

Caregiver News

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

Holiday Cheer

Help spread the holiday cheer!

We kindly ask that the children in your programs please make holiday cards for those residing in Sullivan County Nursing Homes.

Cards can either be dropped off at the Council or arranged to be picked up no later than the first week in December. The Council will then deliver to the Nursing homes on your behalf.

Please include your program's name on the back of the card.

Any questions, please call Courtney at the Council for more information.

There is lot one can do with a plain piece of paper and crayons!!

Military Fee Assistance Program

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that more than 48,000 New York State military families will now be able to receive child care fee assistance that covers 15,000 state-licensed child care providers. The military fee assistance will offset the cost of child care not covered by the parent fee as calculated by their total family income up to a maximum child care rate of \$1800 per month per child. New York State has been selected as the first state approved to qualify licensed/registered child care providers for participation in this federal military fee assistance program. Childcare providers licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services will be eligible to participate and receive fee assistance on behalf of a military family under the Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS program offered by the U.S. Department of Defense.

For more information please visit, www.MilitaryChildCare.com

Childcare Providers– Stay Connected

Exciting news for Childcare Providers in Sullivan County! We have revamped our Sullivan County Daycare Association Facebook page. We welcome all providers and staff to join the page as a place for us to come together and share ideas and experiences. You can find the link on our main Facebook page.

Contact Us

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.

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Featured Agency: Sullivan County Rotary Clubs; Liberty, Monticello and Livingston Manor

Sullivan County is home to three Rotary Clubs that are part of Rotary International. Rotary International is comprised of 1.4 million members worldwide that belong to about 46,000 clubs. All of these clubs are dedicated to taking action to make the world a better place.

In our area, we have clubs based in Liberty, Livingston Manor and Monticello. The members of these clubs have a mission to provide "service above self" in order to bring about positive change in our communities, our country and the world. Each club meets weekly to develop fundraising initiatives, plan club projects and establish a warm and welcoming environment that builds good will and better friendships. Their collective efforts have incredible impact in our region and around the globe that focuses on helping those in need, support of our youth, promote local and global health, and generally improve the lives of as many people as possible.

Liberty Rotary Club has been doing good for over 70 years and works tirelessly on a variety of programs. One of their signature events is the Dave Thomson Spirit Beer and Wine Tasting, which happens annually and raises funds for local scholarships and also supports "A Single Bite". Additionally, the club is strongly committed to supporting the fight against Alzheimer's Disease, for which Liberty Rotarians participate in two major fundraisers of a winter plunge and an annual Walk. Beyond that, the club has been working on a long-term program in Haiti that has provided water filtration systems to 1,000 families to assure they have clean, potable water. The Liberty Club also hosts a Dance to Benefit Special Olympics, which is a social gathering of all neighbors including club members, community guests and a great number of residents with developmental disabilities. All this and

a plethora of other initiatives keeps the Liberty Club busy year-round making a difference in people's lives.

The Livingston Manor Rotary Club was chartered in 1954 and they have a long-term commitment to serving their community and the world, with heavy emphasis on youth. This mighty organization funds a program which provides dictionaries to the 2nd, 3rd & 5th grade classes at Livingston Manor Central Schools. They also sponsor little league and soccer at their park. Additionally, they hold an annual Ice carnival in January or February with skating for all ages, exhibitions, horse drawn sleigh rides, hot dogs and cocoa. This annual event, steeped in tradition, features a dance at LMCS School with the crowning a King & Queen. This festive event encourages students to foster fellowship by inviting students from other schools to attend. All of this winter fun is absolutely free to attendees. They also hold a Drug Awareness Night at their Rotary Park for their community. Additional events include an Easter egg hunt, tree / menorah lighting, and photos with Santa. Lastly, they have an annual Head, Hands & Toes drive that consist of new hats, headbands, socks, gloves & mittens free for all. Their club also boasts a long list of other projects.

The Monticello Rotary Club will celebrate 100 years of exceptional service this coming May. One of their major projects is their annual food drive. Each year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving (11/18/23 this year), their group collects non-perishable foods along with turkeys, hams, and even pet foods for distribution to The United Way of Sullivan County and The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. For 45 years, Monticello Rotary has run its Monster Classic 5/10k Walk/Run. This event benefits club initiatives and The Sullivan County Veterans Coalition.

