

# Caregiver News

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

## The Giving Season

As the holiday season approaches, we are all preparing for the hustle and bustle that comes with it. Teaching children to give, and not just receive, is a valuable gift that will stick with them throughout their life. Here are some simple ways to teach children the importance of giving back:

### Find your local holiday gift drives.

There are several holiday drives that occur across Sullivan County where you can "adopt a family", donate gifts, or donate food. You can contact the United Way, The Federation for the Homeless, or Fearless, for information on participating in a toy or food drive or making a donation.

### Do a 30 Days of Gratitude project with your kids.

There are several suggestions on tasks to be done each day if you google 30 Days of Gratitude. Pull the ones that are possible for you and your family or program and celebrate the holiday season by giving back.

### Make homemade holiday cards for the local nursing homes.

Spending time with your child making handmade cards will bring them joy, offer a great family activity, and bring joy to those who receive the cards. Depending on restrictions, try to deliver the cards with your child yourself!

## Winter Time Play

Going outside in winter time with several children under the age of five can sound daunting! Outside play, as long as the weather and temperature are safe, is healthy for development and will keep you and the kids in your care happy and healthy.

Make sure children come appropriately dressed and have parents send back up layers in case something gets wet! Use the list below to share with your families of appropriate winter gear for children.

1. Base Layer: In colder temps, a wicking base layer will keep kids warm and dry for longer. Wool or traditional thermal work!
2. Snow Pants or Snow Bibs: These are layered over the base layer and regular clothes to provide warmth and prevent wetness. They are an essential item for outdoor play in wintertime in NY.
3. Winter Coat: A warm winter coat is another essential, but **don't forget not to put it on in the car seat!**
4. Hat, Gloves, Neck Warmer: Keep those extremities warm! Kids have trouble with gloves so mittens that Velcro around the wrist may be the easiest option until they can manipulate their fingers better.
5. Warm boots and socks: Waterproof insulated boots to keep the feet warm and dry!

Have fun and stay warm!

## Caring Spaces Endorsed Providers of Sullivan County

### Congratulations to our newest Caring Spaces endorsed program, Valley Daycare, a daycare center in Monguap Valley.

Jessica Dean, of Monticello, has been issued her renewal of her Caring Spaces endorsement as of June 2021 entering her second year as a Caring Spaces provider!

Congratulations to Valley Daycare and Jessica.

Caring Spaces is a three tiered approach to measuring quality in infant and toddler classrooms and programs. It is a great way to enhance your program and develop a relationship with the infant toddler specialist for future concerns!

Call Kelsey today if you are interested in learning about what the Caring Spaces endorsement process consists of!

## Pre-School Technical Assistance

Do you have preschool classrooms or preschool aged children in your program? Aimee Pittaluga, our Technical Assistance Specialist, is offering technical assistance to programs who have preschool aged children in their care!

Whether you have a topic in mind, a difficult situation that you need advice on, or you are just looking to introduce a fun project for your 3 and 4 year old's, Aimee can help!

She can offer any services per request or she can create an activity or lesson to offer on site in your program. Please call her today as her spots are limited and she is starting to go out into programs today!

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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.

# SCCCC Spotlight: Child Care Stabilization Grant

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is facilitating the disbursement of the Child Care Stabilization Grant, which is federal funding that is meant to support childcare providers who were affected financially by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is meant to be easily accessible and fast; the first payment being dispersed within 30 days of an approved application. There was an open application period between 8/3/2021 and 11/30/2021. Child Care providers in Sullivan County and across New York State are eligible for the Stabilization Grant funding if they meet the following requirements, as per OCFS:

- Is your childcare program either an OCFS licensed/registered, DOHMH permitted Article 47, or an enrolled legally exempt group (enrolled with an enrollment agency)?
- Was your license/registration/permit/enrollment issued on or before March 11, 2021?
- Is your program currently open, or will your program be open by September 20, 2021?
- If your program is currently closed due to COVID-19, will your program reopen within 30 days of your Stabilization grant application submission?
- Is your program in good standing with OCFS or DOHMH?

