

Caregiver News

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

Wellness Conference

Sullivan County Providers, please join us at the



for a day of relaxation and professional development.

Just a Peak

8:00am Lite Breakfast

8:30am Key Note

10:00am Positive Relationships

11:00am TBA

12:00N Lunch

1:00pm Nature Walk or Yoga

2:00pm TBA

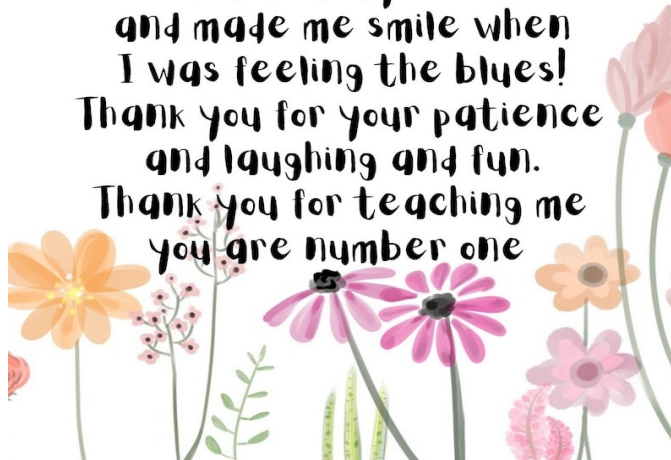
3:00pm TBA

We are still planning but **SAVE the DATE!**

Funded by NYS OCFS

Provider Appreciation Day

It's not always easy,
 It's not always fun
 But thank you so much
 for being the one
 who high fives and listened
 and tied my shoes
 and made me smile when
 I was feeling the blues!
 Thank you for your patience
 and laughing and fun.
 Thank you for teaching me
 you are number one



The Council would like to thank each and every child care provider in Sullivan County for all of their endless hard work!

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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**

Staff members can be reached by telephone at **(845) 292-7166**, or toll free: **(877) 292-7190**

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

to find available locations.



Featured Agency: Sullivan County Youth Bureau

Have you heard of the Sullivan County Youth Bureau?

The Sullivan County Youth Bureau is an agency within Sullivan County Government. Our office is at the Government Center at 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701. Our mission is to “To promote the well-being of all youth ages 0-21”.

The Youth Bureau’s goals & Responsibilities are:

- Advance the moral, physical, mental and social development of youth through positive youth activities.
- Encourage towns, villages, and not for profit agencies to provide youth activities by giving them funds and technical assistance.
- High School and College Internships throughout Sullivan County Departments
- Professional Development Opportunities.

How do we do this?

We fund and support over 40 programs that engage youth from 0-21years old all across Sullivan County. We support activities from various athletic programs to a local newspaper to programs in our schools.

We provide technical assistance as well as, assistance in identifying other

funding sources. We are always looking for areas that need programs so that all youth have a chance to participate.

There are numerous opportunities throughout the County for young ones from 0-21 to be a part of. Our website has all of that information.

Here’s a few other fun facts about the Sullivan County Youth Bureau...

The Youth Bureau provided extensive technical support, monitoring, and funding to over 40 youth programs in 2023, offering children and youth recreational, educational, and preventive activities. Total funding was \$283,689.43 which \$116,768.43 came from our County Legislature.

The Youth Bureau assisted in the development and funding of 15 new youth programs in 2023. 9,139 youth were offered the opportunity of programming during the 2023 year.

The Youth Bureau was able to expand funding through the State funded Youth Sports and Education Program, Infrastructure and Teams State funding.

The Youth Bureau has participated in numerous County initiatives and collaborations. Some examples are Sullivan Nutrition Action Coalition (SNAC) committee, Sullivan Allies Leading

Together (SALT) committee and SALT’s Prevention and Risk Factors (PARFACT) committee, Sullivan 180, Cornell Cooperative Extension Making Healthful Decisions Conference and Youth Mental Health First Aid, to name a few.

We are especially proud of our Internship Program which reached 5 schools and 778 youth. We work with local school districts to prepare and place youth in paying jobs.

Finally, the Youth Bureau initiated Government Days. 3 schools participated in 2023. 95 youth were afforded the opportunity to partake. We welcome youth, schools, organizations to take part in the Legislative process at the County Government level, and then they are afforded the opportunity to ask questions, take tours or to tailor the day to their desires.

