2015 Report on Child Care in Delaware County: Supply and Demand, Gap Analysis and Provider Expansion

2015 Child Care Supply in Delaware County

Delaware Opportunities Inc. Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) maintains data regarding the type, number, and location of regulated child care programs in Delaware County and the number of child care slots available in these programs: 6 weeks to 2 years old, 2 years old to 5 years old and five to 12 year olds. The child care supply in Delaware County as of December 2015 is shown in the chart below broken down by type of regulated care and the number of slots available by age of the child. In Delaware County most of the children in regulated care ages 6 weeks to 2 years old are enrolled in family child care settings.

Type of Care in Delaware County	# of Providers	Slots for Infants (6weeks-2yr)	Slots for Pre-School (2yr-5Yr)	Slots for (5+-12yr old)	Total slots
Family Day Care	33	66	132	66	264
Group Family Day Care	8	32	64	26	122
School- Age child care	4	0	0	290	290
Child Day Care Centers	3	48	200	70	318
Total	48	146	396	452	994

Chart 1. In 2015 the number of child care slots in Delaware Co.by type of regulated child care and age of child.

Child Care Slots Offered, by Type and Geography

Below is information on the availability of regulated child care in different towns of Delaware County, by type of care. It shows the number of slots provided in these different types of regulated care, categorized by the age of the child. The information was collected as of December of 2015 by the CCRR. Child care providers of all types below have the option of enrolling any number of children into their programs as long as they do not exceed their maximum capacity. The following chart reflects regulated provider's total capacity slots. Head Start figures are included in the chart directly following this one.

Town in Delaware Co.	Type of Care	# of providers	Infants age 0 up to 2	Preschoolers age 3-5	School age 5 yrs – 12 yrs
Andes	family day care	1	2	4	2
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**2**	**4**	**2**
Bovina	family day care	0	0	0	0
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**0**	**0**	**0**
Colchester	family day care	2	4	8	4
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**4**	**8**	**4**
Davenport	family day care	5	10	20	10
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	1	24	80	29
	Total Slots:		**34**	**100**	**39**

Delhi	family day care	3	6	12	6
	group family day care	1	4	8	4
	school age	1	0	0	60
	child care center:	1	8	57	20
	Total Slots:		**18**	**77**	**90**
Deposit	family day care	0	0	0	0
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**0**	**0**	**0**
Franklin	family day care	2	4	8	4
	group family day care	1	4	8	4
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**8**	**16**	**8**
Hamden	family day care	2	4	8	4
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**4**	**8**	**4**
Hancock	family day care	0	0	0	0
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	2	0	0	170
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**0**	**0**	**170**
Harpersfield	family day care	0	0	0	0
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**0**	**0**	**0**
Kortright	family day care	0	0	0	0
	group family day care	1	4	8	4
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**4**	**8**	**4**

Masonville	family day care	0	0	0	0
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**0**	**0**	**0**
Meredith	family day care	0	0	0	0
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**0**	**0**	**0**
Middletown	family day care	0	0	0	0
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**0**	**0**	**0**
Roxbury	family day care	2	4	8	4
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**4**	**8**	**4**
Sidney	family day care	6	12	24	12
	group family day care	3	12	24	10
	school age	0	0	0	0
	Child care center	1	16	63	21
	Total Slots:	**10**	**40**	**111**	**43**
Stamford	family day care	2	4	8	4
	group family day care	1	4	8	2
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**8**	**16**	**6**
Tompkins	family day care	1	2	4	2
	group family day care	0	0	0	0
	school age	0	0	0	0
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**2**	**4**	**2**

Walton	family day care	7	14	28	14
	group family day care	1	4	8	2
	school age	1	0	0	60
	child care center	0	0	0	0
	Total Slots:		**18**	**36**	**76**

Totals	Child care facilities	Infant /Toddler slots	Preschool slots	School age slots
	48	**146**	**396**	**452**

Chart 2 shows the number of child care slots available in 2015 by Delaware County town and age of children.

