

Caregiver News

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

Warmer Weather Safety

As the temperatures start to rise and our days get longer we tend to be outside more. Here are a few safety reminders as we head into the Summer months:

- ◆ Make sure all parts of the child's water bottle are intact, labels are noticeable of their name and it is the appropriate fit for their age and development.
- ◆ Sunblock is not expired, necessary forms are up to date to apply onto the children and that is reapplied when necessary.
- ◆ Play equipment is not broken and safe to use after the winter months.
- ◆ Be mindful of any insect or rodent nests forming in the outdoor area.
- ◆ Children have the appropriate extra clothes in their current size for when needed.
- ◆ To help stay cool, wear lightweight– loose fitting clothing.
- ◆ If you are sweating a lot, combine water with snacks or a sports drink to replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat.
- ◆ Wear a hat of choice to help stay cool and help keep the sun out of your eyes.
- ◆ Intergrade water play when outside
- ◆ Heat can often make children (and their parents) feel tired. High heat can not only cause people to feel tired, but it may also contribute to irritability. Come inside regularly to cool off, rest and drink water.

Workforce Retention Grant

New York State realizes the need for childcare and has put millions of dollars towards this. From supporting new programs to retention of staff, the State has made an effort to help.

For the providers and programs that were able to participate in the Workforce Retention Grant– there is an additional payment being automatically paid to you! Another bonus to eligible childcare staff and money for the program to help pay for recruitment and retention ideas.

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to give us a call!

To help recruit staff, remember our good friends over at the Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development are always there to help.

Want retention ideas, we can help brainstorm some idea that are good for your program.

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7 Community Lane, Liberty, NY 12754

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

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

to find available locations.



The Importance of EpiPens

A personal story by Adrionna

Imagine having the power to stop a life threatening allergic reaction in its tracks. With the proper training and use of an EpiPen auto injector this is possible.

You may think to yourself “when am I really going to need it” I am here to tell you severe allergic reactions are more common than you may think. Did you know 1 out of every 13 children have a serious allergy. Or maybe you say, “I don’t want the responsibility of an auto injector in my program” It is much more responsible of you as a caregiver to have an auto injector in your program than it is to have a child have an anaphylactic attack while in your program and not be able to help them.

The Epinephrine that is in an EpiPen is the only treatment for anaphylaxis. You can be the first defense is saving a child’s life.

I can tell you from personal experience that once a child is in an anaphylactic attack there are only minutes to react. An ambulance rarely will get there in time to administer the EpiPen, so training yourself and having an EpiPen in your program is the safest, most responsible way to ensure that no child will be helpless amongst a severe allergic reaction.

As stated before, I have personal experience on this topic. My child is

among those 1 in 13 children that have severe allergies. His after-school program was trained and had access to an EpiPen for him and I am beyond grateful they did because if not my son would not be here with me today.

When my child was issued the EpiPen for his allergy we were told his reaction would only come from ingesting said allergen. As do most, his allergy changed. One day during afterschool program my son started to feel dizzy and nauseous. He started having shallow breaths and his heart began to race. Now to most this reaction seems like a stomach bug and a bit of anxiety. He did not show any skin reactions and did not ingest anything he was not supposed to so his allergy was not the first thing thought of.

However, very quickly things took a turn. My child was not able to breathe, he felt he was going to pass out, the room was spinning, his heart was beating so fast he said it felt like it wanted to jump out of his skin. He banged on the table to alert the teacher, upon noticing his tongue was very swollen. She immediately called 911 and, in the time, it took for the teacher to get his EpiPen and administer it, my child had gone into a petit mal seizure. The EpiPen was administered, my son was breathing again, and the ambulance was on the way.

When I arrived, the teacher told me that it took the ambulance an additional 15 minutes to get to the school. If his EpiPen was not administered he would have continued to swell and seize, suffering until the ambulance got there or until his body gave in, whichever came first. I am so thankful that the program he attended was trained and had his EpiPen on sight. We believed we had his allergy under control by watching what he ate, but that day it was a cleaner used to wipe a table. The spray of the cleaner sent my son into a severe allergic reaction and had it not been for his EpiPen being injected this story would have ended a lot worse.

I implore of you, if you are a program caring for children, you need to get trained on EpiPen auto-injectors and have them ready and available in your program. The last thing you want to have in your heart is that you could have saved a life and decided not to because you didn’t want the added responsibility.

To get your FREE EpiPen and training contact the Council today!

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.