Please connect with us to see how we can help you. Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook at “SCYOUTHUREAU”. If you would like to be placed on our weekly email blast, or have an event to share please email Kristen Kitson, Youth Bureau Manager at kristen.kitson2@sullivanny.us, or call us at 845.807.0394. We look forward to hearing from you!



Intensive Technical Assistance

The Council offers intensive technical assistance to support and enhance your knowledge/skills. Individualized training can be set up to address your program needs in one session or multiple session workshops (conducted in your program during a convenient time for you).

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”
- “Personality Conflicts with Kids in Care”

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.

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 preschool 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 –

It will soon be Spring and the time of year we celebrate our Mom's and child care providers.

They tirelessly care for and mold our future day after day while attending to their own families, themselves and their communities.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for the work you do. The day to day care for a child can be challenging and after a long day it is time to clean up and do your accounting.

Child care is a business that drives our economy and affords our communities a future.

Thank a child care provider, even if you have no children—we are all stakeholders in the success of our child care workforce.

Happy Provider Appreciation Day!!
We celebrate you everyday but especially on
Friday May 10.

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 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:

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

You may also contact the Council at (845) 292-7166 or 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 extension 301

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) News

Help Celebrate Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week!!!!

March 10-16 2024

“Eat the Rainbow”

Check out the following link on ways to celebrate.

<https://www.cacfp.org/national-cacfp-week-main/>

Having children eat the variety of colors like in a rainbow can help encourage them to try new foods. You can eat the variety of colors throughout the day or each day have a color theme. You can even create a “spirit week” and have the children dress in the color of the day. You can create a thematic unit on the color and implement it into your play centers, meals and science, art and amongst many other ideas. If you need ideas please feel free to reach out.

We would like to list all of our child care providers that participate in our sponsors CACFP program. The providers that participate are monitored for food meal pattern standards for the children in their care. They have to maintain daily menus and be sure to offer all foods to the children in their program. Having a provider serve balanced meals to the children in their care is essential for growth and development. Children eat many meals in the home of our providers. Thank you so much for all of your dedication!!

Vanessa Ackerman	Amy Babicz	Kristy Petrowsky
Darlene Balzano	Devon Conklin	Luz Quinones
Elizabeth Corchado	Jessica Dean	Rachel Rausch
Tonya Dirie	Deborah Gubiotti	Wanda Rodriguez
Diane Harvey	Wendy McCullough	Lindsey Shelton
Patricia McGovern	Jenna Owens	Gianni Stoddard
Deborah Strachan	Sheila Sullivan	

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
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 Samantha at 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

FREE training!

"**Promoting Physical Activity for Infants and Toddlers**" will be taking place on

March 21 from 5:30-7:30pm

OR

March 23 from 10am –12pm

The first 5 registrants will be receiving a FREE physical activity kit. Please email or call Samantha to sign up for this training!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2024					1	2
3 CACFP menus due	4 Core Business 1 2-5pm (virtual)	5	6 Core Business 2 2-5pm (virtual)	7	8 Core Business 3 2-5pm (virtual)	9
10 CACFP WEEK Daylight Saving Time	11 CACFP WEEK Core Business 4 2-5pm (virtual)	12 CACFP WEEK The Business Behind Childcare- Module 1 5:30-8:30 pm (ZOOM)	13 CACFP WEEK Core Business 5 2-5pm (virtual)	14 CACFP WEEK	15 CACFP WEEK Core Business 6 2-5pm (virtual)	16 CACFP WEEK
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Spring	20 The Business Behind Childcare- Module 2 5:30-8:30 pm (ZOOM)	21 IT Physical Activity Training 5:30- 7:30pm (in-person)	22	23 IT Physical Ac- tivity Training 10am-12pm (in-person)
24 31- Easter	25 The Business Behind Childcare- Module 3 5:30-8:30 pm (ZOOM)	26	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 CACFP menus due The Business Behind Childcare- Module 4 5:30-8:30 pm (ZOOM)	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20  THE ELDRED PRESERVE Conference
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	April 2024			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2024			1	2	3 CACFP menus due	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Provider Appreciation Day	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Council Closed Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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

Health and Safety Training

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

Sullivan County Child Care Council is currently offering trainings for **FREE** to all Sullivan County licensed, registered & legally exempt 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.

