

Caregiver News

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

Update

As of October 15,2025 the Child Care Council can no longer:

- Accept child care attendance timesheets
- Distribute or accept CCAP applications
- Set up new vendor accounts for providers
- Add or update vendor accounts
- Distribute or accept W-9 forms
- Distribute LE Enrollments
- Have access to case status
- Have access to co-pay information
- Have access to payment status
- Have access to payment breakdowns

Documents relating to CCAP or payment can be dropped off at the DSS building at 16 Community Ln, Liberty or mailed to:

SC Department of Social Services
 CHILD CARE UNIT
 16 Community Lane
 PO BOX 231
 Liberty, NY 12754

If you have any questions relating to any services listed above please reach out to Sullivan County Child Care Unit.

Kimberlee Borden OR Jodi Rogers
 (845) 292-0100

Help Wanted

Finding the right staff for your child care business is challenging. We are offering an opportunity to post your employment openings right here in our quarterly newsletter.

This is a **FREE** opportunity to advertise for potential employees. Our newsletter circulates each quarter to over three hundred recipients.

If you would like to post an employment opportunity in our next newsletter, please email information no later than February 3,2026. Include the posting along with the point of contact.

Current Staff Openings:
Valley Daycare– Mongaup Valley
 Head Teachers & Teacher Assistants
 Contact: Nicole at 845-250-4110

Healthy Kids– Monticello
 PT before/after school Director
 Contact: Talishia at 845-328-2342

Bright Eyes– Rockhill
 Teacher Assistants
 Contact: Caitlin at 845-720-5014

TLC– Liberty
 PT Teacher Assistants
 Contact: Autumn at 845-423-1915

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Business Hours

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

Assistance in person by appointment:
 7 Community Lane, Liberty, NY 12754

Mail: PO Box 186, Ferndale, NY 12734

Phone: (845) 292-7166
 Toll free: (877) 292-7190



Featured Agency

Regional Economic Community Action Program



The Regional Economic Community Action Program, known as RECAP has been a source of community action in Middletown, NY since 1965. We are excited and honored that in our 60th year, we are able to join the

Sullivan County Community!

In August, 2025 RECAP was awarded the Head Start and Early Head Start Grant to serve Sullivan County!

Our Mission:

RECAP empowers people and communities challenged by poverty, racism, and social injustice by collaborating with public and private partners to provide high quality health and human services, education, advocacy, and hope. Our mission is realized when our

RECAP offers a wide range of programs and services throughout Orange County (and now Sullivan County!) to realize our mission, help people, and change lives.

Our programs include:

- **Head Start and Universal Pre-K**
- **Parole Re-entry Case Management**
- **Permanent Supportive Housing**
- **SNUG (Should Not Use Guns)**
- **Weatherization Assistance Program**
- **Substance Use Disorder Programming**
- **Nutrition and Advocacy Neighborhood preservation**



Apply to RECAP Head Start today!
www.recap.org

RECAP's existing Head Start Centers in Middletown, Scotchtown, and Port Jervis all hold a 4- Start rating with QUALITYstarsNY!

Our Sullivan County centers are enrolling in



"Start with Stars."

We balance **compliance** with rigorous Head Start standards alongside **connection** with children, families and the community. We believe that all children and families deserve the best possible start.

RECAP will serve:

- 64 infants & toddlers
- 84 preschoolers
- 10 pregnant women

At two Sullivan County locations:

Woodbourne Campus
 393 State Rte. 52
 Woodbourne, NY 12788

Monticello Campus
 130 Waverly Avenue
 Monticello, NY 12701

www.recap.org

Children's Center Spotlight

The Children's Center at Sullivan County Family Court is a fun and safe place for your child(ren) to be while you attend appointments at Sullivan County Family Court, Fearless, or Sullivan County Probation. Services are **FREE** for children between 6 weeks and 12 years old.

We have information on fun community happenings, helpful community services, and information on WIC, SNAP, HEAP, weatherization, childcare programs and services, early intervention, food pantries and more!

Jeff Bank is holding a food drive starting November 1st for the families of the children that come to the Children's Center for the holiday season. Anyone can drop off non-perishable and unexpired food items at any Jeff Bank in Sullivan County!

Come play with us! Interested VOLUNTEERS please submit a letter of interest to include:

- ⇒ brief personal biography
- ⇒ why you are interested
- ⇒ why you would be a successful volunteer
- ⇒ times/days you are able to donate your time

The Program Manager will contact you with more information.

Children's Center Hours
Monday through Friday
8:45am-4:45pm

(Closed for lunch 12:30pm to 1:30pm daily)

100 North Street, Annex Building, Monticello

If you have any questions, please contact:
Lucia Hernandez, Program Manager
(845) 292-7166, Lhernandez@scchildcare.com
Happy Holidays!

