



## CHILDCARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL

# Summer 2025 Newsletter

### "Building Excellence in Childcare"

#### A Few Reminders About Pools...

Drowning is the single leading cause of unintentional injury death in children under 5. If you plan to have children participate in water play this summer or if your day care program includes field trips to the local community pool, keep the following regulations in mind:

1. The use of spa pools, hot tubs and fill-and-drain wading pools is prohibited.
2. Barriers must exist to prevent children from gaining access to any swimming pool, drainage ditches, wells, ponds or other bodies of open water located on or adjacent to the property where the day care program is located. Such barriers must be of adequate height and appropriately secured to prevent children from gaining access to such areas.
3. The program must develop a plan of supervision which ensures that there is a person supervising the children in the pool at all times children are using the pool. The plan should be submitted to your licensor or registrar for approval. This plan must be shared with families served and permission for swimming must be given in written form.

To check the specific regulations for your modality of care, see below:



DCC- Section: 418-1.5 (f), (g), and (h)

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/regulations/418-1-DCC.pdf> (English)

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/regulations/418-1-DCC-S.pdf> (Spanish)

FDC- Sections: 417.5 (f) and (g); 417.8(n); 417.15(c)(20)

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/regulations/417-FDC.pdf> (English)

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/regulations/417-FDC-S.pdf> (Spanish)

GFDC- Sections: 416.5 (f) and (g); 416.8(n); 416.15(c)(20)

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/regulations/416-GFDC.pdf> (English)

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/regulations/416-GFDC-S.pdf> (Spanish)

SACC- Section: 414.5(f),(g), and (h)

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/regulations/414-SACC.pdf> (English)

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/regulations/414-SACC-S.pdf> (Spanish)



## Daily Health Checks

Daily Health Checks are a quick and easy way to ensure the health and well-being of the children in your care.

The Daily Health Check begins at the start of each day with a few simple questions when the child is signed into care.

"How is your child doing today?"

"How did your child sleep last night?"

"Is there anything I should be aware of?"

Additionally, the Provider must look for any indication of illness, injury, abuse or maltreatment and a record of the Daily Health Check must be kept and made available to the Licensur or Registrar if requested.

For more information regarding Daily Health Checks, refer to your programs Health Care Plan and to Section 11 of the NYS OCFS Regulations for your modality.

## Backyard Fun For a Summer Day



Have a Picnic Lunch!



Pretend You're Camping!



Make an Obstacle Course!



Paint Some Rocks!



Start a Garden!



Go on a Scavenger Hunt!

## Contact Us!

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## 5 Little Bubbles

5 little bubbles, floating to the floor.  
One bubble **POPPED\***  
And then there were 4.

4 little bubbles, round as can be.  
One bubble **POPPED\***  
and then there were 3.

3 little bubbles were flying just to you.  
One bubble **POPPED\***  
and then there were 2.

2 little bubbles were having so much fun.  
One bubble **POPPED\***  
and then there was 1.

1 little bubble, round as the sun...  
until that bubble **POPPED\***  
and now there are none!

**\*clap hands each time you say POPPED\***

## Our Mission

Delaware Opportunities Inc. Child Care Resource & Referral Program is committed to promoting quality, affordable child care that results in 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, visit us at

<https://delawareopportunities.org/public-policy>

or contact a day care specialist  
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## When Do I Call My Regulator?

"I am having renovations in my home or my yard."  
**Call your Regulator!**

"We have a new household member."  
**Call your Regulator!**

"A child was seriously injured (burns, concussions, broken bones, etc.) while in my care."  
**Call your Regulator!**

"There is a CPS Investigation in my home."  
**Call your Regulator!**

"I will be going on vacation for more than two days"  
**Call your Regulator!**

**Encourage parents to provide sunscreen for their children and to fill out a Non-Medication Consent Form, if applicable, so you can apply sunscreen to children prior to going outside.**

## Welcome to Our Team!

Please join us in welcoming our newest Child Care Specialist, **Jackie Van Ord**, to our Delaware Opportunities Childcare Resource and Referral team! Jackie comes to us with FDC and GFDC experience which will give her a running start as she fills our Infant Toddler Specialist role in those programs. We are so happy to have her joining us.