Out of 42 eligible Sullivan County Providers, 39 have been approved to receive funding from the Stabilization Grant! There are specific allowable purposes that the Administration for Children and Families has outlined in a memorandum issued on 5/10/2021. OCFS has condensed this document to include these eight items: personnel costs, rent, facility maintenance or improvements, personal protective equipment, purchases or updates to equipment and supplies in

response to COVID-19, goods, and devices necessary to maintain or resume childcare services, mental health supports for children and employees, health and safety trainings for staff.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council has also received some funding specifically to support the childcare programs of Sullivan County through this process of applying, receiving, and maintaining their program using this grant money. In addition to the trainings that we currently offer to local providers, we are now offering a six-part Core Business Training Series funded by NYS Birth to 5 and NYS Council on Children and Families to help childcare programs learn basic business skills and strategies to help their businesses thrive. The specific topics included in the Core Business series are: Business & Financial Structure, On going Financial Management, Staff Recruitment, Marketing, Facilities & Liabilities and Program Contracts & Policies. The Council is also providing daily technical assistance by fielding all questions and requests for help from the childcare programs in Sullivan County.

The childcare programs in Sullivan County have gotten very creative in how they are using their funding! Many programs are using the funding to improve the quality of their programs in big ways! One of our local group family providers has a plan to redo her outdoor play area and offer scholarships to some families who have been affected by the termination of the CARES project. Another local center is planning to use the money for an addition to expand their program to serve more local children in their program. Many others are purchasing or updating materials, furniture, and other items to maintain the quality standards of their program.

As the stabilization grant funding continues to be awarded, programs will continue to improve and hopefully, with support from the Council, they will learn the necessary skills needed to maintain these quality improvements long after the funding has run out.

## WHAT THE PROVIDERS ARE SAYING

"After so many years of working with children, I had to face the reality that I may have to close my doors, because of this grant I have a light at the end of the tunnel and I know my children will have me for a while longer" -Family Daycare Provider

"The COVID-19 Pandemic left so many of us wondering what would happen next. Receiving funding from the Stabilization Grant helped me revamp my program to better serve the children and families in our community. With the growing need for quality child care programs across the US, grants like this are beyond helpful in ensuring that quality programs are maintained." -Daycare Center Director

"The Stabilization Grant has helped my program facilitate scholarships for families facing difficulty, enhance our program with upgrades and provide access to training opportunities that were previously financially out of reach. It has provided a much needed influx of funds allowing established program of 21 years to implement upgrades to best care for the needs of our children and families." -Group Family Daycare Provider

## 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.\*

## 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,

Wishing you all a happy holiday season and may 2022 be the best year ever.

Thanks to COVID-19 there is an unprecedented amount of funds being allocated toward childcare. Beginning with the CARES funding, then CARES 2 then CARES 3, the Essential Workers Scholarships and now the Stabilization funding...and there is more to come.

The childcare industry is complicated, because of the economics of the business but also because it is a human business. It intimately involves families, children and emotion and yet is still a business and, for a childcare business to survive business needs to take precedent over emotion. Thankfully, employers, government and economic development organizations are beginning to embrace the idea that childcare is a crucial part to the success of our economy, their businesses, and our communities.

The time is now if you want to have your own successful business. There is a high demand for childcare in Sullivan County AND there are many supports to help you open and manage your business. Location is the number one concern for most parents looking for childcare and infant and toddler care is the number one requested type of care. Think about it -

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](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:

**Valley Daycare**

**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)

**Does your child care provider participate in CACFP, a nutrition program that ensures kids in child care eat healthy meals and snacks?**

**Call us and find out OR if you are a provider that want's to find out how to participate, call Aimee at (845) 292-7166.**

## Food Preparation Safety

There are many tips on how to keep your food preparation areas clean . This can help keep food prep areas bacteria free and help prevent foodborne illness.

Washing your hands for at least twenty seconds before and after handling food is essential.

Wash surfaces, cutting boards, utensils after each item prepared to help eliminate cross contamination.

Store and carry all raw meats in separate grocery bags, distance in shopping cart and refrigerator.

Use separate cutting boards for fruits/veggies and raw meats even if sanitized. Rinse all fruits and veggies even if the skin is not consumed.

Paper towels are most efficient in cleaning up and discarding. If you use cloth, make sure it is washed in hot water often.

Be sure when cooking meats to use a food thermometer to be certain the internal temperature is hot enough to kill harmful bacteria. When reheating be sure to stir and bring left over foods to a high temperature/boil.