HEAD START

None of the Head Start programs are full day so are not considered when assessing the availability of child care slots because working parents would need wrap around child care for their children attending Head Start. Walton has one classroom that is 6 hours. All other classes are four hours.

Township	Village	Preschool slots	Hours
Davenport	Davenport	17	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Delhi	Delhi	18	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Deposit	Deposit	17	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Franklin	Franklin	14	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Hancock	Fishes Eddy	17	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Middletown	Arkville	34	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Roxbury	Grand Gorge	17	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sidney	Sidney	34	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Walton	Walton	34	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
		Total Slots **202**	

Chart 3 Head Start available slots for enrollment at each of the Head Start centers and hours of operation.
The graph below shows the distribution of regulated child care programs by school district where the school is located in Delaware County. It should be noted that:

- Deposit has a licensed child care center in neighboring Broome County. There are no registered/licensed child care programs in the Delaware county part of Deposit.
- All of the child care slots in Hancock are in two school age programs. The two SACC programs are operated by the Hancock Community Education Foundation, are located in the Hancock Schools, have no fees, and shares the Foundation's focus of improving the children's performance in school. Both programs are open after school three days a week and are closed when school is not in session. Transportation home is provided by the school.
- In 2015 the Oneonta Family YMCA opened two SACC programs, one in Delhi and one in Walton. The programs are open after school Monday through Friday and only when school is in session.
- There are no regulated child care programs in Margaretville school district
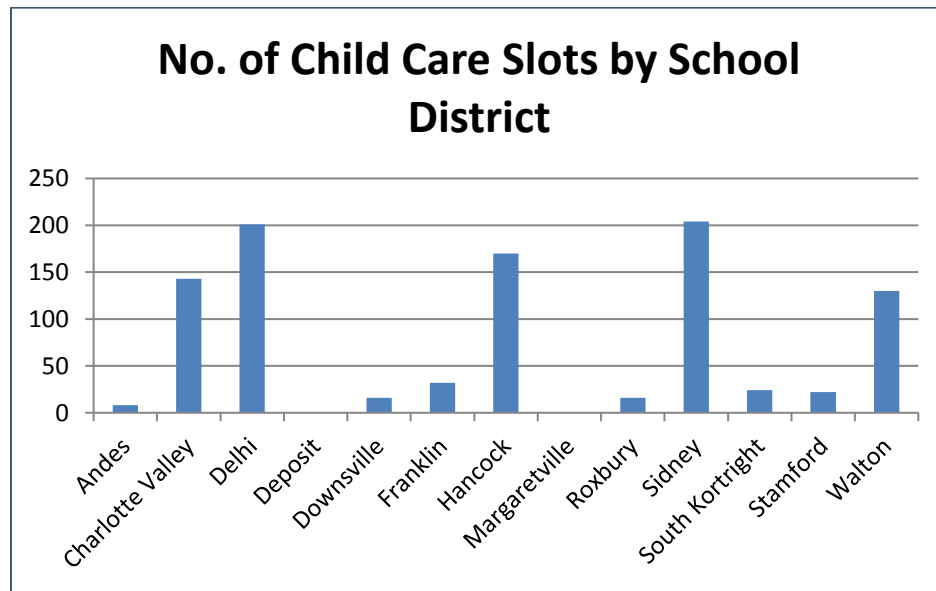
Graph 1. The distribution of regulated child care slots by school district where the school is located in Delaware County.

2015 Child Care Demand in Delaware County

Delaware County is the size of Rhode Island and very rural with a population of 47,980 according to the 2010 U.S. Census. There are no cities and there are no interstate highways that go through the county. When assessing the demand for child care the following factors are taken into consideration:
- The number of children in Delaware County that may need child care
- Delaware County employers
- The distribution of children by school district
- Child care referral requests received by Delaware Opportunities Inc. CCRR

Number of children in Delaware County that may need child care

The 2010 American Factfinder Census Bureau reports for Delaware County show that of the   2,664 households where both parents work or in single parent households where the one parent works, 1,552 children under 6 years old may need child care or 58% of the children.