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 Playground Safety

Review Regulations @ ocfs.ny.gov

SPOTLIGHT: SAFETY

- (n) Materials and play equipment.
- (1) Materials and play equipment used by the children must be sturdy and free from rough edges and sharp corners.
- (2) (2) Play equipment must be in good repair, and be placed in a safe location.
- (3) (3) Play equipment must be used in a safe manner.
- (4) (4) Play equipment must be used specifically for its intended purpose. Such equipment and apparatus may be used only by the children for whom it is developmentally appropriate.
- (5) (5) There must be a cushioned surface under all outside play equipment that present a fall hazard. Surfacing may not include concrete, asphalt, grass or hard compacted dirt.
- Staff and caregivers should spread out to all corners of the playground; staff and caregivers should be close enough to children to intervene when necessary.
 - For safety reasons, staff and caregivers should consider standing and moving about designated areas while supervising children instead of sitting.
 - All blind spots should be accounted for. Consider getting down on hands and knees to identify blind spots and hazards
 - Whenever ratios allow, one staff or caregiver should station him/herself close to the entrance/exit to allow for monitoring of gate/door.
 - If there is only one staff or caregiver present on playground; activities could be limited to one area near the entrance to allow for monitoring of gate/door.
 - All staff and caregivers must know how many children they are caring for and take name to face attendance.
 - Directors and providers with employees and volunteers should consider making it a practice to conduct unannounced observations at playgrounds to make sure children are being supervised properly.
 - Regulations must be followed at all times.

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Playground Supervision

- Establish and enforce simple safety rules. Consistent rules and procedures that are predictable help children feel safe and help the caregiver maintain structure.
- Consider writing up rules with the children, posting them at children's eye level in the program, and reviewing them frequently.
- Staff/Caregiver-to-child ratios must be maintained at all times in addition to not exceeding maximum group size.
- In day care centers and school age programs, children of different age groups may not commingle when using outdoor play areas, exercise areas, gym rooms, or other common areas of the center; they may share the same space as long as the space is large enough to allow the age groups to remain apart from each other.
- Staff and caregivers should check playground area and equipment for potential safety hazards before allowing children into the area or develop a procedure where this is done prior to the children arriving.
- Staff and caregivers must be aware of and only allow children to use age-appropriate equipment.
- Check playground for environmental hazards such as pooling water or patches of ice and snow.
- Consider checking that all gates/doors to the playground area are secure, and verify that child safety devices are functioning properly.
- Staff and caregivers should not sit together or socialize.

Outside Time IS NOT

- a break or social time for staff and caregivers,
- staff or caregiver planning time, nor a time for children to run aimlessly without regard to personal safety.

When You Have an Accident Involving a Child

- First, obtain appropriate medical treatment for the child which may include calling 911.
- Never move the injured child unless qualified medical staff instruct you to do so.
- One staff or caregiver should care for the child while the other caregivers supervise the rest of the group.
- The children take cues from you; if you panic, the children will also panic.
- Consider developing an emergency protocol that can be practiced with the children; the provider can use a specific phrase or sound that indicates that the children should stop what they are doing and stand or sit quietly so that they can hear directions.
- Notify the parent of the child involved; notify OCFS; and if appropriate, notify the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment.

Congratulations

to our newest registered / licensed child care providers:

Ingrid's Little Angels

Michelle Kahler

Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I have seen a couple of people advertising child care on Facebook, they seem like very nice people who love children and who genuinely want to care for children. However, a friend of mine explained that unless the person is Registered or Licensed through OCFS, they may be illegal providers, I don't understand what exactly illegal care is?

Hello,

Let me explain first what is considered legal care for children, you seem to understand that a provider must be Registered or Licensed through NYS OCFS, our providers are trained in child development, safety, nutrition, and other very important areas of childcare. They must adhere to NYS Social Service Law, they are monitored and are genuine in their responsibility of children. In addition: if care is provided in the children's home, all resident children can be cared for in their home regardless of the number. When all the children in care are related to the provider, there is no limit to the number they may care for. For example, if a provider cares for 5 grandchildren and 4 nieces and nephews, it is not illegal child care. If a provider has any non related children in care, there can be a total of 8 children and not more than 2 non-related children for more than 3 hours.