Do not defrost or marinate foods on the counter. Food items should defrost in the refrigerator.

Be sure refrigerator has proper circulation and isn't over crowded.

Refrigerate foods as quickly as possible, cold temperatures slow the growth of harmful bacteria.

Practice the saying, When in doubt- throw it out!

**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

### Investing in Infant & Toddler Mental Health Changes Lives!

If you're a licensed or registered daycare provider noticing challenging behaviors in children 0-36 months, the Infant Toddler Mental Health Consultation (ITMHC) project was created to assist you with promoting the social and emotional growth (mental health) of the infants and toddlers in your care.

Marisa, our ITMH Consultant, will work with providers 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 the provider's capacity to promote social and emotional development in each child
- Decrease provider stress and burnout

**Happy Staff = Happy Children = Happy Parents**

## Family Daycare Association

**Our next in person Family Daycare Association meeting will be held on January 12, 2022. Please look out for an email on our next training topic.**

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
<b>December</b>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Infant Toddler Teacher Talk 6pm-8pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Closing at 2pm	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Closing at 12pm	25
26	27 Council Closed	28	29	30	31 Council Closed	

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>January</b>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 FDA Meeting 6pm-8pm	13	14	15
16	17 Council Closed	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February</b>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 IT TT Meeting 6pm-8pm	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Council Closed	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

CDA CONTENT AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning a safe, healthy, learning environment</li> <li>2. Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development</li> <li>3. Positive ways to support children's social and emotional development</li> <li>4. Strategies to establish productive relationships with families</li> <li>5. Strategies to manage an effective program operation</li> <li>6. Maintaining a commitment to professionalism</li> <li>7. Observing and recording children's behavior</li> <li>8. Principles of child development and learning</li> </ol>
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CORE COMPETENCY AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Child Growth and Development</li> <li>2. Family and Community Relationships</li> <li>3. Observation and Assessment</li> <li>4. Environment and Curriculum</li> <li>5. Health, Safety and Nutrition</li> <li>6. Professionalism and Leadership</li> <li>7. Administration and Management</li> </ol>
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OCFS TOPICS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Principles of Child Development</li> <li>2. Nutrition and Health Needs of Infants and Children</li> <li>3. Program Development</li> <li>4. Safety and Security Procedures</li> <li>5. Business Record Maintenance and Management</li> <li>6. Child Abuse and Maltreatment Identification &amp; Prevention</li> <li>7. Statutes and regulations pertaining to child daycare</li> <li>8. Statutes &amp; regs pertaining to Child Abuse &amp; Maltreatment</li> <li>9. Shaken Baby Syndrome</li> <li>10. ACES</li> </ol>
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**Stabilize Child Care!**  
**As of press time, Sullivan County child care programs that were open as of March 4, 2021 have been approved to receive \$1,811,800 . We will also be offering small business workshops to help stabilize and support our child care programs!**

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](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

### SPOTLIGHT: Health and Infection Control

- (a) Child Enrollment Requirements for Children not Enrolled in Kindergarten or a Higher Grade.
- (1) No child may be accepted for care in a child care program unless the program has been furnished with a written statement signed by a health care provider verifying that the child is able to participate in child care and currently appears to be free from contagious or communicable diseases. A child's medical statement must have been completed within the 12 months preceding the date of enrollment.
- (2) The written medical statement from the health care provider must also state whether the child is a child with special health care needs and, if so, what special provisions, if any, will be necessary in order for the child to participate in child day care. When the written statement from the health care provider advises the day care program that the child being enrolled is a child with special health care needs, the day care program must work together with the parent and the child's health care provider to develop a reasonable health care plan for the child while the child is in the child day care program. The health care plan for the child must also address how the day care program will obtain or develop any additional competencies that the caregivers will need to have in order to carry out the health care plan for the child.
- (3) The program must keep documentation of immunizations the child has received to date, in accordance with New York State Public Health Law.
- (4) A program may admit any child not yet immunized provided the child's immunizations are in process and the parent gives the program specific appointment dates for required immunizations in accordance with the requirements of New York Public Health Law.
- (5) Any child who is missing one or more of the required immunizations may be admitted if a physician licensed to practice medicine in New York State furnishes the program with a signed, completed medical exemption form issued by the New York State Department of Health or New York City Department of Education. The medical exemption must be reissued annually.
- (6) With the exception of children meeting the criteria of section 417.11(a) (6) children enrolled in child day care must remain current with their immunizations in accordance with the current schedule for required immunizations established in the New York Public Health Law.
- (7) The caregivers' children receiving care in the home must meet the health and immunization requirements of 417.11(a).
- (b) Provider, Assistant, Substitute, and Household Member Health Requirements.
- (1) The provider, assistant(s), and substitute(s), must each submit a medical statement on forms furnished by the Office or an approved equivalent from a health care provider.
- (2) Thereafter a medical statement will be required when an event or condition reasonably calls into question a caregiver's ability to provide safe and suitable child care.
- (3) Initial medical statements sent in with the application or as a result of a new hire must be dated within 12 months preceding the date of application or hiring date.
- (4) The medical statement must give satisfactory evidence that the individual is physically fit to provide child day care and has no diagnosed psychiatric or emotional disorder which would preclude such individual from providing child day care.
- (5) All providers, assistants, substitutes and household members must be free from communicable disease unless his/her health care provider has indicated that the presence of the communicable disease does not pose a risk to the health and safety of the children in care.
- (7) The program must retain on file in the program a medical statement, on forms furnished by the Office or approved equivalents, from a health care provider for each person residing in the home.

