wks-18mos</b>	n/a	n/a	\$200
<b>6wks-24mos</b>	\$150	\$150	n/a
<b>18mos-36mos</b>	n/a	n/a	\$190
<b>3y-5y</b>	n/a	n/a	\$180
<b>2yrs-5yrs</b>	\$150	\$150	n/a
<b>6y-12y</b>	\$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.

At this time we are not providing face to face orientation sessions but please call Sue Sennett, Registrar with any questions. She is here to help!

**Contact us today! Sullivan County, now more than ever before needs child care!**

**Call (845) 292-7166 OR**

**Email: [info@scchildcare.com](mailto:info@scchildcare.com).**

**Sullivan County NEEDS child care providers!**

**Let us help you help the children of the community!**

**Fingerprinting services are NO LONGER available at the Sullivan County Child Care Council.**

**Please call Identogo at (844) 321-2124 or go to <https://uenroll.identogo.com/>**

**to find available locations.**

## Child Care Programs in Sullivan County

Township	OCFS Registered/Licensed Child Care Programs				Private Schools	Requests for Care 10/1/2020 – 12/31/2020
	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	0	0
Callicoon	4	4	2	0	0	10
Cochecton	3	3	3	0	0	9
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fallsburg	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fremont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty	7	7	7	1	0	22
Lumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mamakating	4	4	3	1	0	12
Neversink	1	1	1	0	0	3
Rockland	4	4	4	0	0	12
Thompson	17	17	14	3	0	51
Tusten	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119</b>

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### 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)

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

Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Mail Form & Payment To:

Sullivan Co Child Care Council, Inc.  
PO Box 186, Ferndale, NY 12734

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

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

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**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](mailto:info@scchildcare.com)!**

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