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2018 Report on Child Care in Delaware County: Supply and Demand, Gap Analysis and Provider Expansion Plan

2018 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 5 to 12 year olds. The child care supply in Delaware County as of February 2019 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	20	40	80	40	160
Group Family Day Care	7	28	56	26	110
School- Age child care	4	-----	-----	209	209
Child Day Care Centers	4	48	220	70	338
Total	35	116	356	345	817

Chart 1. In February 2019 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 February 2019 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 yrs.	Preschoolers Age: 2-5 yrs.	School age 5 yrs. – 12 yrs.
Andes	family day care				
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		0	0	0
Bovina	family day care				
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		0	0	0
Colchester	family day care	1	2	4	2
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		2	4	2
Davenport	family day care	4	8	16	8
	group family day care	1	4	8	4
	school age				
	child care center	1	24	80	29
	Total Slots:		36	104	41
Delhi	family day care	3	6	12	6
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center:	1	8	57	20
	Total Slots:		14	69	26

Deposit	family day care				
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		0	0	0
Franklin	family day care				
	group family day care	1	4	8	4
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		4	8	4
Hamden	family day care				
	group family day care	1	4	8	4
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		4	8	4
Hancock	family day care				
	group family day care				
	school age	2			170
	child care center				
	Total Slots:				170
Harpersfield	family day care				
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		0	0	0
Kortright	family day care				
	group family day care	1	4	8	4
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		4	8	4
Masonville	family day care				
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		0	0	0
Meredith	family day care	1	2	4	2
	group family day care				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		2	4	2

Middletown	family day care				
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		0	0	0
Roxbury	family day care	2	4	8	4
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		4	8	4
Sidney	family day care	3	6	12	6
	group family day care	2	8	16	8
	school age				
	Child care center	1	16	63	21
	Total Slots:		30	91	35
Stamford	family day care	1	2	4	2
	group family day care	1	4	8	2
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		6	12	4
Tompkins	family day care	1	2	4	2
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		2	4	2
Walton	family day care	4	8	16	8
	group family day care				
	school age	2			39
	child care center	1		20	
	Total Slots:		8	36	47

Totals	Child care facilities	Infant /Toddler slots	Preschool slots	School age slots
	35	116	356	345

Chart 2. Shows the number of child care slots available in February 2019 by Delaware County township 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, Fishes Eddy and Sidney have classrooms that are six hours. All other classes are four hours.

Township	Village	Preschool slots	Children in Care	Openings	Hours
Davenport	Davenport	18	14	3	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Delhi	Delhi	18	19	1	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Deposit	Deposit	18	18	0	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Franklin	Franklin	14	12	2	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Hancock	Fishes Eddy	18	17	0	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Arkville	Roxbury	34	18	16	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Grand Gorge	Roxbury	18	18	2	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sidney	Sidney	36	36	0	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Walton	Walton	36	29	7	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
TOTAL		210	181	31	

Chart 3. Head Start available slots for enrollment at each of the Head Start centers and hours of operation.

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 2018 the number of families who received referrals for child care was 129 for 217 children. 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 located in Davenport, NY
- Downsville Central School in in the Town of Colchester
- Delaware Academy located in Delhi, NY
- Margaretville Central School located in the village of Margaretville which is in the town of Middletown.

Name of School	# of Referrals given per child 2017	# of Referrals given per child 2018
Andes Central	4	5
Charlotte Valley Central School (Davenport, NY)	14	21
Delaware Academy (Delhi, NY)	79	80
Deposit Central School	1	1
Downsville Central School	0	7
Franklin Central School	15	13
Hancock Central School	2	0
Margaretville Central School	2	1
Roscoe Central School	0	0
Roxbury Central School	4	27
Sidney Central School	58	56
South Kortright Central School	20	23
Stamford Central School	22	18
Unatego Central School	0	0
Walton Central School	49	71

Chart 4. The number of child care referrals given to families in 2017 & 2018 by Delaware County School Districts.

In 2018 the number of families who received referrals for child care was 129 for 217 children. Information gathered from the data base show the following areas, where families lived / compared to referrals made to that area.

Referrals for Roxbury: 9/27 live in Roxbury, 10/27 live in Stamford, 4/27 live in Hobart, 2/27 live in Margaretville, 2/27 live in Halcottsville

Referrals for South Kortright: 0/23 live in South Kortright, 7/23 live in Delhi, 8/23 live in Stamford, 5/23 live in Hobart, 1/23 live in Delancey, 1/23 live in Harpersfield.