## Congratulations

to our newest registered / licensed child care providers:

**ABC Country Kids**

**Amanda Dirie**



## Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

One of my clients asked if I had any information about a virtual "parent focus group" OCFS was conducting for parents to share their experiences in childcare. Would you happen to know anything about this? I would love to help her out but I really do not know anything about it.

~Uninformed provider

Dear Uninformed,

No worries, The NYS Council on Children and Families and the Center for Human Services Research are partnering to offer virtual focus groups to hear from NYS parents about their experiences with childcare, Head Start, home visiting and early childhood programs and services. This is on the OCFS web-site in the Childcare News section. These are group meetings of parents during November and December, to find out parents prospective needs and wants for their child in daycare. There is a link to follow for the parent to sign up and each parent receives a \$25.00 gift card. Here is the link to sign up!:

<https://www.ccf.ny.gov/council-initiatives/nysb5/>

~Jodi

## From the Desk of the Registrar

As I sit here at my desk staring at the computer, I try to think of inspirational words for all of you, words to move you, words to astound and bewilder. However, I can not find these words today. Only one phrase comes to mind "Support our Hero's". A phrase that has been spotlighted in so many arenas in the past two years. A hero stands in the time of change, they support during times of struggle, they may falter but always stand to make the world a better place. Please do not forget YOU have always been a hero to the children and parents you welcome into your arms. You support your families, you may need a little extra coffee or need a vacation, but you always stand to teach parents and children how to pave the way to a better tomorrow not just for them but for the rest of the world as well. Thank you.

**PS: Looks like I found the words...**

**Sue Sennet**  
**Registrar**



## 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

### Become a Legally Exempt Provider!

Are you a parent struggling to find childcare? Do you know someone who has been struggling to find childcare? A family member or friend who is 18+ years old, can watch up to 8 children who are all related, and up to 2 children who are not related!

The family in need of care must have an open subsidy case with Department of Family Services.

Non-relative providers will need to complete a comprehensive background check and a pre-service online free training.

Come to the Council to pick up a Legally Exempt Enrollment packet!

**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 ALERT

### Backyard Play Systems Recalls Playsets with Wooden Roof Due to Entrapment Hazard

**Description:** This recall involves Backyard Play Systems outdoor playsets with a wooden roof. The wooden roof is included with home play equipment marketed under the brand names **Yardline Play Systems** (models Turbo Racer, Cloud Racer) and **Gorilla Playsets** (models Captain's Fort, Fort Highlander). The playsets include a solid wood roof with a lookout window, slides, swings, a rock-climbing wall and other play features.



**Hazard:** The wooden parts used to reinforce and create a decorative gable design on the wooden roof pose an entrapment hazard to children. Children can become trapped in the gap between the lower part of the roof structure and the bottom of the gable decoration.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled playsets and contact Backyard Play Systems for a free repair kit which includes replacement wood parts, hardware and instructions. If a consumer is unable or does not want to do the repair themselves, Backyard will send a representative to perform the repair for them at no charge. The firm is contacting all known purchasers directly.