The American Community Survey statistics reflect there are 9,134 family households with children under the age of 18 years old in Delaware County. The composition of these families is as follows:
- Two parent household   6,412
- Single Male   658
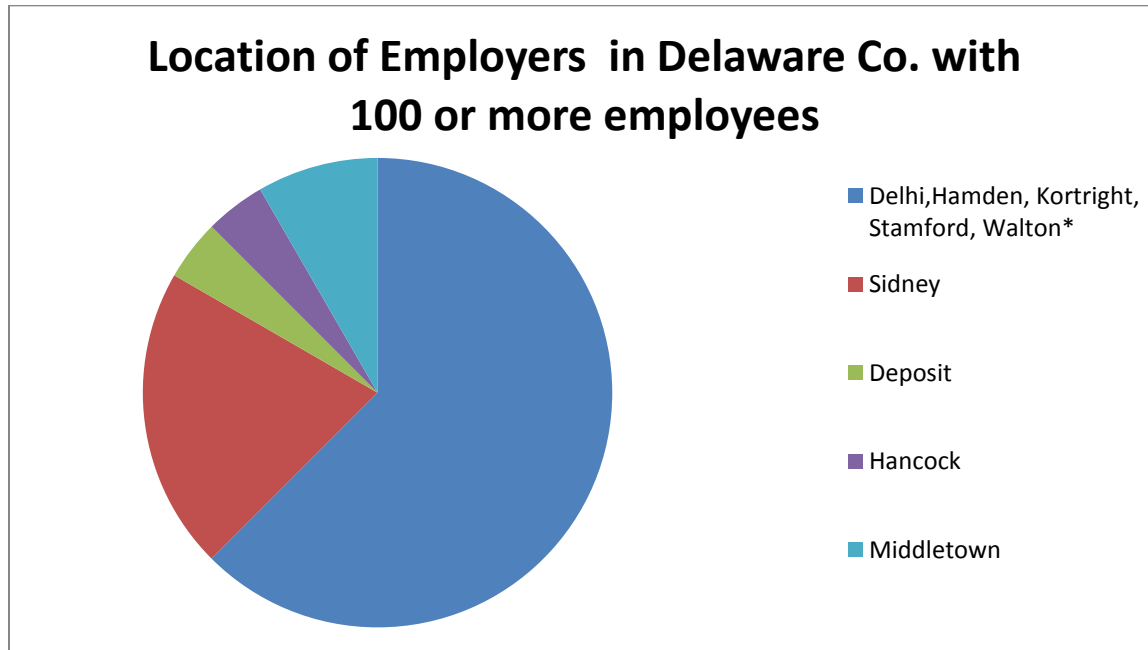- Single Female   2,064

Delaware County Employers

The key to maintaining a stable, reliable workforce is the availability of high quality, affordable child care. Conversely to maintain quality child care programs there must be employees who need and are able to pay for the child care service.

