

Caregiver News

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Sun Safety

Follow these tips from the AAP to stay safe in the sun all summer long!

- Keep infants under six months out of direct sunlight by utilizing shade from umbrellas, trees or a stroller canopy.
- If shade is not available, get parents approval to put sunscreen on limited areas of the infants body such as the face.
- Dress children in cool, comfortable clothing that covers the body.
- Wear a hat with a three inch brim all the way around
- Have your child wear sunglasses with UV protection when outside
- Select clothes with a tighter weave. Hold the item up to the sun and see how much light shines through. The less, the better.
- Avoid playing in direct sun between 10am and 4pm.
- Wear the appropriate sunscreen.
- Model sun safety and make sure all of the people in your family and program do too!

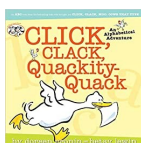


The Sullivan County Child Care Council is officially open to the public! Normal business activity has resumed. All SCCCC staff members are fully vaccinated and still follow safety measures and precautions.

Thanks for your patience and understanding throughout this truly challenging time.

Summer Picnic Party

Get in the mood for your picnic with this story:



Prepare your menu:

- Nut butter, banana and chocolate chip sandwiches
- Homemade Snack Mix with: goldfish, craisans, yogurt covered peanuts, pretzels
- Watermelon or cantaloupe shapes with child-safe cookie cutters
- Homemade honey granola bars
- Veggie and hummus cups

Have the children help to pack up your picnic basket and all your picnic supplies and head outside!

For details on any of the recipes above, call or text Kelsey at (845) 807-1129.



OCFS Adds ACEs Training Topic

As of January 6, 2021, the Office of Children and Family Services has added adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) as required training topic.

Adverse childhood experiences are potentially traumatic experiences that occur in children aged 0-17. Children that experience ACEs are significantly more likely to experience negative outcomes later in life such as depression, anxiety, heart disease, diabetes, STDs, addiction, incarceration and many more. People with six or more ACEs died nearly **20 years** sooner than those who did not experience any ACEs.

Prediction allows for prevention so knowing this information is absolutely critical when caring for children. Adverse childhood experiences do not discriminate and it has been found that they are common across all demographics.

Helping children develop resiliency and protective factors is the best way to combat the long term effects of experiencing ACEs.

The Sullivan County Childcare Council is offering free ACEs trainings that will meet the requirement for the new training topic. The ACEs trainings will be in a four part series. We are offering ACEs 101 at this time.

Please call the Council for further information on ACEs 101 training availability.
(845) 292-7166

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Teachstone CLASS

Classroom Assessment Scoring System

“Prioritize what matters most– Teacher-Student Interactions”

The Sullivan County Childcare Council now has three staff members who are certified to use the Classroom Assessment Scoring System tool (CLASS) in infant rooms, toddlers rooms, preschool rooms, and family or group family programs.

The CLASS assessment tool is meant to improve the quality of teacher-child interactions in your classroom, improving the quality of the classroom as a whole. The certification process is rigorous and includes two full days of training and a reliability testing to ensure that the quality of scoring remains consistent among all CLASS observers.



The CLASS tool is backed by evidence and research. There is a separate tools for each age group, infant, toddler and preschool.

According to the CLASS manual, “the CLASS dimensions are based on developmental theory and research suggesting that interactions between young children and caregivers are a primary mechanism of child development and learning.” The CLASS tool does NOT evaluate materials, environment, health and safety concerns, or curriculum. It is designed to ONLY evaluate teacher-child interactions.

Since the CLASS tool is not measuring anything else about the classroom except interactions, a wide variety of programs can be evaluated without the concern that their score is lower due to the environment or materials available.

We feel this truly gives our providers an opportunity to receive a score and feedback that will be most beneficial to them and the children.

Infant CLASS

The intense development that occurs in infancy and the primary relationships formed foster social emotional growth and shape self-perception and self regulation. These are the dimensions that are scored in the Infant CLASS:

- ◆ Relational Climate
- ◆ Teacher Sensitivity
- ◆ Facilitated Exploration
- ◆ Early Language Support

Each of these dimensions is broken down into more specific indicators that the observer is looking for during an evaluation.