Referrals for Delhi: 45/79 live in Delhi, Treadwell, E. Meredith, Meridale, Hamden or Delancey, 8/79 live in Stamford or Hobart, 19/70 live in Walton

Referral for Stamford: 10/18 live in Stamford, 5/18 live in Hobart, 2/18 live in Roxbury, 1/18 live in Harpersfield

Referrals for Walton: 54/71 live in Walton, 6/71 live in Hamden, Delhi or Delancey, 5/71 live in Downsville, 3/71 live in Sidney

Parent Requests

Upon review of the requests Delaware Opportunities Inc. Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) received in 2018, the following statistics regarding parent referral requests were gathered. Referrals were given for only regulated providers and does not include legally-exempt provider requests. Note: this data does not include consultations for subsidy. Parents seeking subsidy may not want referrals, as they may already have child care secured.

In 2018 a total number of 217 children and 129 families were served through the CCRR referral service.

Referrals by Provider Type (includes duplicated count, 217)

- Family Child Care 96%
- Group Family Child Care 72%
- Child Care Center 72%
- School Age Program 15%
- Preschool Program 5%

Requests by Age of Child (includes duplicated count, 217)

- Infants (ages under 2yr) 33%
- Preschool children (ages 2yr-5yr) 43%
- School age (ages 6yo-12 yr) 26%

Schedule Type Requests: (217 requests)

Percentages indicate for which schedule parent needs care.

- Full-time 85%
- Part-time 9%
- Both 15%

Extra Care Services: (50 requests)

Percentages indicate for which times parent needs care.

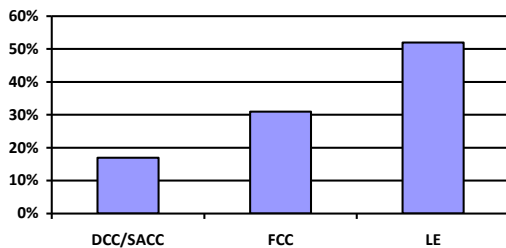
- After School 68%
- Before School 22%
- Rotating Schedule 8%
- Drop in 12%
- Temporary/Emergency 0

Additional Care Services (33 requests)

- Evening care 48%
- Weekend care 42%
- Snow days 0
- Flexible hours 0
- Mildly Ill/Sick 0
- Overnight care 9%

The following data has been collected from the child care subsidy “Child Care Time and Attendance System” and indicates the type of care used by families and children receiving child care subsidy:

- 247 Children received a child care subsidy in 2018
- 17% were enrolled in either day care center (DCC) or a school age program (SACC)
- 31% were enrolled in registered and licensed family day care (FCC/GFDC)
- 52% were enrolled in approved enrolled legally- exempt care



Graph 2. Types of child care used by families receiving child care subsidy.

Summary of the 2018 Demand for Child Care in Delaware County

Based on parent referral request and follow- up responses, the data indicates:

- A high demand for infant and preschool care
- A high need for fulltime care and after school care
- A demand by a segment of the work force for evening and weekend care
- 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.

Gap Analysis

Using the information from the Delaware Opportunities Inc. CCRR 2018 Child Care Supply and Demand report, the gaps in child care are the following:

- Data shows most of the child care referral requests were for the Walton, Sidney and Delhi area. There are more referrals than there are slots available, causing families to search outside of their living or working areas.
- There is also a need to develop child care providers in Delhi, South Kortright, Stamford and Roxbury.
- There is a need to develop child care providers in towns without any or few registered and licensed care providers.
- There is a need for child care for infants and preschoolers.
- There is a need for child care providers who are willing to care for children during non-traditional hours and weekends.

Provider Expansion Plan

To meet the gap in child care slots the Delaware Opportunities staff will:

- Recruit child care providers through outreach events such as the Delaware Opportunities Inc.'s annual Children's Festival, activities in libraries to educate the public of the need for providers, press releases, fliers, speaking to community groups and at community events, and Facebook postings.
- Educate the public about the importance of quality child care through community outreach events (library activities, farmers markets), press releases, email blasts, the agency's Facebook postings, speaking to community groups, provide information at the Delaware Opportunities Inc. Annual Children's Festival, reaching out to businesses to enlighten them of the need for more quality registered and licensed day care providers, speaking to Head Start parent groups about the need for child care providers and connections with legally exempt child care providers to increase the quality of care.