Additionally, the Monticello Rotary Club collects items for those in our area nursing and rehab centers in the county, which includes lap blankets, gripper socks, comb and brush sets, puzzle/game books, scarves, hats, and fingerless gloves and distribute it throughout Sullivan County. The smiles on the faces of the patients is a beautiful thing. Beyond that, Monticello Rotary hosts the Annual Bob Rosen Memorial Golf Tournament, which raises money for scholarships. Finally, if it's a great meal for a great cause you are after, consider the Monticello Rotary Annual Chicken BBQ, which benefits DeHoyas Memorial Park. Monticello also has a host of other projects and initiatives that improve the human condition.

All three clubs mentioned above are affecting countless lives in a positive way. Each club sends students to RYLA annually, which is a program designed to build leadership skills amongst our youth. They also work collaboratively to host numerous blood drives and they fundraise for our area's W.S.U.L. Heart-A-Thon. Additionally, they support Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. Each club provides their local students with scholarships to assure our youth have a step up on their futures. All three clubs have impressive coat drives that provide much needed warmth to community members. They also work to feed the poor, provide basic necessities to those in need and lend support whenever our neighbors are suffering. Beyond that, they provide assistance to a wide variety of charitable causes.

These three exceptional clubs do their good work in the name of Rotary to make a lasting contribution to humanity. If you are interested in becoming a member, we encourage you to find them on Facebook or look up their websites.

Intensive Technical Assistance

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

Consider the following topics, or choose your own:

“Creating a Positive Environment”

“Benefiting from Family Style Eating “

“Age Appropriate Room Arrangements”

“Supervision”

“Gross Motor with Indoor & Outdoor Play”

“Ideas for Better Nutrition & Physical Activity”

“Learning through Nature”

“Picky Eaters”

“Creating Theme Curriculum”

Contact us at info@scchildcare.com to request a session or for more information call Aimee Pittaluga at (845) 292-7166 .

This free service is funded by NYSOCFS.

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 toddler and 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 –

For almost forty years the Sullivan County Child Care Council has been serving the Sullivan County community helping parents and caregivers find affordable, quality child care. Part of that task also includes providing support and professional development for our child care providers. We are a non profit agency governed by a dedicated group of volunteer Board members that are passionate about what we do. We are funded by state and local government entities that also recognize the impact of affordable, quality child care specific to our humble County.

We are lucky to have many organizations here in Sullivan County that provide essential support and services to our community. Some are grass roots, some are formally organized. Some are large and some are small but all have a huge impact on our community and all are driven by passion for what they do.

We try and spotlight some of these organizations in each Newsletter. This edition features Rotary – check out their impact!

There are so many opportunities to volunteer in our community, find your passion and give your time. We all reap the benefits of positive and impactful volunteers. Especially during the holiday season of giving and sharing. Our community and our kids need you.

Happy Holidays!

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

Winter weather is coming and it's time to start planning some indoor activities. Making sure children get their energy out is very important but can be challenging especially in small indoor spaces. Make sure to add music and movement throughout the day. Even a simple "hop like a bunny to the bathroom" or let the children have a marching band can help get the wiggles out. If you have the space I suggest bring in an outside slide or create a track with masking tape to play with trucks! Be creative and keep them active. Take them outside as weather permits and be sure parents are sending in winter accessories.

Other fun ideas are to let the children create snacks. Use learning tools while creating snacks. For example, talk about how many pretzels, what color, shapes, counting, texture and ounces there are in front of them. Let children pour and measure beverages. Talk about what they eat at home and what are their favorite snacks.

Create winter themed snacks like a snowman. Use bagels with cream cheese for the body, carrot nose, raisin buttons /mouth and pretzels as arms or brooms. You can also use crackers, tortillas cut up and then roll up meat.

Talk to the children about what makes a snack more nutritious and what snacks should be a sometimes choice. Talk to the kids through meals. This is a great time to learn manners and have conversation. Creating healthy snacks can also help master some fine motor skills.

A good snack time is engaging, learning and eating nutritiously. Make meal times expand as part of your curriculum. Add it to themes, like the color red and eat something red, or counting in two's and placing food in groups of twos.

If you need any help or ideas for your program, please feel free to contact me at 845-292-7166 x 301.