**Recall Date:** November 04, 2021

**Sold At:** Online at Costco.com from March 2019 through May 2021 (Turbo Racer, Cloud Racer) and online at Lowes.com from December 2020 through May 2021 (Captain's Fort, Fort Highlander) for about \$1,000.

**For more information and all up-to-date safety recalls, please visit [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)**

## American Academy of Pediatrics Press Room

As of 10/29/2021, The COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for children ages 5-11 years old. Currently, the Pfizer-BioTech mRNA vaccine has been approved in a smaller dosage for this age group. On 11/4/2021, [healthychildren.org](http://healthychildren.org) issued guidance for parents on getting children in this age group vaccinated as soon as possible.

According to the AAP, getting children vaccinated as soon as possible has many benefits. It is an additional protective factor for them, their friends and families, their classmates and their younger siblings. It also increases the possibility that they will be able to continue attending school and other extra curricular activities that benefit them physically and mentally. Children are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the second dose of the vaccine is administered. Even when fully vaccinated, children and adults of all ages should continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing in situations where there is a higher risk.

Healthychildren.org included a checklist for parents to prepare for getting children vaccinated against COVID-19. The list below is an excerpt of the article published on November 4, 2021.

- Call your child's pediatrician or primary care physician. Tell them you are planning to get your child vaccinated and ask them any questions or concerns you may have.
- Schedule your child's COVID-19 vaccination appointment wherever is available and convenient for your family. Vaccines are being offered for children ages 5-11 at doctors offices, vaccination clinics, pharmacies, community vaccination site, churches or schools. Please call Sullivan County Public Health for more information on vaccination sites for Sullivan County.
- Ask if your child is caught up on routine vaccinations at their appointment. Your child can receive any necessary vaccines at the same time that they receive their COVID-19 vaccine. For example, ask about the influenza vaccine!
- Talk to your child before the appointment. Parents often have concerns about their child's reaction to receiving a vaccine. There are strategies listed on [healthychildren.org](http://healthychildren.org) to make it a calm and positive experience for all.
- After your child receives the first vaccination, schedule the second dose right away! Make sure that you child's pediatrician has a copy of your child's vaccination card in their file.
- Keep the paper vaccination card you receive. Do not laminate it, in case it needs to be updated. Take a photo and put it in a safe place. To prevent identity theft, do not post a photo of the card on social media.

If you have other questions or concerns about getting your child vaccinated, reach out to your pediatrician or visit [healthychildren.org](http://healthychildren.org).

For more information on this and other children's health and safety topics, please visit:  
[www.AAP.org](http://www.AAP.org) or [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org)

## 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!**

**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

	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 07/01/21-09/30/21
Bethel	1	0	0	0	0	2
Callicoon	0	4	1	0	0	3
Cochecton	0	1	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	1	1	0	0	0
Fallsburg	3	3	1	0	0	4
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fremont	0	0	0	0	0	1
Highland	1	1	0	0	0	2
Liberty	2	7	1	2	0	12
Lumberland	0	0	1	1	1	0
Mamakating	1	1	0	0	0	4
Neversink	0	0	2	1	0	2
Rockland	0	1	1	0	0	4
Thompson	5	0	3	2	0	14
Tusten	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	18	11	6	1	48

## Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2022 Donation Form

### Professional Supporter (Check One)

(Eligible for reduced training costs.)

- ☐ \$35 Family Day Care Provider (\$25 if participate in CACFP)
- ☐ \$50 Group Family Day Care (\$40 if participate in CACFP)
- ☐ \$125 Day Care Center / SACC (\$100 if participate in CACFP)
- ☐ \$25 Legally-Exempt Provider (\$15 if participate in CACFP)

### Community Supporter (Check One)

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

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

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail Form & Payment To:

Sullivan Co Child Care Council, Inc.  
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\*Please submit a business card with your donation of \$100 or more.  
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**We have several openings for Council Committee members.** We are seeking members who could fulfill underrepresented areas such as, parents (who have children in child care); those who have expertise in marketing or insurance; those who are familiar with child care subsidy system and those who could represent our Hispanic community. ***Support the Council by serving on a committee! Please contact us at [info@scchildcare.com](mailto:info@scchildcare.com)!***

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