

# Caregiver News

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

## OCFS Grant Updates

The need for childcare and running childcare programs is in high demand. The Governor of New York realizes this and has dedicated millions of dollars in hopes to help.

As a friendly reminder to providers, all Stabilization Grant funds must be used by September 30, 2023. An additional expense report will be requested in October.

Workforce Retention Grant application is open until September 15, 2023.

More details on grants can be found on the OCFS website or give the council a call!

### Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.

The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."

The second one said, "There are bats in the air."

The third one said, "But we don't care."

The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."

The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun."

"OO-oo!" went the wind and out went the light.

And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

## Backpack Safety & Tips

Whether it's their first year in school or an adult using a backpack to carry every day items, here are a few things to consider.

- Pack light – a backpack should never weigh more than 15% of a person's body weight.
- Choose a pack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.
- Always use both shoulder straps. Slinging a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles and may increase curvature of the spine.
- Organize the items inside so that heavier items are low and towards the center of the backpack
- Position of the backpack is slightly below your shoulders and above your hips.



**It's always a good reminder to check the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors with the time changes. The clocks go back on November 5th this year so mark your calendar & don't forget to check your detectors when you update you clocks each year.**

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### Business Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Assistance in person by appointment please at:

**7 Community Lane, Liberty, NY 12754**

Mail: **PO Box 186, Ferndale, NY 12734**

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to find available locations.



# Featured Agency: Leadership Sullivan– Sullivan County Chamber Foundation

Want to get to know the county you live and/or work in just a little bit better and make a difference while you are at it? Maybe gain some new skills and new colleagues along the way - even do some good? Then give Leadership Sullivan serious consideration this year.

For over 20 years - Leadership Sullivan - a project of The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Foundation - has annually introduced professionals from business, nonprofits and government sectors to the length and breadth of all Sullivan County has to offer. Each year a class of no more than 20 people is recruited and then taken on a journey of discovery. Class members meet with business owners, government officials and community thought leaders on their 9 month journey across Sullivan County.

Our approach is two tiered. First it is subject based covering such county centered issues such as Agriculture, Tourism, Government, Healthcare, Community Development, Law Enforcement, Human Services, Media and more. It is also regional as we travel each month to one of 6 different regions in the county. It helps demonstrate how each region has its own flavor, while offering unique resources to the rest of the county. While there, the class learns about the particulars of that region and what set of issues is most important to them, or how for example tourism is a little different for Narrowsburg than it is for Monticello. As the class progresses the participants gain a further and deeper knowledge of all that makes Sullivan County tick, building new contacts and new insights as they go.

Second tier, each class is also tasked with a service project - selecting a local charity or cause, then creating a fundraiser or other project that helps give that charity a boost. Prasad Children's Dental Health Program was this past year's chosen charity, receiving a big public relations boost on local media, an outdoor event in Hurleyville and over \$5,000 in donations collected for the cause. Through such projects, class members learn how to give back to the county that sustains their work and livelihood.

New for this year - Leadership Sullivan is in the final stages of introducing a richer leadership training component to our curriculum. Class after class has raved about all they have learned about the county, but have requested a deeper dive into learning more about leadership itself. We will soon be announcing the incorporation of 6 sessions on leadership incorporated into the class year led by a prominent and experienced regional thought leader with deep ties to Sullivan County. Look for announcements to come.



Signing up is easy - go to the Leadership Sullivan web page listed below to fill out your form. Class tuition is \$500 with some scholarship support available - see the web page for details. Many local businesses, organizations and government agencies have sponsored tuition for past class members as an opportunity for their career development. Some of these include Sullivan County Government, Foster Supply Hospitality, Jeff Bank, ARC, New Hope Community, Garnet Health and more. Talk to your employer or human resources department about how they might be able to assist you. Even as a sole proprietor, class tuition can be counted as a business development expense. <https://www.catskills.com/leadership-sullivan/>

Class commitment is easy - It starts with a single overnight orientation at Villa Roma September 10-11, then monthly classes, generally the second Tuesday of the month, running October through May with a graduation event in June. Some additional time may be required for discussions on class projects, but generally the total commitment is about 8-10 hours per month.

Registration is now open and seats are going fast. Again, the class is limited to 20 only, so once the seats are gone, they are gone. Click this link to learn more. We would love to have you join the long line of graduates of Leadership Sullivan who care to look a little deeper into the well being of this extraordinary region.