Child Care Assistance Program

As of June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025

Family Size	Annual Income Limit
1	\$56,488.88
2	\$73,869.56
3	\$91,250.63
4	\$108,631.70
5	\$126,012.77
6	\$143,393.84

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

Dear Friends, Neighbors, Child Care Providers and Parents!

There is so much buzz around child care and how it affects our economy and young families every day lives.

The Council is proud to report we have been awarded our next five year round of funding so we can continue to provide referral services, legally exempt supports, child care assistance support, professional development, in program support for room arrangement, behaviors, and over all provider, staff and program support and much, much more.

As of June 1, 2024 the income eligibility for child care assistance is increasing – see chart on the side. Call the Council to apply or ask ANY questions. Child care is expensive but necessary for families to thrive and work. We can help you figure out how to pay for it!

Can't find child care and wondering if you can open a child care business? Call us – we can help you navigate the process and provide the required training.

We are here for the community – families, child care programs and employers.

Enjoy your summer!

Yours in Child Care,

Donna

Lending Library

We have a Lending Library and we love to share! The Sullivan County Council has books, theme boxes and more for your program to sign out and use.

Give Darlene a call if you would like to borrow some of our goodies to compliment your theme or to support your program. We look forward to hearing from you!

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

BOOST THE MOOD

Certain foods can help boost the moods of providers and children.

Fatty fish contain Omega3 fatty acids which is something your body cant produce on your own . Adding Omega 3 foods are linked to lowering levels of depression. Add salmon and albacore tuna to your meal plan!

Fruits and vegetables are also linked to lowering depression. Rich antioxidants may help manage inflammation which can be associated with moods. Berries are a great choice as they have a wide range of antioxidants and phenolic compounds. These play a vital role in working on the imbalance of harmful compounds in your body. Bananas contain an amino acid which boost serotonin and vitamin B12 which aids in mood regulation.

Beans and Lentils are a great choice as they are full of feel good nutrients. They are a good source of vitamin B vitamins that are important in regulating mood. They are also high in fiber and a good plant based protein. Vitamin B also plays a vital role in nerve signaling. The are also a good source of magnesium, zinc, selenium, an non-heme iron which may also improve your mood.

When it comes to children it is also not just the foods they eat but how foods and mealtimes are presented. Focus on making mealtimes and enjoyable time in the program. Eat with the children and talk about the foods and how they are made or grow. Talk about the colors and textures. Don't focus on one food component as being more important than others. If the child eats all the fruit on their plate first, that is okay. Don't withhold meal components until another component is finished. Let all foods be equal. Don't reward "good behaviors" with junk foods. Let children help prepare foods! Sunshine also helps boost moods so get outside and play!!

For other mood boosting ideas please feel free to call Aimee at (845)292-7166

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 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
June 2024						1
2	3 Menus due	4 1-4pm Core Business Quality Stars Informational 6-7:30 PM At the Council	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 1-4pm Core Business	12	13 CPR (Time-TBA)	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18 Training (9-4) "Strengthening Supervisory Skills" With Darlene K. At the Council 1-4pm Core Business	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Menus due	4 Council Closed	5	6
7	8	9*	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Training (6-8PM) "Creating Financial Stability in your Child- care Program" With Darlene K. at the Council	17	18 CPR (Time-TBA)	19	20 Training (9:30- 11:30AM) "Creating Financial Stability in your Child- care Program" With Darlene K. at the Council
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	July 2024		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2024				1	2	3 Menus due
4	5 Training (6-8PM) "Creating Financial Stability in your Child-care Program" With Darlene K. at the Council	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Training (9:30-11:30AM) "Creating Financial Stability in your Childcare Program" With Darlene K. at the Council
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

CDA CONTENT AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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CORE COMPETENCY AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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OCFS TOPICS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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)
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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 ANAPHYLAXIS

Review Regulations @ ocfs.ny.gov

SPOTLIGHT: AUVI-Q

Non-Patient Specific Auto Injector Initiative

Child care providers play an important role in the health and well-being of the children in their care. Children with a diagnosed allergy rely on their caregivers to prevent exposure to allergens and to have a plan in place in the event of an allergic reaction. Many of the children in your program are experiencing events for the first time, including new foods and insect bites. There is no way to predict when a child will have an allergic reaction. If it were to occur, do you and your staff know what to do?

Epinephrine is the first line drug of choice for the emergency treatment of severe allergic reactions. It is a safe medication. There is no medical reason for trained, designated staff to withhold administration of an auto injector in an emergency if anaphylaxis is suspected.