Stay warm and enjoy the holidays—Aimee Pittaluga

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

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
December 2023					1	2
3 Submit CACFP Menus	4	5 Provider Business Chat 5:30pm-7:00pm @ Council	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Council Closes at 1pm	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31 New Years Eve	25 Council Closed	26 Council Closed	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Council Closed HAPPY 2024	2	3 Submit CACFP Menus	4	5	6 Provider Meet-Up Brunch 11-1 @ Council
7	8	9 Provider Business Chat 5:30pm-7:00pm @ Council	10	11	12	13
14	15 Council Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	January 2024		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2024				1		3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Council Closed	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Provider Business Chat 5:30pm-7:00pm @ Council	28	29		

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 the 390a Review Regulations @ ocfs.ny.gov

SPOTLIGHT: TRAINING

Section 390a

3.(a) The office of children and family services shall promulgate regulations requiring operators, program directors, employees and assistants of family day care homes, group family day care homes, school-age childcare programs and child day care centers to receive pre-service and annual training, as applicable. Provided however that such providers shall be required to receive thirty hours of training every two years; provided, however, any individual or provider who is already in compliance with this subdivision, prior to the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand nineteen that amended this subdivision, shall only be required to complete any additional federal training requirements which they have not already completed in order to be deemed in compliance with this subdivision. Fifteen hours of such training must be received within the first six months of the initial licensure, registration, or employment. Such training requirements shall also apply to any volunteer in such day care homes, programs or centers who has the potential for regular and substantial contact with children. The thirty hours of training required during the first biennial cycle after initial licensure or registration shall include training received while an application for licensure or registration pursuant to section three hundred ninety of this title is pending. The office of children and family services may provide this training through purchase of services.

(b) The training required in paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall address topics and subject matters required by federal law and the following topics or subject matters, unless such topics or subject matters are substantially covered in training that is required pursuant to federal law:

(i) principles of childhood development, focusing on the developmental stages of the age groups for which the program provides care; (ii) nutrition and health needs of infants and children; (iii) child day care program development; (iv) safety and security procedures; (v) business record maintenance and management; (vi) child abuse and maltreatment identification and prevention; (vii) statutes and regulations pertaining to child day care; (viii) statutes and regulations pertaining to child abuse and maltreatment; (ix) for operators, program directors, employees and assistants of family day care homes, group family day care homes and child day care centers, education and information on the identification, diagnosis and prevention of shaken baby syndrome; and (x) adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), focused on

understanding trauma and on nurturing resiliency.

(c) For the thirty hours of biennial training required after the initial period of licensure or registration, each provider who can demonstrate basic competency shall determine in which of the specified topics he or she needs further study, based on the provider's experience and the needs of the children in the provider's care.

(d) Family day care home and group family day care home operators shall obtain training pertaining to protection of the health and safety of children, as required by regulation, prior to the issuance of a license or registration by the office of children and family services.

(e) Upon request by the office of children and family services, the child day care applicant or provider shall submit documentation demonstrating compliance with the training requirements of this section.

5.a. The site provider of a family day care home or group family day care home shall provide that at least one employee who holds a valid certification in a course of study in first aid knowledge and skills and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, with an emphasis on providing that aid to children, as approved by the commissioner of the office of children and family services, be on premises during the operating hours of such family day care home or group family day care home.

b. The site supervisor of a school-age child care program shall provide that at least one employee who holds a valid certification in a course of study in first aid knowledge and skills and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, with an emphasis on providing that aid to children, as approved by the commissioner of the office of children and family services, be on premises during the operating hours of such school-age child care program.

c. The director of a child day care center shall provide that at least one employee who holds a valid certification in a course of study in first aid knowledge and skills and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, with an emphasis on providing that aid to children, as approved by the commissioner of the office of children and family services, be on premises during the operating hours of such child day care center.



Congratulations

to our newest registered / licensed child care providers:

Lil Bugs Daycare

Tara Poje

Hap-Bee Days Daycare LLC

Dear Jodi

Dear Jodi,

I'm a little confused about food allergy and intolerance. Can you explain what the difference is? I feel some of my parents are just as confused because I will see a child has an allergy on the day care registration written by the parent but not on the medical statement.