## 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.

If you choose to use your own form, make sure you include all the information from the corresponding OCFS form.

## CLASS Tool

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

**Our staff are certified in infant , toddler and pre school CLASS, If you are 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.

## Message from Donna Willi, Executive Director

To Our Friends and Neighbors –

As a member of the Leadership Sullivan inaugural class in 1999 (wow, time passes so quickly!), I can personally attest to the benefits of this program. I was a registered family child care provider at that time with two small children of my own and remember thinking this program could help me find my path and help me decide if I wanted to expand my business. At the time, I was not even sure if child care was my career or a pathway to something else. So, I signed up!

The program has evolved and improved since then, but the Mission remains the same –

To develop informed and committed leaders from all segments of the community who will apply their collective experience and skills to serve, strengthen and improve the quality of life for all people who live and work in Sullivan County.

I diligently attended all the classes and graduated. Shortly after, I decided to close my small in-home business and apply to the Council for the position of the Registrar. After eleven years in that position, I moved into the Executive Directors position and have been a member of many local Boards. This is not to say child care is a stepping stone, for many it **is** their career and a very important one at that but my skills are more administrative and felt I could serve our community differently and still remain in the child care field.

Child care is an integral part of our community and our economic wellbeing. We need providers, administrators and leaders from all walks of life with interests and passions for all things community.

Give it a try –

Yours in Child Care,

Donna

## Medication Administration Training (MAT)

Only topical ointments, sunscreens and repellents are legally permitted to be applied in a childcare 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.**

**Bright Eyes Child Care Center Inc.**

Jessica Dean

**Early Childhood Cooperative Experience**

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)**

**SDTC– The Center for Discovery**

**Valley 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 would like to find out how to participate, call Aimee at (845) 292-7166.

WELCOME NEW CACFP PROVIDER  
Karen Patalona

## Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) News

The following rates are effective from July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024. The Keeps Kids Fed act (KKFA) expired on June 30, 2023. Therefore, the temporary funding of an additional 10 cents per meal and snack is no longer available. In addition, Tier II family or group day care homes will return to Tier II reimbursement rates, rather than receive the Tier I rates they received while the KKFA was in effect.

7/1/23-6/30/24	Tier One	Tier Two
Breakfast	1.65	.59
Lunch/Supper	3.12	1.88
Snacks	.93	.25

If you think you may income qualify or may have children that income qualify in your program please contact me and I will tell you the income guidelines and requirements to receive the Tier I rate. If you are unsure of what rate you are receiving please contact me.

It's that time of year for our annual meeting. Notices will be going out to register so please be on the look out. If you are in a Tier I district determined by the school district you reside in, please bring proof of residency in that district. Due to low enrollment, we will be having one evening class and one early class.

Class will be as follows:

**September 20th** 6:00 pm—8:00 pm  
**September 26th** 10:00 am—12:00 pm

2 hours can be applied towards Business Records and/or the Nutrition & Health Needs topics.

**All providers are mandated to come.**

See you all then, as always, any questions give me a call!

Aimee (845) 292-7166 x 301

## 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
ACEs & Trauma-Informed Practice	0.75	10	NA
Anti-Bias Education	1.5	1, 3	4
Building on the Foundation of Health and Safety *NEW*	5.0	All	NA
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
Identifying & Responding to Anaphylaxis	1.5	1, 2, 4, 5	NA
Implicit Bias	1.5	1, 3	4
Infant Brain Development	1.0	1, 3	2, 3
Information and Resources to Promote a Successful Program	2.0	4, 5	NA
Introduction to the NYS Child Day Care Regulations	1.0	5, 7	NA
Lead: The Hidden Danger in Drinking Water	1.0	2	1
Mandated Reporter Training	2.0	5, 6, 8	NA
Managing Challenging Behavior	1.5	1	1, 3
Media Use & Safety w/ Children	1.5	1, 3, 4	NA
Obesity Prevention	2.0	2	1
Prevention & Identification of Brain Injuries, including AHT	2.0	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
Supporting Language Development: Birth to 5	2.5	1, 3, 4	2
Transportation	2.0	3, 4, 7	1, 4, 5
Understanding & Supporting Children w/ Special Needs	1.0	1, 3, 4	NA
What to Expect When Inspected	1.5	5, 7	NA

## 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 as well as in program visits.

Call the Council to find out about the free services!!

