

SERVING DELAWARE COUNTY

HEAD START
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
BIG BUDDY
PARENT EDUCATION
DAY CARE
RESOURCE/REFERRAL

(Registration) (Subsidies) (USDA Sponsor) (Inspections) HEALTHY FAMILIES

SENIOR DINING

SAFE AGAINST VIOLENCE

(Domestic Violence) (Rape Crisis) (Office of Victim Services)

JOBS WORK CREW WORK IN PROGRESS

**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING** 

COMMUNITY FOOD AND NUTRITION

WEATHERIZATION

(Serving both Delaware and Sullivan Counties)

HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(Housing Development) (Homeownership/Tenant Counseling) (Rental Assistance) (Housing Rehabilitation)

HEAP

**FAMILY DEVELOPMENT** 

FAMILY RESIDENCES INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

WIC

(Women, Infants and Children) (Car Seat Safety)

FOOD BANK SERVICES AND CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD GOODS

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

TRANSPORTATION

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PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NATIONAL PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY – May 7, 2021

Delaware Opportunities Inc. will join community organizations across the country in observing Provider Appreciation Day to celebrate the efforts of local child care providers in what has been a year of tremendous challenge for child care.

"Child care providers were 'essential' long before the pandemic, and the past year highlighted the lengths to which they are willing to go to keep their doors open, keep children safe and nurtured, support and engage families, and play a critical role in communities," said Lynette M. Fraga, Ph., CEO of Child Care Aware® of America.

Child care providers offered resources and supports to families during an often traumatic time—a global pandemic and an economic crisis. They provided families with safe, healthy, nurturing spaces where children can feel safe, eat healthy meals, grow and learn. Additionally, providers often stepped in to support children in remote learning situations, doing all they could to provide space and supports for school-aged children.

May 7, 2021 is the day to recognize the hard work and dedication of these providers and to acknowledge their contributions to quality care. This day offers an opportunity for the community to show child care providers the appreciation that is well earned.

For more information on child care providers in your area, contact the Delaware Opportunities Child Care Resource and Referral program at (607)-746-1620, or toll free 1-877-746-2279, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, or by email at daycare@delop.org.

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