Each observation cycle is 15 minutes long and can include several cycles in one score. The follow-up conversations with teachers following the scoring process can lead to rich self awareness and quality improvement specific to interactions and relationships in the classroom.

Toddler CLASS

Observing in a toddler classroom is much more challenging than observing in an infant classroom. The quality of interactions is much more complex and there is often several things going on at once. This tool is designed for use with children approximately 15-36 months old. The dimensions used for toddler and preschool CLASS are similar:

- ◆ Positive Climate
- ◆ Negative Climate
- ◆ Teacher Sensitivity
- ◆ Regard for Child Perspectives
- ◆ Behavior Guidance
- ◆ Facilitation of Learning and Development
- ◆ Quality of Feedback
- ◆ Language Modeling

Even the most experienced and educated teachers receive scores that are three or below on some of these dimensions indicating that there is value in a CLASS assessment for all.

Preschool CLASS

Using the CLASS assessment tool allows you to focus, measure and improve classroom interactions. This is key to continued academic achievement as the child continues into primary and secondary school. Identifying the strengths and weaknesses of your classroom will leave lasting effect on the children in your care. The dimensions observed in a preschool setting are:

- ◆ Positive Climate
- ◆ Negative Climate
- ◆ Teacher Sensitivity
- ◆ Regard for Students perspectives
- ◆ Behavior Management
- ◆ Productivity
- ◆ Instructional Learning Formats
- ◆ Concept Development
- ◆ Quality of Feedback
- ◆ Language Modeling

We hope you will allow us to help you nurture and develop these crucial adult-child relationships that form the building blocks for the rest of their education and lives. Call and request a CLASS Assessment today, it's free!
(845) 292-7166

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 .

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

Dear Friends of Child Care,

Things are looking up. The weather is warmer and we are beginning to get out and see people again! Phew.

As our families go back to work, our kids are going back into child care. We are working hard at encouraging new programs to open and providing incentives and supports for our current programs so they can continue to improve the quality and care offered to our kids, especially our infants and toddlers.

The Council has invested in credentialing three staff members in Classroom Assessment Scoring System® (CLASS). CLASS focus' on high-quality interactions and creates a shared understanding of quality in a child care program. We also offer many training topics, our newest is the ACES 101 (call for info!) or on-site technical assistance to all of our child care programs. CPR/FA classes have resumed and are offered bi-monthly. Give us a call or send an email if you would like to take advantage of any of our services – we are here to serve the families, providers and employers in our community.

Yours in Child Care,
Donna

CLASS Tool

CLASS is an observational assessment tool that focuses on teacher-student interactions, and is research proven to drive learning and development.

Marisa, Kelsey, and Aimee are all certified to conduct the Infant, Toddler, or Preschool CLASS tool. If you're a provider who would like assistance with increasing your positive teacher-student interaction, reach out today!
(845) 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 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

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.

New Guidance for CACFP Reimbursement Rates

Food insecurity is a real issue within our County and around the world. There are at least three school districts in Sullivan County where more than 50 percent of children are eligible for free and reduced meals at school. Children that are not enrolled in school, or are on hybrid learning schedules, are at higher risk for not getting well balanced meals or missing meals all together.

For these reasons, it is so important for childcare providers to help the children in our community remain full and nourished while in care. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) can help during these most challenging times.

Many days children are eating most of their meals away from home or unattended at home. Packing nutritious meals can be difficult with limited serving resources or lack of access to a stove, refrigerator, freezer, or microwave. This is one reason healthy meals in childcare is so important.

Offering children home cooked meals is not only nutritious but children learn so much from mealtimes with their peers. They can learn manners, learn to help regulate their eating habits and try new foods from a young age. Providers who participate in the Child Adult Care Food Program alleviate the parental stress of healthy eating while in care. Providing healthy meals is a huge selling point for your program!

The guidelines are well balanced and there are many approved "child friendly meals/snacks" allowable for reimbursement.