A child care registration/license is required in NYS when there are more than 2 non-related children in care for more than 3 hours per day. If OCFS determines a person is operating illegally a \$500 fine per day may result and / or other legal action.

I hope this helps,

Jodi

From the Desk of the Registrar

Hello everyone,

Another winter has passed and we are onto Spring. I know I can't wait to smell the flowers, hear the birds busily making their nests, and walking through the grass in the fresh warm air! I have noticed in my visits the kids are growing like weeds and I am sure they cannot wait to do some exciting outdoor activities! Remember the play ground is great for those large muscle activities, however sometimes slowing down and taking it in is great for not only for the kids but yourselves as well. Outdoor yoga, picnics, walks, or just reading a great book on a blanket in the shade are all ideas for some calm outdoor fun! We still have our Lending Library for some more great ideas, games, and activities. Enjoy and take sometime to breath in the fresh air!
~ 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.

Legally Exempt News

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

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
Weekly	\$173	\$164	\$163	\$146
Daily	\$36	\$34	\$33	\$33
Part Day	\$24	\$23	\$21	\$21

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

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

Name of Product: Class 2 Sinch.2 Folding E-Bicycles

Description: This recall involves Class 2 Sinch.2 electric bicycles. The folding, 500w e-bikes were sold in silver (quicksilver) and blue (sapphire.) The e-bike has front and rear tires and foldable handlebars. The name “Aventon” is printed on the side of the downtube of the e-bike frame and “Sinch.2” is printed on the chain stay that runs to the rear of the bicycle connecting the rear wheel to the frame.

Hazard: The recalled e-bikes can accelerate unexpectedly, resulting in loss of control, posing crash and injury hazards.

Sold At: Bicycle stores nationwide and online at BestBuy.com and Eriksbikeshop.com from April 2023 through August 2023 for about \$1,800.



Remedy: Repair



You're a superhero!

Hey all you superheroes out there!

If you're a childcare provider, than you are a SUPERHERO!!! You do it all from protecting, nourishing, nurturing, educating, to plunging toilets, cleaning stuck on blueberries from the wall and breaking up arguments between Billy and Sally who want the same truck. You're flexible, energetic, creative and loving. And YES you are a professional! Running a childcare business is nothing to sneeze at (although you may be around a lot of little sneezers). Your chosen profession requires a lot of knowledge, experience and patience. If you want to be successful you MUST give good “customer service”. It seems wrong to use that phrase in the field of childcare, but it's like any other business, if you don't meet the needs of your customers (parents), you won't have children in your program. Therefore, you won't make the money needed to sustain a successful business.

The policies and procedures you set for your childcare families must have everyone in mind; you, your family and the families you serve. When you set these policies and procedures, be fair to yourself and your parents. And once your polices and procedures are in place, follow them! And what is good for one should be the same for all.

Want to find out more or how to create child care business policies and procedures that support you, your customers AND your business check out our calendar and join me in March for a series just for you!

The Business Behind Child Care!

Please contact me and sign up today!

Darlene Kehrley

Business Support and Retention Specialist

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 program in Sullivan County to participate in the New York State

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 childcare provider, go to the link below to find out more information:

<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/techreq.asp>

This link will guide you through a free online child care provider orientation and will allow you to request an application.

Feel free to reach out to Darlene Kehrley. She will help guide you through the entire start-up process and support you in creating a successful childcare program.

Contact us today!

Sullivan County needs quality child care!

Call (845) 292-7166 OR

Email: 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 10/1/2023-12/31/2023
	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	1
Callicoon	0	1	2	0	4
Cochecton	0	1	0	0	1
Delaware	0	1	1	0	0
Fallsburg	4	3	1	1	8
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0	1
Fremont	0	0	0	0	0
Highland	1	1	0	0	0
Liberty	3	5	2	0	12
Lumberland	0	0	1	2	0
Mamakating	1	0	1	1	3
Neversink	0	2	0	1	0
Rockland	1	0	0	0	3
Thompson	6	0	3	3	17
Tusten	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	17	16	10	8	50

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Professional Supporter (Check One)

(Eligible for reduced training costs.)

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

Community Supporter (Check One)

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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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