Observation & Support

TPOT & TPITOS are assessment tools that provide insight on challenging behaviors and social-emotional development in infant, toddler, and pre-school classrooms. Our reliable observer offers this service for free along with coaching to support your staff!

We can also administer free ITERS, FCCERS, and ECCERS assessments to determine your program's overall needs and strengths. If you are working with QUALITYstarsNY, this is a required component offered no cost to you!

Please reach out to us to schedule your observation!

Message from the Executive Director

Hello Friends and Neighbors –

There are so many challenges for our families these days. But of course, I am focusing on the challenges we face with finding and affording child care, which is nearly impossible these days. No child care, no work. No work, no money. And so, people will be turning to social services for help.

The state funding for child care in Sullivan County for 2025-26 (October – Sept) is \$2,488, 456 BUT those dollars only cover about five months' worth of claims, leaving many families in receipt of child care assistance denial letters, even if they are eligible.

A full-time infant costs \$320/week; a three-year-old \$277/week. The average two earner, Sullivan County household hovers around \$110, 000 per year but that is still not enough to pay for housing, food and child care.

NYS is trying to find solutions, but this is not only a government problem, employers and other stakeholders need to join in on the solution. The child care system is complicated, but it there must be a solution – we challenge anyone reading this to join us in finding that solution.

Yours in Child Care,

Donna

Lending Library

We have a Lending Library and we love to share! The Sullivan County Child Care 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!
(845) 292-7166 X310

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 at (845) 292-7166 x309.

MAT grant applications (up to \$100 reimbursement) can be obtained online at www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mat.shtml 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.

Valley Daycare

RECAP Head Start (all locations)

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/

You can also contact the Council at (845) 292-7166 or info@scchildcare.com.

Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Does your childcare provider participate in CACFP, a nutrition program that ensures kids in childcare 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

Winter Mood Food

Eat fruit and berries- keep it feeling like summer!

Trying citrus fruits like oranges can act like your personal 'sun' during the winter season by boosting your vitamin D levels, while strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, and raspberries are filled with essential nutrients and are among the healthiest foods.

Eat fresh vegetables and fruits/dry fruits, dairy products, nuts/oilseeds, whole grains/legumes and ghee. These can have anti-microbial properties that protect us from colds and infections.

Eat warm, hearty foods: Foods like oats, soups, stews These foods provide sustained energy release and keep you feeling full for longer and can raise your core temperature. Drink warm beverages: Warm drinks like tea, coffee, broth provide instant warmth .

Try some of these warm classic comfort foods:

- **Soups and stews** like chicken noodle soup: A timeless remedy for cold days, feeling like "comfort in a bowl". Chili or lentil soup Perfect for the slow cooker.
- **Chicken pot pie:** A flaky crust, filled with a creamy chicken and vegetable mixture.
- **Lasagna or baked ziti:** Layered pasta dishes with rich tomato sauce and cheese. Try it with layering Raviolis!
- **Mac and cheese:** The ultimate comfort food
- **Shepherd's pie:/meatloaf—classics**
- **Grilled cheese and tomato soup**

Indulge in come comfort food to keep you warm—throughout the winter!

Online Training

NYSOCFS/PDP Online Trainings—FREE!

www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/elearn.aspx

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.

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.

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6-8 PM Zoom w/ Darlene "OCFS Regulations"	4	5	6
7	8	9*	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Office & Children's Center CLOSING at 2PM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Office & Children's Center CLOSED	26 Office CLOSED	27
28	29	30	31	December 2025		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2026				1 Office & Children's Center CLOSED	2	3 Menus due
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 6-8 PM Zoom w/Darlene "Tax Preparation"	14	15	16	17
18	19 Office & Children's Center CLOSED	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Menus due	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Children's Center CLOSED	13	14
15	16 Office & Children's Center CLOSED	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 6-8 PM Zoom w/Darlene- "Record Keeping"	25	26	27	28
February 2026						

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

This 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. This training sets a solid foundation of regulations and provides guidance in best practice with a heavy focus on keeping children safe and healthy.

Sullivan County Child Care Council is currently offering many trainings for FREE or at very low cost to all Sullivan County licensed and registered providers.

CPR/FA requires a deposit of \$65 to hold your spot, all but \$25 will be returned upon completion of the course as long as you are an active licensed, registered or legally exempt enrolled provider.
Please call for more details.