For example:

Breakfast	Snack	Lunch
WG Pancakes	Animal Crackers	Meatballs
Banana	100 % juice	Spaghetti
1 % milk		Tomato Sauce
		Apples
		1 % milk

Due to the challenges of COVID and the continued increase in food costs, many children have not been receiving the benefits of being enrolled in the CACFP program. For this reason, new federal guidelines have been released, effective July 1, 2021, stating that all programs will receive Tier One rates, regardless of previous eligibility. The eligibility for Tier One will be reevaluated in June 2022.

With top rates for reimbursement and programs opening back up, now is the time to join the CACFP program even if you have considered it in the past. Call me at (845) 292-7166 and I can help you get started.

Thank you for all you continuously do and for looking out for the health of the children within our community.

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

Webcast Trainings

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.

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

Investing in Infant & Toddler Mental Health Changes Lives!

Happy Staff = Happy Children = Happy Parents

The Infant Toddler Mental Health Consultation (ITMHC) project was created to partner mental health professionals with childcare providers, in efforts to promote the social and emotional growth (mental health) within children from birth to the age of 3. With the use of observations and assessments, this project enhances skills and techniques to reduce challenging behaviors among infants and toddlers, as well as create a positive working relationship with staff members and families.

Marisa, our ITMHC, will partner with the provider to:

- Receive a one-of-a-kind service for those **0-36 months**
- Develop important skills to build connections with children, families, & caregivers
- Improve overall development of children in care
- Assist children in meeting their social and emotional developmental milestones
- Increase provider's capacity to promote social and emotional development in each child
- Decrease provider stress and burnout

Family Daycare Association

Our next meeting will be IN PERSON! Keep an eye on your email for more details and please come join us for our first I person meeting of 2021!

Kelsey is available for remote OR in person 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	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 CPR/FA 4:30P– 9:30P	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	June		

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July				1	2	3
4 Fourth of July	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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 Sue to inquire about our next scheduled class! (845) 292-7166 x307

Course Title	Hrs/ CEU's	Cost/ Reduced Cost	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas	CBK Areas
First Aid / CPR	5	\$75	2, 4	—	5

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

SPOTLIGHT On: COVID Vaccine

417.8 Supervision of children

(a) Children cannot be left without competent supervision at any time. Competent supervision includes awareness of and responsibility for the ongoing activity of each child. It requires that all children be within a caregiver's range of vision except as provided in section 417.8(b) of this Part and that the caregiver be near enough to respond when redirection or intervention strategies are needed. Competent supervision must take into account the child's age, emotional, physical and cognitive development.

(b) Children may be outside a caregiver's range of vision only as follows.

(1) With the prior written permission of the parent, children who are napping or sleeping may do so in a room where an awake approved caregiver is not present, the doors to all rooms must be open; the approved caregiver must remain on the same floor as the children; and a functioning electronic monitor must be used in any room where children are sleeping or napping, and an awake approved caregiver is not present.

(2) When a functioning electronic monitor is in use, napping and sleeping children must be physically checked every 15 minutes to assess the overall safety and well-being of the children and to make sure infants' faces are uncovered. The checks must be done in close physical proximity to the child.

(3) For evening and night care, the caregiver may sleep while children are sleeping only if functional electronic monitors are in use in each room where children are sleeping. The registrant must obtain the written permission to do so from the parent of each child receiving evening or night care in the family day care home. In the event, written permission is not obtained from all parents, the caregiver must remain awake at all times and physically check sleeping children every 15 minutes to assess the overall safety and well-being of the children and to make sure infants' faces are uncovered. The checks must be done in close physical proximity to the child.

(4) Children who are able to toilet independently, including fastening and unfastening clothing, wiping themselves, flushing the toilet, and washing their hands, may use a bathroom on another floor for a short period of time without direct adult supervision.

(5) With the written permission of the parents, a program may allow school-aged children to participate in activities outside of the direct supervision of a caregiver. Such activities must occur on the premises of the family day care home. A caregiver must visually check such children every 15 minutes, present at that destination to receive the child.

