



CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL

FALL NEWSLETTER

“BUILDING EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE”



Dear Provider Letter: August 23, 2024

Child Care Assistance Program Market Rates

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is excited to share some important information on the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). Effective October 1, 2024, new child care assistance market-related payment rates (market rates) will take effect for child care services that are funded under the New York State Child Care Block Grant (NYSCCBG) and the Social Services Block Grant (Title XX).

The market rates (Delaware County is Group 3) are posted on the OCFS website.



Pack 'n Plays for Family Based Providers at No Cost

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is pleased to continue to support safe sleep in child care by offering Pack 'n Plays to family-based child care providers at no cost! All licensed/registered family and group family day care programs as well as home based legally exempt programs are eligible to request a pack 'n play crib and one fitted sheet at no cost. Group family day care programs are eligible to receive two pack 'n play cribs. To request a Pack 'n Play for your program, please complete the form found on the OCFS website:

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/>

Once approved, your Pack 'n Play will be shipped directly to your program within 2-3 weeks.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that all children enrolled in your program sleep safely: alone, and on their back, in a safety approved crib with a fitted sheet.

Non-Patient Specific Auto Injector Initiative

As a childcare provider, the safety of the children in your care is top priority. Learn how to treat life-threatening allergic reactions with the safe, easy-to-use epinephrine auto-injectors. They're available at no cost. Even the training is free.

To sign up, visit:

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/elijahs-law.php#autoinjector>

or contact a Day Care Specialist Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-4:00PM at (607)-746-1620 or toll free at 1-877-746-2279; or by email at daycare@delop.org.





REGULATION REVIEW



Training

.14 Training

(c) Each employee and volunteer must complete a minimum of thirty (30) hours of training every two years. The required (30) hours of training every two years is subject to the following conditions:

(1) Fifteen of the required thirty (30) hours of training must be obtained during the person's first six months at the program.

(2) A minimum of five (5) hours of Office approved training must be obtained each year which addresses topics or subject matters set forth in 417.14(f).

Changes to/in your building/home

Prior to initiating any construction activities on your residence, facility, or property, it is essential to reach out to your Fire Safety Representative and/or Registrar/Licenser. The discussion will address the possible implications for daycare operations, including but not limited to: emergency exit routes, the supervision of children during outdoor play, and strategies to ensure the continued operation of your daycare while prioritizing the safety of the children and adhering to OCFS regulations.

.15 Management and Administration

FDC/GFDC: (12) The family day care home must report to the Office: any change affecting, or which reasonably might be expected to affect, those portions of the building and property in which the program is operating or which are used for the children's egress in the case of emergency; any change in household members; and any other change that would place the home out of compliance with applicable regulations.

DCC/SDCCSACC: (12) The child day care center must report to the Office:

(i) Immediately upon learning of a change that affects those portions of the building and property in which the program is operating, or which are used for the children's egress in the case of emergency;

If you have questions regarding regulations for your program, please contact your Regulator (Registrar/Licenser)

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

Do you participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)? Did you know that this program allows you to receive:

- Money every month
- Free training
- Meal planning assistance
- Nutrition education

Delaware Opportunities Inc. is the sponsoring agency for the Child and Adult Care Food Program for registered family day care programs, licensed family day care programs and eligible legally exempt child care programs in Delaware County.

Interested in these benefits? Contact a Day Care Specialist today!



FALL SONGS



Scarecrow, Scarecrow

Scarecrow, scarecrow, turn around,
Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch the ground
Scarecrow, scarecrow, reach up high
Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch the sky
Scarecrow, scarecrow, bend down low
Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch your toes

Leaves of Fall

Leaves are falling,
leaves are falling,
from the trees,
from the trees.

(Raise hands above head and slowly bring them down as you sing the first verse)

Red and yellow,
orange and brown,
in the breeze,
in the breeze.

(Sweep hands from side to side slowly as you sing the second verse)

For extra fun try this song with scarves!



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Pumpkin Applesauce



Breakfast/Snack Crediting for Ages 3-5

Total Time: 5 minutes; Serving Size: 2/3 cup Servings: 12

Ingredients:

6 1/4 cups unsweetened applesauce
1 (15 oz) can pumpkin puree
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp ground cinnamon or more to taste
1 tsp ground pumpkin spice
12 graham crackers (14 grams each cracker)

Directions:

Place applesauce, pumpkin, vanilla, pumpkin spice and cinnamon in a large bowl.
Mix until all is well combined.

Scoop 2/3 cup of mixture into a bowl and serve with 1 graham cracker for a complete snack.

CACFP: One serving credits as 1/2 cup fruit, 1/8 cup vegetable and 1/2 oz eq grains.

For more recipes and activities, contact a Day Care Specialist today!

OUR MISSION

Delaware Opportunities Inc. Child Care Resource and Referral program is committed to promoting quality, affordable child care that results in the education and healthy development of children and supports strong families and communities. To read our public policy agenda and learn more about child care issues, find facts about child care in Delaware County and New York State, or to join advocacy campaigns to strengthen the quality of child care, contact a Day Care Specialist Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-4:00PM at (607)-746-1620 or toll free at 1-877-746-2279; or by email at daycare@delop.org.