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## Provider News

Fall 2018

### • Child Care Providers and New York State's Second-Hand Smoke Law

Child care providers, and applicants to become licensed or registered, should be aware of the [law related to smoking in programs](#). As of November 18, 2018, individuals are prohibited from smoking, vaping and electronic cigarettes at all times, even outside operating hours, in rooms where care is provided in group and family day care programs regardless of children being present or child care operating hours. For further information, providers and applicants can contact their Regional Office, licenser or registrar.

### • Reminders

Fall is here and as the season changes it is a great time to review the regulations.

Following are just a few reminders:

- There must be an operational smoke detector on each floor of the home.
- Operating carbon monoxide detectors must be used in all family day care homes when required, and located in areas of the home accordance with applicable laws.
- Portable electric heaters or other portable heating devices, regardless of the type of fuel used, may not be used in rooms accessible to the children
- Radiators and pipes located in rooms occupied by children must be covered to protect the children from injury when the heating system is in use.
- All paths of egress on the interior and exterior of the home, including corridors, aisles and approaches must be kept free of obstructions, impediments and debris at all times.
- Trash, garbage and combustible materials must not be stored in the furnace room, or in rooms or outdoor areas adjacent to the home that are ordinarily occupied by or accessible to children. If there is not a separate, enclosed furnace room, trash, garbage and combustible materials must not be stored within four feet of the furnace.

Do you have a copy of the most recent New York State Regulations? You can find and print them here:

[https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/daycare\\_regulations.asp](https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/daycare_regulations.asp)

### • Forest Animals

Fall is a great time to study forest animals. Topics could include what animals live in the forest? what does each animal like to eat? what is their home made of? how do they prepare for winter? What do their footprints look like? Create a discovery space that includes books on forest animals (check your local library), a basket of forest animals, a sensory bin with natural materials (leaves, acorns, twigs, pinecones, etc.), and a magnifying glass. Set out a basket of plastic forest animals along with a rolling pin and some playdough. Children can create animal prints in the dough.



- **Upcoming Training**

- Webcast Training for Child Care Providers**

- October 25, 2018: Town Hall Meeting: Examining the Business Side of Child Care**

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Training starts promptly at 6:45 pm. No cost. For training descriptions, OCFS training topic areas and to register for the webcast training please visit <https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/>.

- Ages and Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional, second edition (ASQ:SE-2)**

*with Kathleen Harland, Infant Toddler Specialist from the Capital District Child Care Council*

- November 13, 2018 • 6:30pm-8:30pm • Delaware Opportunities, 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, NY 13782**

The first 5 years of a child's life are very important. Your child's healthy social-emotional development forms a foundation for lifelong learning. ASQ:SE-2 is a set of questionnaires about behavior and social-emotional development in young children. There are nine questionnaires for different ages to screen children from 1 month to 6 years old. This tool can help you celebrate children's social-emotional skills and uncover potential areas in need of support as early as possible. ASQ:SE-2 also helps you to connect with parents and engage them as partners in their child's development. These easy to use questionnaires also help promote strong social-emotional skills crucial to school readiness. **[Click here to register and for more info.](#)**

- **Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)**

**What is ITA?**

ITA is program designed to help YOU enhance your child care program. You decide on an area you would like to focus on and a day care specialist will provide assistance in your child care program. A day care specialist will work with you individually to schedule 1, 2, 3 or 4 visits. Each visit is scheduled for one hour.

**What is the cost?** There is no cost. **Can you earn training credit?** Yes!

**For more information contact a day care specialist at 607-746-1620 or by email at [Daycare@delop.org](mailto:Daycare@delop.org)**

- **Coxsackie Virus on the Rise**

An increased number of children have been diagnosed with Coxsackie virus in New York State in recent weeks. You can reduce the spread of this virus, also known as Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, by taking these steps:

-Review the New York State Department of Health fact sheet:

[https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/hand\\_foot\\_mouth/fact\\_sheet.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/hand_foot_mouth/fact_sheet.htm)

-Follow your program's Health Care Plan, particularly:

-Handwashing, especially after contact with nose and throat discharges, blisters, and toileting/diaper changes

-Cleaning and sanitizing

-Daily health checks

-Criteria about excluding ill children and caregivers

-Alert families if a case of Coxsackie is confirmed while maintaining confidentiality

- **Lights on Afterschool**

**Celebrate the 19th annual *Lights On Afterschool* Oct. 25, 2018!** Launched in October 2000, *Lights On Afterschool* is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. The effort has become a hallmark of the afterschool movement and generates media coverage across the country each year. The Afterschool Alliance organizes *Lights On Afterschool* to draw attention to the many ways afterschool programs support students by offering them opportunities to learn new things—such as science, community service, robotics, Tae Kwon Do and poetry—and discover new skills. The events send a powerful message that millions more kids need quality afterschool programs. It's not too late to plan a celebration! Visit [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org) for details on planning an event