In 2015 Delaware County had 24 businesses, community organizations and health and educational institutions that employed 100 or more people.
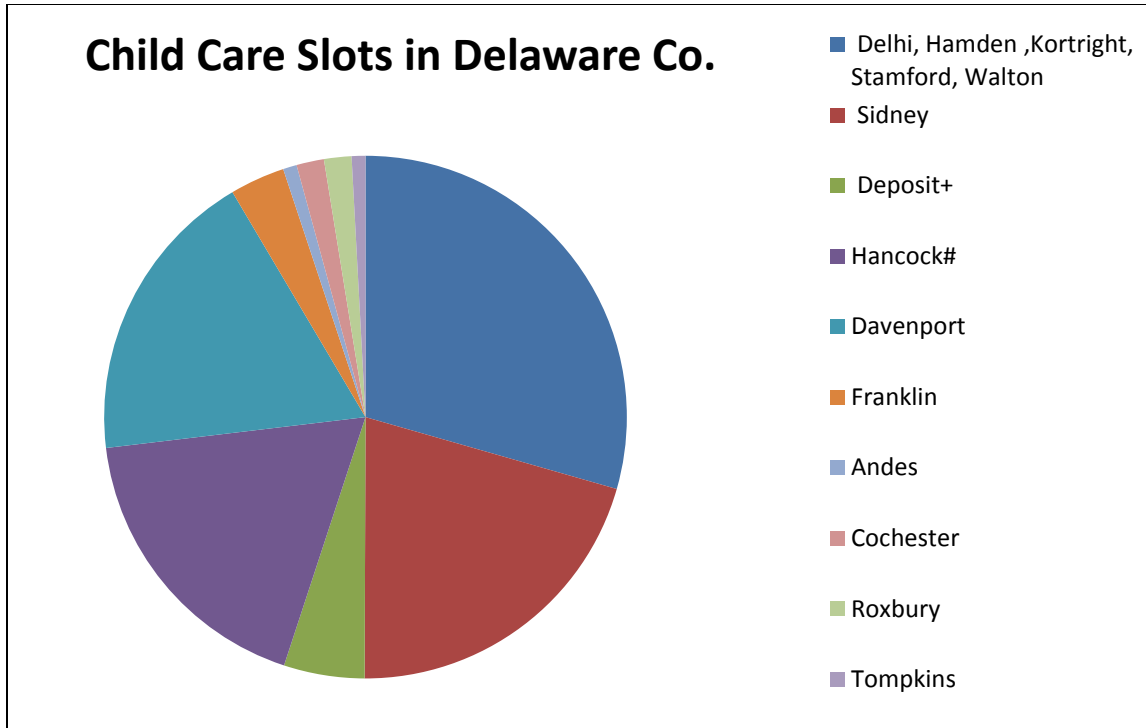
Towns in Delaware County	Number of employers with 100 or more employees
Delhi*	8
Deposit	1
Hamden*	1
Hobart	1
Middletown (Margaretville)	2
Sidney	5
Stamford*	3
Walton*	3
Total	**24**

 Chart 5. Towns in Delaware County that have organizations with 100 or more employees. The starred (*) towns are on State Highway 10 which bisects the county.   Information is from the Delaware County Economic Development Department (2014).

Graphs 3 and 4 illustrates how the number and location of regulated child care programs is closely linked to the availability of jobs.

Location of Employers in Delaware Co. with 100 or more employees

Legend:
- Delhi, Hamden, Kortright, Stamford, Walton*
- Sidney
- Deposit
- Hancock
- Middletown

Graph 3. The location of the largest employers (employing 100 or more) in Delaware County. *Towns along State Highway 10 which bisects the county.

Child Care Slots in Delaware Co.

Legend:
- Delhi, Hamden ,Kortright, Stamford, Walton
- Sidney
- Deposit+
- Hancock#
- Davenport
- Franklin
- Andes
- Cochester
- Roxbury
- Tompkins

Graph 4. Child care slots in Delaware County by town. In 2015 the Oneonta YMCA opened two new SACC programs, one in Walton and one in Delhi.

+Deposit's child care slots are in neighboring Broome County. There are no regulated child care programs in the Delaware county part of Deposit.

#All of the child care slots in Hancock are in two school age programs.