Dear Confused,

A food allergy is sometimes confused with food intolerance. Food allergies involve your immune system and can be life-threatening. An intolerance is when your body has trouble digesting a food. It can make you feel bad, usually with an upset stomach, but it is not life-threatening. The most common intolerance is to lactose—which is a natural sugar found in milk. The Anaphylaxis training on the ECETP web site also explains this. Just to be on the safe side, if you notice a difference from a document a parent gives you and the Medical, please have that conversation with the parent and if need be the doctor, document the conversation you have. If the child does have an allergy make sure the appropriate documents are completed by you, the parent, and the doctor. ~Jodi

From the Desk of the Registrar

Hello everyone,

I would like to speak to you about childhood food allergies. Did you know 1 in every 13 children have a food allergy and up to 25% of children with food allergies will have their first reaction in the child care setting? Well neither did I, until I met Mrs. Dina Silvera, Elijah Silvera's mom. For those of you who do not know him he passed away in 2017, 3 years old from a severe yet well know dairy allergy. Eli was in daycare when someone gave him a grilled cheese. His epi pen was onsite! Staff did not recognize the signs and forgot about his allergy! His death was 100% preventable as is all 150 children per year who die from food allergies! Epi pens will not hurt a child. Do the training, get your non-specific pen free from OCFS. Make that difference in a child's life, the people who love them and your own.

~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: Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway Troublesome Truck & Crates and Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway Troublesome Truck & Paint

Description: This recall involves Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway Troublesome Truck & Crates and Troublesome Truck & Paint. The push along wooden trains are designed to look like the characters from Thomas & Friends called the Troublesome Trucks. The Troublesome Truck & Crates is a black and gray train car with cargo of brown crates. The Troublesome Truck & Paint is a gray and black train car with cargo of gray paint cans and a yellow paint splatter on the side. Both train cars have faces on the front of them. The trains come with magnetic connectors to attach to other vehicles.

Hazard: The small plastic piece containing a high-powered magnet that connects one train to another can detach or become loose, posing choking and magnet ingestion hazards.

Sold At: Online at Amazon.com and other websites and at Barnes & Noble and specialty stores nationwide from February 2022 through August 2023 for about \$17.

Remedy: Refund

Recall date: October 19, 2023



Business Support & Staff Retention



The word spreads fast in a small community and you must be ready to market your childcare business at a moment's notice. If you're hoping to enroll more children, look at your environment. Is it clean, child-focused, safe, friendly, and warm? Here are a few things to consider:

- * Did I return the inquiring parent's phone call promptly and communicate in a professional and friendly manner?
- * Do I encourage inquiring parents to come and visit my program and when they do, am I proud of what I have to offer?
- * Is the play area bright, child-focused, fun, and inviting?
- * Does my childcare program have a pleasant odor?
- * Is my childcare free from clutter, safe, and clean?
- * Are there plenty of clean, age-appropriate toys?
- * Is there an outdoor play space that is fun and safe, and do we use it regularly?
- * Is the daily schedule posted and does it include a variety of activities that will encourage learning in all developmental areas?
- * Are the staff friendly, warm, and welcoming?
- * Is there a policy handbook, and do the policies make sense?

Word of mouth is typically the strongest marketing tool in our small community. If your parents are pleased with the care that you give to their children, they will tell others. Really listen to the parents in your program. Giving out a survey regularly helps you to give the very best care that accommodates the parents' needs. How do you communicate with your parents throughout the day? Do they know what their children are doing? Do you give out a daily handout about their child's day or do you use a childcare software platform that communicates with pictures, activity, and individual care details? Parents want to feel informed. They want to leave their children in safe and competent hands. Knowing that their children are having fun, learning through age-appropriate activities, and are in an environment that encourages self-confidence and feelings of security, leads to positive conversations in the community.

If you are a childcare program in need of business assistance or a potential provider looking to start a childcare business, please give me a call. Being a childcare provider is an important business endeavor and we are here to support providers, families, and children through the entire process.

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.

Please also 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.

Child Care Programs in Sullivan County

Township	OCFS Registered/Licensed Child Care Programs				Requests for Care 7/31/2023-9/30/2023
	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	0
Callicoon	0	3	2	0	0
Cochecton	0	2	0	0	0
Delaware	0	1	1	0	1
Fallsburg	4	3	1	1	10
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0	0
Fremont	0	0	0	0	0
Highland	1	1	0	0	0
Liberty	3	4	1	0	11
Lumberland	0	0	1	2	1
Mamakating	1	1	1	1	7
Neversink	0	2	0	1	2
Rockland	1	0	0	0	3
Thompson	5	1	3	3	18
Tusten	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	16	20	10	8	53

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2023 Donation Form

Professional Supporter (Check One)

(Eligible for reduced training costs.)

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

Community Supporter (Check One)

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

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Go to our website to make a donation or mail donations to:

PO Box 186 Ferndale, NY 12734

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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-Olaf, Frozen the movie*

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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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