(845) 292-7166

## Infant /Toddler Mental Health Consultant

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

If you're a licensed or registered childcare provider struggling with challenging behaviors or need support for children 0-36 months, the Infant Toddler Mental Health (ITMH) project was created with you in mind!

ITMH consultation recipients will:

- 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

Call the Council today!

(845) 292-7166

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

## Infant and Toddler Spotlight

Continuity of Care is a best practice model that is recommended for all center based programs to lengthen the time an infant and toddler teacher spends with a child, allowing for a deeper and more meaningful relationship.

**If you are interested in implementing a continuity of care model allowing for mixed age groups in a center based program, reach out to the Council today!**  
(845) 292-7166

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>September 2023</b> 					1	2
3 Menus due for CACFP	4 <b>Labor Day Council Closed</b>	5	6	7	8	9
10 National Grandparents Day	11 Patriot Day	12	13 DAP Directors Training 10 am-1 pm	14 DAP Directors Training 10 am-1 pm	15 Rosh Hashana	16
17	18 Safety Week	19	20 CACFP 6:00– 8:00 pm <b>mandatory</b>	21 CPR/FA	22 Car Seat checks in Loch Sheldrake thru Public Health	23 Fall Equinox
24 Yom Kippur	25	26 CACFP 10 am – 12 pm <b>mandatory</b>	27	28	29	30 Stabilization Funds MUST be Spent.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Blue Shirt Day— Bullying Prevention	3 Menus Due For CACFP	4 IT Pyramid Model 5:30-7:30pm	5	6	7
8	9 <b>Columbus Day Council Closed</b>	10	11 IT Pyramid Model 5:30-7:30pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 IT Pyramid Model 5:30-7:30pm	19 CPR/FA	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween	<b>October 2023</b> 			



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November 2023</b>			1	2	3 Menus due for CACFP	4
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends	6	7	8	9	10 Veterans Day Council Closed	11
12	13	14	15	16 CPR/FA	17	18
19	20	21	22 Council Closes at 12:30	23 Thanksgiving Council Closed	24 Council Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### Health and Safety Training Info

- 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

The 15-hour Health & Safety trainings are intended for both brand-new and seasoned home-based providers and the directors/staff of SACC and DCC programs. The trainings set a solid foundation in the regulations and provide guidance in best practice with a heavy focus on keeping children safe and healthy.

Course Title	Hrs/CEU's	Cost/Reduced Cost	OCFS Topics	CDA Areas	CBK Areas
First Aid / CPR	5	\$65	2, 4	—	5

- 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

### Sullivan County Child Care Council is currently offering trainings for **FREE** to all Sullivan County licensed, registered, & enrolled providers.

CPR/FA requires a deposit of \$65 to hold your spot, but will be returned upon completion of the course as long as you are an active licensed, registered or legally exempt enrolled provider.

Health & Safety Training requires a deposit of \$175 for group family and family and \$225 for all others. Your deposit will be returned upon receipt of your license, registration, or legally exempt enrollment if you are open with 60 days.

- 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. Statues and regulations pertaining to child daycare
  8. Statues & regs pertaining to Child Abuse & Maltreatment
  9. Shaken Baby Syndrome
  10. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)

### 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>

# Focus on the DEFINITIONS

## Review Regulations @ ocfs.ny.gov

### SPOTLIGHT: Child Care Definition / Enforcement

#### Section 413.1. Scope

The definitions in this Part apply to all references to day care programs included in this Title. The provisions in this Part governing enforcement and hearings apply to all child day care programs addressed in Parts 414, 416, 417 and 418 of this Title. The provisions in this Part apply to all childcare children, typically developing and otherwise.

#### Section 413.2. Definitions

##### (a) Child Day care.

(1) Child day care means care for a child on a regular basis provided away from the child's residence for less than 24 hours per day by someone other than the parent, stepparent, guardian or relative within the third degree of consanguinity of the parents or stepparents of such child. A relative within the third degree of consanguinity of the parent or step-parent includes: the grandparents of the child; the great-grandparents of the child; the great-great-grandparents of the child; the aunts and uncles of the child, including the spouses of the aunts and uncles; the great-aunts and great-uncles of the child, including the spouses of the great-aunts and great-uncles; the siblings of the child; and the first cousins of the child, including the spouses of the first cousins.