Davenport and Franklin are within 10 to 15 minutes from the city of Oneonta located in Neighboring Otsego County

No regulated child care programs in Bovina, Harpersfield, Masonville, Meredith and Middletown.
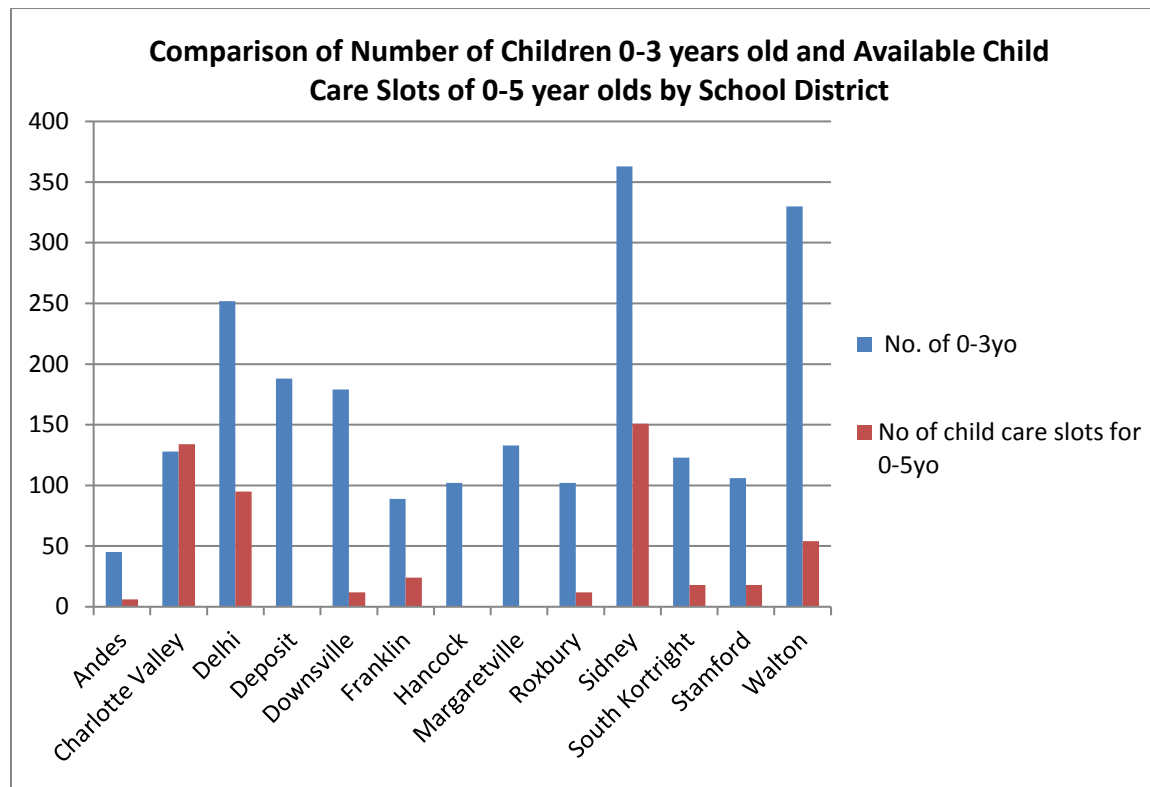
Distribution of children by school district

Chart 6 was created using the 2013 Kids' Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse (KWIC). It shows how many children 0-3 years old, the number of 4 year olds, the pre-k enrollment, and the number of children age 5-12 years old in each school district. In the geographically large, rural Delaware County, 89% of the regulated care is family child care. Regulated family child care provides 54% of the child care slots for children 6 weeks old to 5 years old. All but one school district (Delhi) in the county has pre-k programs and many have afterschool programing. This has contributed to most of the enrollment in family based programs to consist of 0 to 3yr children.

School District	Children 0-3 years old	Children 4 years old	Pre-K Enrollment	Children 5-12 years old enrolled in school
Andes	45	4	12	75
Charlotte Valley	128	35	20	284
Delhi	252	61	No program	484
Deposit	188	39	34	230
Downsville	179	24	15	196
Franklin	89	12	11	183
Hancock	102	31	15	252
Margaretville	133	37	27	294
Roxbury	102	32	25	229
Sidney	363	88	36	599
South Kortright	123	34	18	247
Stamford	106	27	12	195
Walton	330	78	36	558

Chart 6. Distributions of children by age in each Delaware County school district with a the school located in Delaware County. Source: **School District Boundary:** Boundary shapefile is a combination of the US Census - Tiger Files - 2010 Census and a shapefile from NYC Open Data website containing NYC Geographic School Districts downloaded November 2013. **School District Data:** NYS Education Department BEDS data - November 2013.