OCFS is thrilled to partner with Health First, the authorized distributor of AUVI-Q, an epinephrine auto injector for all age groups! Each participating program will receive a package containing up to 3 doses of two non-patient specific auto injectors and one training device— for FREE!

The goal of this initiative is to spread allergy awareness to all caregivers and families, thus preventing further tragedy. Having a non-patient specific auto injector in a day care program's emergency tool kit, and the knowledge on how to use it, is a potentially lifesaving investment. OCFS strongly encourages all childcare programs to take advantage of this exciting opportunity! Thank you for your commitment to the well-being of children.

Participation in this potentially life-saving initiative is simple! Join the thousands of other day care programs by completing 3 easy steps:

Designate at least one individual per program who successfully completed an approved epinephrine training course (such as OCFS's Identifying and Responding to Anaphylaxis no cost training – found on ECETP website). During the training, participants will be asked if they would like to participate and which doses they would like to receive. OCFS strongly encourages all caregivers to take the training and request all doses, but to be eligible for the auto injectors, at least one person per program is required to complete the training.

Update your Health Care Plan:

Complete Appendix J indicating you are participating & agreeing to comply with the terms.

Complete Appendix H - Record each individual who has successfully completed the approved epinephrine course.

Submit the updated HCP to your Regulator and HCC (as applicable).

Upon successful completion of these steps, Health First will reach out to the child care program to verify the name of the designated individual, and the shipping address of the program. Health First will NOT ask for any sensitive information. Health First will ship a package containing two non-patient specific auto injectors and one training device directly to the child care program. Once received, the child care program will confirm receipt via email.



Elijah was a lively boy. He went straight to walking without crawling first.

He did not need or want assistance to be fed. He was joyful and inquisitive. His father described him as having it 'his way or no way'. He was also very imaginative and could create complex systems with blocks even at 3 years old. The death of three-year-old Elijah Silvera in 2017 shook the city when he had an allergic reaction to a grilled cheese sandwich. He is dearly missed by his family.



In 2019 New York State adopted new legislation called Elijah's Law. Elijah's Law impacts all child care facilities and requires them to follow state food allergy guidelines to prevent, recognize and respond to life-threatening anaphylactic reactions.

Congratulations

AND THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOU THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE AUTO INJECTOR INITIATIVE

Babies n Tots Daycare – Gianni Stoddard
Darlene Balzano
Bright Eyes Child Care Center - Nicole Franco
Amber Creegan
Jessica Dean
Early Childhood Cooperative Experience – Grace Strauss
Frost Valley YMCA – Katie Taylor
Deborah Gubiotti
Hap-Bee Days Daycare – Michelle Labbate
Healthy Kids Programs – Jillian Palovich
Healthy Kids Programs – Lytasha Snowden
Healthy Kids Programs – Tuwanda Martin
Healthy Kids Program – Ashley Walker
Healthy Kids Programs – Ashley Wilkens
J&C First Steps Day Care – Diane Harvey
Kidz Clubb Daycare – Wanda Rodriguez
Patricia McGovern
New Hope Manor – Rebecca Schadt
Luz Quinones
Rachel's Angels – Rachel Rausch
SDTC – The Center For Discovery- Kelly Reibe
THDC – Elizabeth Corchado
TLC for Young Children – Autumn Cancredi
Valley Daycare – Nicole Newick
Vanessa Ackermann
Walnut Daycare – Lindsay Collazo
Whites Angels Daycare – Cassandra White

From the Desk of the Registrar

Thank to all of you who have voluntarily responded to participate in this program. For those who are not, please give us a call at the council, we are here to answer any questions or concerns. As a mother and grandmother I can say there is no greater fear than trusting your child's life in someone's hands. It is why I have chosen to be in the field I am in. To protect not only the children I know and love, but to protect children I have yet to meet and support the wonderful people who nurture and protect them, because every second counts in life and can be the difference between life and death ~ 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 day expiration date from the last date of service. ANY TIMESHEETS that are RECEIVED AFTER the 60 day expiration date (electronically or paper) will be RETURNED to provider as NOT PAYABLE****

If you are interested in submitting your timesheets online or have any other questions or concerns, please call the SCCCC at (845) 292-7166.

