

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

“BUILDING EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE”



To our incredible child care providers, your dedication and care make every day special for the children. Your kindness and patience create a nurturing environment where little ones can thrive. Thank you for all that you do! Wishing you all the best in the new year!

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR CHILD CARE DEPARTMENT??

We're thrilled to announce that we've updated our title to better reflect our mission and vision. Our new title is Child Care Specialists.

While our name has changed, our commitment to providing you with the same exceptional services remains unwavering. Thank you for your continued trust and support!

We also have a new service dedicated to the “business” side of child care. The Child Care Business Specialist's primary duties are to support child care providers. Keep an eye out for trainings and resources focusing on such areas as OCFS paperwork, tax preparation tips, etc.

We also will be doing outreach to Delaware County employers.

Did you know we have a lending library and resource center? We have books to loan out covering a variety of topic areas for all day care modalities. Need something laminated? We can help with that. Looking for materials for storyboards, games, etc.? Please contact us and find out how we can help you.



REMINDERS FROM NYS OCFS

Daily supervised outdoor play is required for all children in care, except during inclement or extreme weather, or unless otherwise ordered by a health care provider. Watching the weather is part of a child care provider's job. Planning for playtime, field trips, or weather safety is part of the daily routine. The changes in weather require the child care provider to monitor.



All paths of egress, including corridors, aisles and approaches are free of obstructions, impediments and debris at all times. Make sure entrances and exits are free of snow and ice.

Portable electric heaters or other portable heating devices, regardless of the type of fuel used, are discouraged and generally not permitted in a child care program. Please check the regulations for specific requirements.

OCFS and DOH have revised the Anaphylaxis Policy for Child Day Care Programs. The updated policy was approved on October 11, 2024, and immediately replaces the previous version. Please take the time to review the policy carefully and share this information with staff and families.

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
- Meal planning assistance
- Free training
- 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 Child Care Specialist today!

SAVE THE DATE



Annual Conference
Verona, New York
April 2nd- 4th, 2025
Turning Stone Resort
For more information visit:
www.nysaeyc.org



I'm a Little Snowman (to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot).

I'm a little snowman, short and fat (stand with arms at sides)
Here are my buttons, and here is my hat (point to buttons and head)

When the sun comes out, I'll melt away (lay on the ground)
But I'll be back on a snowy day (stand up again)

Snowflake, Snowflake (to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star).

Snowflake, snowflake, falling down (wiggle fingers downward)

Snowflake, snowflake, to the ground (touch the ground)

See them falling here and there (spread fingers out)

Snowflakes falling everywhere (point in different directions)

How to Make Snow Paint

- 1. First fill your spray bottles with water.**
- 2. Then add 4-5 drops of concentrated food coloring to each bottle.**

Shake the bottle to mix the food coloring with the water. You may need more or less depending on the size of the bottle and how much water you use.

You may wish to make a rule that they must only spray on the snow. Not on the fence, house, or each other.

Then head outside and spray away!



For more activities, contact a Child Care Specialist today!

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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 Child 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.