Educational Incentive Program (EIP)

EIP is sponsored by the NYSOCFS, funded by the federal Child Care & Development Fund and administered by the Professional Development Program (PDP), Rockefeller College, University at Albany. The following grants & scholarships are available to child care providers:

- **College Credit, Non-Credit Bearing & Credential Training:** to assist child care providers in paying for professional development training & education
- **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & First Aid (FA):** to assist income eligible providers offset the cost
- **The MAT Rebate Program:** For child care facilities to offset the cost of the training to certify staff to administer medication in a child care setting.

Apply online at: <https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/mytraining/EIPAPP/preapp.aspx>

You may also contact EIP by email ateip-to@albany.edu, or by phone at either (800) 295-9616 or (518) 442-6575.

Spotlight on REGULATIONS SAFETY 5(b)

NO
VIOLATIONS
2025

Emergency Evacuations

(b) The registrant must submit a written Emergency Plan and Emergency Evacuation Diagram using the forms furnished by the Office or an approved equivalent form. Primary emphasis must be placed on the safe and timely evacuation and relocation of all children. The plan must account for the variety of needs of children, including those with disabilities.

- (1) The plan, as submitted with the application or changed thereafter, must be reviewed with the parents of the children in the program and all caregivers that work in the program.
- (2) The emergency evacuation diagram must be posted in a visible location.
- (3) The emergency plan must include the following:
 - (i) how children and adults will be made aware of an emergency;
 - (ii) a designation of primary and secondary evacuation routes;
 - (iii) methods of evacuation, including where children and adults will meet after evacuating the home, and how attendance will be taken;
 - (iv) a plan for the safe evacuation of children from the premises for each shift of care provided (day, evening, night);
 - (v) the designation of primary and secondary emergency relocation sites to be used in the case of an emergency, which prohibits re-entry to the premises, and how the health, safety and emotional needs of children will be met in the event it becomes necessary to evacuate to another location;
 - (vi) a strategy for sheltering in place; and how the health, safety and emotional needs of children will be met in the event it becomes necessary to shelter-in-place; and
 - (vii) notification of authorities and the children's parents;
 - (viii) roles of staff; and
 - (ix) procedures related to the reunification of children and caretakers.

Shelter in Place Drills

- (4) Each program must hold two shelter-in-place drills annually during which procedures and supplies are reviewed. Parents must be made aware of this drill in advance.
- (5) The registrant must maintain on file a record of each shelter-in-place drill conducted, using forms provided by the Office or approved equivalents.
- (6) Parents must be made aware of the primary and secondary relocation sites and any changes to the plan in advance. In the case that a program is directed to a different location by emergency services, the program must notify parents and OCFS as soon as possible. In the event that relocation is required, a written notice must be placed on the main entry to the child care space unless an immediate threat precludes the program from doing so.
- (7) Each program must have on site a variety of supplies including food, water, first aid and other safety equipment to allow for the protection of the health and safety of children in the event parents are unable to pick up children due to a local disaster. The plan must take into account a child's needs for an overnight stay. Food supplies must be non-perishable and of sufficient quantity for all children for an overnight stay.

Babies n Tots Day Care
Amber Creegan
Deeply Rooted
Tonya Dirie
ECCE
Frost Valley YMCA
Deborah Gubiotti
Hap-Bee Days Daycare LLC.
Healthy Kids Extended Day Program
Healthy Kids SACC Programs
Ingrid's Little Angels Home Daycare Babies & Kids
J&C First Step Day Care, LLC
Pamela Katz
Kids in Tow, Inc
Kidz Clubb Daycare
My Little Stars
New Hope Manor
Rachel's Angels Daycare
Maureen Ryan
Deborah Strachan
THDC LLC
TLC for Young Children, LLC
Town of Wallkill Boys and Girls Club, Inc. SACC
Twin Bridge Play School

Welcome

Sweet Angel Day Care
RM Group
Viznitz Institutions Inc.

From the Desk of the Registrar

Hello all,
As we switch gears to welcome the winter season and reflect on days gone by, it's always good to reflect on ourselves. Do a self check on your habits, are there some you want to change or modify? Is there a business, organization, self-care, or socialization goal you want to achieve? Break it down to the smallest part just 1%, act on it, be consistent. You will see just as Fall changes to Winter your small change will change into a positive habit. Love and appreciate yourself just as the little hands you serve love and appreciate you! ~Sue
"It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing." — Mother Teresa

Wellness in Child Care

As an Early Childhood professional, you work to provide a healthy, safe, and growing environment for the children in your care. However, you should be taking care of your health, safety and growth as well. This column will introduce tips for all childcare providers to keep you and your program in tip top shape.

Rest and Sleep

- Make sure you and the children you care for are well rested for the activities of the day.
- For you maintain a consistent bedtime routine and sleep schedule and remove electronic devices from the bedroom.
- For the children in your program keep consistent nap schedules and promote a consistent bedtime routine and removal of electronic devices for children's room to the parents of the children in your care.