NY Works for Children/ASPIRE

What The Aspire Registry can do for you:

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

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

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

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

Legally Exempt News

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: Temu Bike Helmet

Description: This recall involves kids' bike helmets in size small, fitting a head circumference of about 18-1/2 to 20-1/2 inches. The helmets were sold in pink or blue with a sea world print and in orange or blue with a dinosaur print. All helmets have black padding, black straps and a black and red buckle. The helmets have a black plastic knob at the back of the helmet for adjusting the fitting. The model KY-E008 is printed on a white label on the inside of the helmet.

Hazard: The helmets do not comply with the dynamic strength of retention system, impact attenuation and certification requirements of the CPSC federal safety regulation for bicycle helmets. The helmets can fail to protect in the event of a crash, posing a risk of head injury.

Sold At: Temu.com from June 2023 through January 2024 for between \$16 and \$40.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled helmets and contact Chau River Sports Outdoors for a full refund. To receive a refund, consumers should destroy the helmet by cutting off the straps, and send photos of the helmet with the straps cut through the onsite messaging system by clicking on the "message" icon on Temu.com at Chau River Sports Outdoors store page as proof of destruction, then dispose of the recalled helmet.



Recall date: April 25, 2024

Providing Childcare with a Smile

Finding happiness in the field of childcare has to start with your desire to nurture children. If you don't find children cute, funny, and curious how will you enjoy the work that you do as a childcare provider? It takes this desire and many other skills to carry out your responsibilities in a successful way. Are you patient? Do you allow children to maneuver through challenges while you gently guide them in learning the appropriate skill? Or, do you find yourself stressed on a regular basis? There are many ways to better understand children, like learning milestones so that your expectations are age-appropriate. Or learning more about the child and his/her family culture to best connect and build a positive relationship. If you're not finding emotional value in what you do, figure out what stresses you and work on alleviating that. There's not much worse than waking each morning dreading the day ahead.

In the field of childcare, retaining staff is so important. This will create a consistent environment for the children and their families. If you are a supervisor, think about ways to help the staff you lead realize their quality and improve upon their skills to ensure continued growth. Happy employees feel good about their work environment and their responsibilities. They maintain a sense of satisfaction and consistently show up for work radiating positivity and motivation. Prioritizing happiness in the workplace helps to keep unwanted turnover at bay.

Think about your overall childcare culture. As the leader, practice what you preach. If you want your staff to play on the floor with the children, you should also do so. Modeling appropriate interactions and being a part of the team, gives others a sense that you are more approachable and that you truly understand the details that mean so much and that you're willing to help out. Care about each other and about personal needs. If a staff member needs to revise their schedule due to a family emergency, do your best to work together to meet the needs of the staff member and the program. Really listen to each other. Problem solve together and maintain a well-balanced and happy work environment.

Stress occurs everywhere and is always possible on a daily basis. Protect yourself by treating yourself good! Get enough sleep, eat healthy, exercise and treat yourself with kindness. Have some stress-relieving skills in your back pocket, just in case. When you look in the mirror, see your worth. You are valued!

Darlene Kehrley

Business 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>

Join us at the Council for an informational Session on
Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30PM.

Average Weekly Cost of Child Care

	Family Child Care	Group Family Child Care	Day Care Center
6wks-18mos	n/a	n/a	\$298
6wks-24mos	\$247	\$247	n/a
18mos-36mos	n/a	n/a	\$290
3y-5y	n/a	n/a	\$255
2yrs-5yrs	\$245	\$245	n/a
6y-12y	\$235	\$235	\$235

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 1/1/2024-3/1/2024
	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	4
Callicoon	0	1	2	0	3
Cochecton	0	1	0	0	1
Delaware	0	1	1	0	0
Fallsburg	4	3	1	1	9
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0	0
Fremont	0	0	0	0	0
Highland	1	1	0	0	2
Liberty	3	6	3	0	16
Lumberland	0	0	1	2	0
Mamakating	1	0	1	1	6
Neversink	0	2	0	1	5
Rockland	1	0	0	0	2
Thompson	6	0	3	3	24
Tusten	0	1	0	0	2
Totals	17	17	11	8	74

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2024 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*
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Go to our website to make a donation or mail donations to:

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Please submit a business card with your donation of \$100 or more.
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Thank you for your financial support; it helps families gain access to quality and affordable childcare!



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We have several openings for Council Committee members. We are seeking members who could fulfill underrepresented areas such as, parents (who have children in child care); those who have expertise in marketing or insurance; those who are familiar with child care subsidy system and those who could represent our Hispanic community. **Support the Council by serving on a committee! Please contact us at info@scchildcare.com!**

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