Congratulations

to our newest registered / licensed child care providers:

Healthy Kids Programs



Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

A parent of a child in my care told me that because I have been fully vaccinated, I no longer had to wear a mask when I go outside with the children. Is this true? Everything changes so rapidly and I just want to make sure I am doing the right thing for my family and the kids in my care and following regulations.

Signed,

Curious

Dear Curious,

Your parent is partially correct. As of a new Executive Order dated 04/27/2021, individuals who have been fully vaccinated and are past the 2 week mark can remove the masks when outside, EXCEPT in crowded settings. From OCFS perspective a group of 3 or more children is considered a crowd, so for now until we hear anything further if you have more than 3 kids, you will need to wear the mask.

~ Jodi



From the Desk of the Registrar

Hello everyone,

Summer is almost here, gardens are almost ready to be planted, kids are eager to play in the sun and we are slowly climbing out of our COVID slumber. We are up for some welcome positive changes in our lives as we move forward and explore our new normal. Regulations are still changing on an almost weekly basis so all I can ask is that you continue to be patient and we will get through this. I would also like to thank you for your ongoing patience, fortitude, resilience and just over all stepping up and putting the children in our community above all else!! We are here for you and we are your BIGGEST fans.

- Sue

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.

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
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

Battat Recalls Infant Teethers Due to Choking Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Target

Name of Product: B. toys Firefly Frank Infant Teethers



Hazard: The plastic wings can detach from the body of the teether, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Remedy: Refund. Consumers should immediately take the recalled teethers away from young children and return them to any Target store for a full refund, or contact Battat to return by mail for a full refund.

Recall Date: April 14, 2021

Incidents: Battat has received 14 reports of the wings detaching or pieces of the wing breaking off, including one report of a child choking on a broken piece of the wing.

Sold At: Target stores nationwide and online at Target.com from July 2019 through February 2021 for about between \$6 and \$10

Additional Recent Recalls:

- Target: Cat and Jack Baby Heart Ears Rompers
- Walmart: Playgro Infant Activity Rattles
- TJ Maxx and Marshalls: Infant Sleep Bags

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE RECALLS LISTED ABOVE AND ADDITIONAL RECALLS, PLEASE VISIT www.cpsc.com

American Academy of Pediatrics Press Room

AAP Advises Children and Teens Age 12 and Up Get the COVID-19 Vaccine

"In a new policy statement, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends vaccinating all children ages 12 and older who are eligible for the federally authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

The AAP policy statement comes amid a discussion by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for adolescents 12 years and older, including a review of the data provided by clinical trials.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted an Emergency Use Authorization for use of the vaccine in the 12- to 15-year age group. Both steps were part of a long-standing, rigorous and transparent process that leads to the development of all vaccines.

Some pediatricians are administering COVID-19 vaccines within their practice, while others are coordinating with public health departments and other places to make sure their patients have access to the vaccine.

"Be sure to let your pediatrician know if your child is vaccinated somewhere other than the doctor's office so the medical record can be updated," Dr. Beers said. "Pediatricians are one of the most trusted sources of medical information for children, and we counsel families in our practices every single day. If you have any questions about the vaccine, please call us. We are here to help families navigate this new normal as safely as possible."

This excerpt is taken from an article published by the American Academy of Pediatrics on [healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org). Please follow this link for more information:

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>

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
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.

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!

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Email: 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

	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 01/01/2021-03/31/2021
Bethel	1	0	0	0	0	0
Callicoon	0	2	2	0	0	1
Cochecton	0	1	0	0	0	2
Delaware	0	1	1	0	0	0
Fallsburg	1	4	1	0	0	4
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fremont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highland	1	1	0	0	1	1
Liberty	2	7	1	0	0	6
Lumberland	0	0	1	1	1	0
Mamakating	1	0	0	0	0	0
Neversink	0	0	2	1	0	4
Rockland	0	1	0	0	0	6
Thompson	4	0	3	1	0	14
Tusten	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	17	11	3	2	38

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2021 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: _____

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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!**

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