Graph 5 shows the distribution of children ages 0-3 years old and the 2015 available regulated child care slots for children ages 0-5years old by Delaware County school districts where the school is located in Delaware County. Note that there is a licensed child care center in Deposit located in Broome County but no regulated child care programs in the Delaware County area of Deposit. There are no regulated child care programs for children 0-5 years old (not including Head Start programs) in the following school districts: Hancock and Margaretville.

Graph 5. Comparison of the number of children age 0-3 years old in each school district and the available child care slots in those school districts for 0-5year olds.
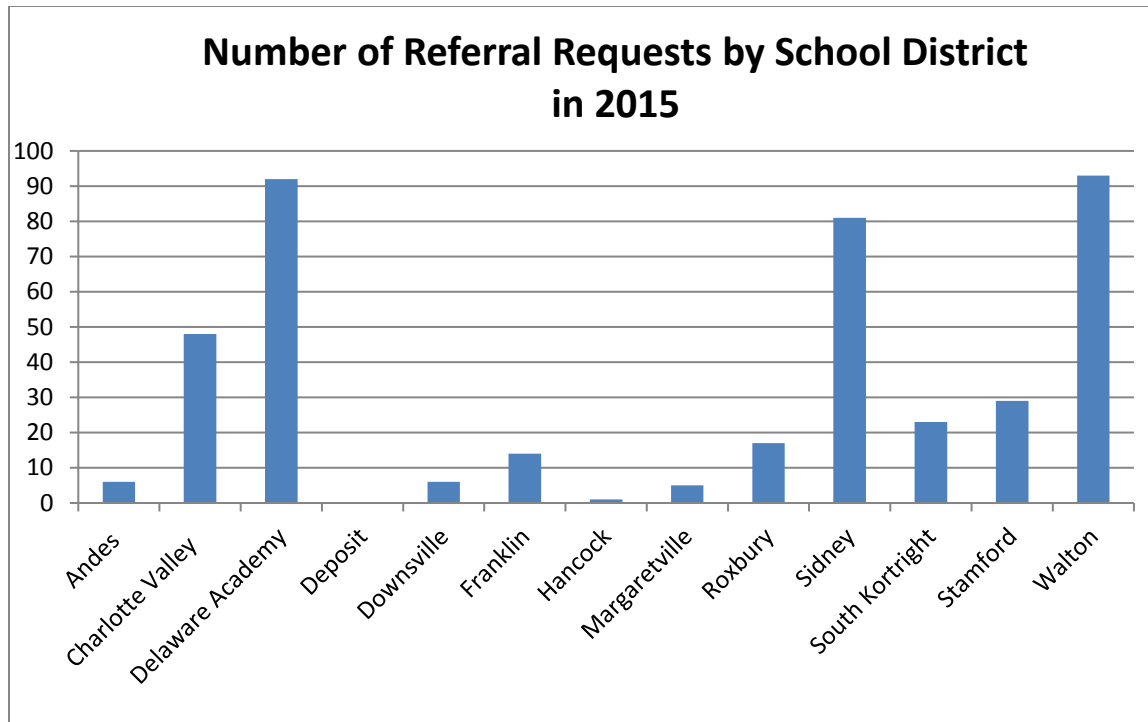
Child care referral requests

Delaware Opportunities Inc. CCRR assists families in searching for child care that fits their needs. When appropriate the CCRR supplies the contact information for regulated child care programs to families The CCRR uses NACCRRAware to gather data on families' child care needs as they relate to regulated child care program.