Physical Activity

- It is recommended that adults have at least 150 minutes of physical activity a week.
- For you and your program get outside as much as possible, actively play with your children in care. Teach the children yoga or stretching and encourage active play and play with them, be a role model.

The best tip: **SMILE and HAVE FUN!!**

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
- ◆ Get you 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 with any specific questions about The Aspire Registry by emailing us at info@nyworksforchildren.org.

Legally Exempt

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 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**
- ◆ **Enrollment process may take 40 days+**

There are **NEW** online trainings just for LE providers available in English & Spanish! www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/elearn.aspx

If you are interested in becoming a legally exempt provider, call the Council at (845) 292-7166 for more information!

Legally Exempt Rates

	Standard	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
Weekly		\$181	\$172	\$171	\$153
Daily		\$38	\$36	\$34	\$34
Part Day		\$25	\$24	\$23	\$23

LE Group Child Care	Under 2 yrs	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-12 yrs
Weekly	NA	NA	\$208	\$193
Daily	NA	NA	\$44	\$44
Part Day	NA	NA	\$29	\$29

Name of Product: Belivium Baby Loungers

Description: Hazard: The baby loungers violate the mandatory standard for [Infant Sleep Products](#) because the sides are shorter than the minimum side height limit to secure the infant; the sleeping pad's thickness exceeds the maximum limit, posing a suffocation hazard; and the enclosed openings at the foot of the loungers are wider than allowed, posing fall and entrapment hazards to infants. The portable loungers do not have a stand, posing a fall hazard. These violations create an unsafe sleeping environment for infants, posing a risk of serious injury or death.

Sold At: Amazon from November 2024 through August 2025 for between \$25 and \$50.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the baby loungers immediately and contact Belivium for a full refund. Consumers should remove the sleeping pad, cut up the sides of the baby loungers and the sleeping pad and email a photo of the destroyed lounger to BeliviumRecall@163.com to obtain a full refund.

Recall date: October 16, 2025



Business Support

How to Stay Afloat When There's No CCAP Funding

Without Child Care Assistance Program funding, parents have to pay full tuition out of pocket, and that often makes care unaffordable. Programs that survive in this environment usually do so by combining several strategies:

1. Tuition Structure & Parent Communication - Create a sliding scale tuition or multiple pricing tiers (full-time, part time, drop-in) to attract more families. Providers should show parents how your program supports school readiness, social skills and health/safety so they understand tuition is an investment, not babysitting.
2. Alternate Funding & Supports - Apply for grants (local, state, nonprofit, foundation). Many communities have funds for early childhood even when subsidies are limited. Partner with employers who may cover part of tuition for their employees' children.
3. Business Model Adjustments - Keep enrollment as full as possible (waitlists, flexible scheduling, sibling discounts). Offer before/after school care, or drop-in care to generate additional income. Share staff with other childcare programs, when possible, purchase food and supplies in bulk, and careful budgeting using time-space percentage strategies for tax deductions.
4. Community Partnerships - Build connections with faith based nonprofits or community centers that may provide space or resources at reduced cost. Seek donations or "sponsorships" (some local businesses may sponsor a child's tuition or provide resources like food, toys or books).
5. Parent Involvement - Encourage parent participation (volunteering, fundraising, supply donations). Create a referral program (families that bring new clients get a discount).

In short: When subsidies aren't available, survival depends on creativity - lowering costs without lowering quality, diversifying income streams, and showing families why your program is worth the investment.

Darlene Kehrley
Business Support 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>

Average Weekly Cost of Child Care

	Family Child Care	Group Family Child Care	Day Care Center
Infant	\$226	\$268	\$277
Toddler	\$211	\$255	\$260
Pre School	\$208	\$264	\$226
School Age	\$168	\$252	\$199

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 7/1/2025-9/30/2025
	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	3
Callicoon	0	2	2	0	7
Cochecton	0	1	0	0	3
Delaware	0	1	0	0	0
Fallsburg	2	3	0	0	12
Forestburgh	0	0	0	0	0
Fremont	0	0	0	0	1
Highland	1	1	0	0	0
Liberty	3	5	2	2	9
Lumberland	0	1	2	1	0
Mamakating	1	0	0	1	1
Neversink	0	1	0	1	4
Rockland	1	0	0	0	6
Thompson	5	1	4	4	10
Tusten	0	1	0	0	3
Totals	14	16	10	9	59

Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. 2025 Donation Form

Professional Supporter (Check One)

- \$35 Family Day Care Provider (\$25 if participate in CACFP)
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