(2) Child day care does not refer to care provided in:

(i) a summer day camp, traveling summer day camp or children's overnight camp as defined in the State Sanitary Code.

(ii) a program for school-age children operated solely for the purpose of religious education, sports, classes, lessons or recreation.

(iii) a facility providing day services under an operating certificate issued by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS);

(iv) a facility providing day treatment under an operating certificate issued by the Office of Mental Health or by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities; or

(v) a kindergarten, pre-kindergarten or nursery school for children three years of age or older, or a program for school-age children conducted during non-school hours, operated by a public school district or by a private school or academy which is providing elementary or secondary education or both in accordance with the compulsory education requirements of the Education Law, provided that such kindergarten, pre-kindergarten, nursery school or program is located on the premises or campus where the elementary or secondary education is provided.

#### Section 413.3. Enforcement of regulations

(a) Types of Enforcement Actions. Enforcement actions which may be undertaken by OCFS include, but are not limited to:

(1) issuance of written inspection reports which include corrective action plans, requests to submit a corrective action plan to OCFS, and notices of intention to initiate enforcement through the imposition of a fine or the limitation, suspension, termination, revocation, or denial of a license or registration;

(2) meetings or telephone conversations between a program and OCFS to discuss corrective action plans;

(3) the holding of hearings to determine if a licensee or registrant has failed to comply with applicable law and regulation which resulted in the assessment of fines, suspension, limitation, revocation, or denial of the license or registration;

(4) determinations, after hearings, that civil penalties should be imposed;

(5) determinations to deny, reject, revoke, terminate, suspend or limit a license or registration;

(6) issuance of orders to cease and desist operation of day care services, commissioner's orders, or orders approved by a justice of the Supreme Court, requiring a person or entity to immediately remedy conditions dangerous to children receiving child day care;

(7) temporary suspension or limitation of a license or registration upon finding that the public health or child's safety or welfare are in imminent danger;

(8) requests to the attorney general to seek injunctive relief against licensee or registrant for violations or threatened violations of law or regulation;

(9) requests to the attorney general to take such action as is necessary to collect civil penalties, seek criminal prosecution, or to bring about compliance with any outstanding hearing decision or order;

(10) publication in local newspapers of the names and addresses of child day care licensees or registrants whose licenses, registrations or applications for licensure or registration have been rejected, denied, limited, suspended, terminated or revoked, or against whom a fine has been assessed after an administrative hearing;

(11) referrals to law enforcement, including but not limited to district attorneys, of any child day care provider that has been directed to cease and desist operations by the OCFS pursuant to existing law that has not ceased operations; or

(12) requests to the district attorney to take such action as is necessary to seek criminal prosecution.

**For more information see:  
Part 413: Child Day Care  
Definitions, Enforcement and  
Hearings**

## Congratulations

to our newest registered / licensed child care providers:

Lil Bugs Daycare

Tara Poje

Hap-Bee Days Daycare LLC

## Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I would like to incorporate volunteers into my program, does a volunteer need a background check to work with the children?

-Curious

Dear Curious,

The answer is yes, we can find this information in the 413 Definitions, which are part of The New York State Child Care Regulations. In this document section 413.2 (c)(15) gives the definition of what a volunteer is and their potential role in a program. As you will see "All volunteers have the potential for either unsupervised contact or regular and substantial contact with children in care". Due to this potential, we will see volunteers are listed in section 413.4 where the background process is explained. There are also listed on the form OCFS-6000. 413 is a very useful tool in the explanation of the language of parts 414, 416, 417, and 418 of the Regulations. They can be found on the OCFS website.

-Jodi

## From the Desk of the Registrar

Hello all,

First, I would like to say thank you once again for the quality, loving, safe, and nurturing care you all provide for the children of our county! The numbers are showing a downturn in cited violations over the past 3 months, throughout our county, GREAT JOB!! Keep it up and if you need support in any areas of your childcare program, please call our office. Let's keep those numbers going down and quality childcare going up. Our kids are our future and you are their road map!

~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 SCCC at (845) 292-7166.

## NY Works for Children/ASPIRE

What The Aspire Registry can do for you:

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

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

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

As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any specific questions about The Aspire Registry by emailing us at [info@nyworksforchildren.org](mailto:info@nyworksforchildren.org).