In 2015 the CCRR received 211 requests for child care referrals. Child care referrals are given by school district. The following chart shows the number of referrals given out by school district (where the family is looking for care). Please note the towns in which the following schools are located:
- ➢ Charlotte Valley is located in Davenport, NY
- ➢ Downsville Central School in in the Town of Colchester
- ➢ Delaware Academy is located in Delhi, NY
- ➢ Margaretville Central School is located in the village of Margaretville which is in the town of Middletown.

Name of School District	# of Referrals given
Andes Central School	6
Charlotte Valley Central School (Davenport, NY)	48
Delaware Academy (Delhi, NY)	92
Deposit Central School	0
Downsville Central School	6
Franklin Central School	14
Hancock Central School	1
Margaretville Central School (Town of Middletown)	5
Roxbury Central School	17
Sidney Central School	81
South Kortright Central School	23
Stamford Central School	29
Walton Central School	93

Chart 7. The number of child care referrals given to families in 2015 by Delaware County School Districts.

Number of Referral Requests by School District in 2015

Graph 6. The graph shows the distribution of child care referrals by Delaware County school district given to families in 2015.

In 2015 a total of 339 children were served through the CCRR referral service. The child care needs of the families requesting the service was as follows:

Ages of Children
The referral request by age of children was:
- Children under 2 years old was 94 or 28%
- Children 2 years old to 5 years old was 126 or 37%
- Children 6 years old to 12 years old was 82 or 24%
  (Age for 37 children was not known)

Types of care needed
The referral request by type of care needed for the children was:
- Full time= 243 or 72%
- Part time =35 or 10%
- Both Full time and Part time= 61 or 10%

Extra Care Services
Fifty-Six (or 27%)of the referral request was searching for extra care services as follows (by child):
- Drop In= 2 or 4%
- Before School = 32 or 57%
- After School = 50 or 96%
- Rotating schedule= 1 or 2%
- Temporary/Emergency=3 or 6%

Additional Care Services
Of the 339 referral requests for children the following additional care services were needed:
- Evening care= 34 or 10%
- Overnight care= 2 or ½ %
- Snow days = 36 or 11%
- Weekend care= 37 or 11%

Type of care used by families receiving subsidy:
In 2015 as recorded by the Delaware Opportunities Inc. CCRR,   child care subsidies were used to help pay for child care for 183 children to attend informal child care and for 191 children to attend regulated child care.

Summary of the 2015 Demand for Child Care in Delaware County

- 72% of the referral requests were for full time care
- 56% of the referral requests are for children ages 0-5 years old.
- There is an inadequate supply of slots for children ages 0-5 years old based on demand.
- The request for child care as reflected in the number of referral requests for the Margaretville area is very low even though it has one of the higher young child populations and two of the large Delaware County employers are located there.
- Almost half of the children in families receiving child care subsidy are placed in informal legally exempt care. Those in the field of child care and advocates for quality child care are concerned that legally exempt care may not be of the highest quality nor the safest care for children since they do not have to conform to the regulations as is required of regulated providers.

Gap Analysis
The following gaps in child care are:
- Even though the number of child care slots increased in Roxbury there still is a lack of slots in that school district.
- There is a lack of child care slots in Stamford.
- There may be a lack of child care slots in Margaretville and Hancock
- The most child care referral requests were for the Walton, Delaware Academy, and Sidney school districts.

Provider Expansion Plan
To meet the gap in child care slots the Delaware Opportunities staff will:
- Recruit child care provides through outreach events such as the Delaware Opportunities Inc.'s annual Children's Festival and the Community Baby Shower.
- Educate the public about the importance of quality child care through outreach events, press release, email blasts, the CCRR's quarterly *Family Pages,* the agency's Facebook page, and the Delaware Opportunities Inc. Annual Children's Festival.
- Target the Stamford/Roxbury/Margaretville area for recruitment of child care providers and educating the public about quality child care.