## Legally Exempt News

There are NEW online trainings just for LE providers available in English & Spanish!

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

If you take 10 hours of training, you might be eligible for the enhanced rate!

### 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!

#### Tips to Enrollment:

- MUST** have a family with an approved child care assistance case
- MUST** complete pre-service training (**Non-Relative only**)
- MUST** submit a complete enrollment packet
- All boxes/section must be checked/filled out, even if it is N/A**
- Non-Relative** providers **MUST** complete a comprehensive background check
- Relative** providers **ONLY** include: Grandparent/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 provider's
- Enrollment process may take 40 days+**

## Legally Exempt Child Care Rates

Standard Without training	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
<b>Weekly</b>	\$173	\$164	\$163	\$146
<b>Daily</b>	\$36	\$34	\$33	\$33
<b>Part Day</b>	\$24	\$23	\$21	\$21

Enhanced With training	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
<b>Weekly</b>	\$186	\$176	\$175	\$158
<b>Daily</b>	\$39	\$37	\$35	\$35
<b>Part Day</b>	\$26	\$25	\$23	\$23

LE Group Child Care	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
<b>Weekly</b>	NA	NA	\$190	\$184
<b>Daily</b>	NA	NA	\$41	\$41
<b>Part Day</b>	NA	NA	\$28	\$28

**Name of Product:** CUPKIN Double-Walled Stainless Steel Children's Cups

**Description:** This recall involves improperly manufactured 8 oz. and 12 oz. models of CUPKIN Double-Walled Stainless Steel Children's Cups sold in pairs. Both sizes of the recalled cups were sold in 12 different color combinations including a matching straw: blue and green, pink and purple, blue and gray, peach and teal, black and white, coral and yellow, green and pink, polignac and potpourri, brown and peach, rust and salmon, aqua and periwinkle, and cobalt and mint. "Cupkin" is printed on the front bottom of the cups.

**Hazard:** The stainless-steel cups contain levels of lead that exceed the federal lead content ban. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

**Sold At:** Online at Amazon.com and Cupkin.com from January 2018 through March 2023 for about \$20.

**Remedy:** Refund

**Recall date:** July 20, 2023



## American Academy of Pediatrics Press Room

**Family Media Plan** Media is everywhere, and managing it all can be tough. Creating a Family Media Plan can help you and your children set media priorities that matter most to your family. Come back to revise your plan as often as you need to, such as at the beginning of each school year or during summer and holiday breaks.

**Here's how it works** Since media habits are different for every household, the Family Media Plan can be customized to meet your family's needs. Make a full plan, or just choose a few parts that matter the most to your family.

### The Family Media Plan includes:

- A list of media priorities to choose from
- Practical tips to help make the plan work
- Why it's important
- The option to save your plan and return as often as you'd like to make changes
- The ability to print or share your finished plan
- The option to save your plan and return as often as you'd like to make changes

For more tips and great articles, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics at <https://healthychildren.org/English/fmp/Pages/MediaPlan.aspx>

# 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.

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QUALITY RATING SYSTEM.

## Average Weekly Cost of Child Care

	Family Child Care	Group Family Child Care	Day Care Center
6wks-18mos	n/a	n/a	\$260
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!**

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

**Sullivan County NEEDS child care providers! Let us help you help the children of the community!**

## Child Care Programs in Sullivan County

Township	OCFS Registered/Licensed Child Care Programs				Requests for Care 4/1/2023-6/30/2023
	Day Care Centers (DCC)	Family Day Care Homes (FDC)	Group Family Day Care Homes (GFDC)	School-Age Child Care (SACC)	
Bethel	1	1	0	0	5
Callicoon	0	3	2	0	4
Cochecton	0	2	0	0	0
Delaware	0	1	1	0	0
Fallsburg	4	3	1	1	9
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0	1
Fremont	0	0	0	0	0
Highland	1	1	0	0	1
Liberty	3	4	1	0	76
Lumberland	0	0	1	2	1
Mamakating	1	1	1	1	5
Neversink	0	2	0	1	1
Rockland	1	0	0	0	7
Thompson	6	1	3	3	19
Tusten	0	1	0	0	2
Totals	17	20	10	8	62

## Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc.

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#### Professional Supporter (Check One)

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- \$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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**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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