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2019 Report on Child Care in Delaware County: Supply and Demand, Gap Analysis and Provider Expansion Plan

2019 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 December 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	17	34	68	34	136
Group Family Day Care	6	24	48	24	96
School- Age child care	4	-----	-----	239	239
Child Day Care Centers	6	63	243	33	339
Total	33	121	359	330	810

Chart 1. In December 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 December 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	73	
	Total Slots:		36	97	12
Delhi	family day care	2	4	8	4
	group family day care	1	4	8	4
	school age				
	child care center:	1	8	57	20
	Total Slots:		16	73	28

Deposit	family day care				
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center	1	7	24	
	Total Slots:		7	24	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				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		0	0	0
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	1	2	4	2
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		2	4	2
Sidney	family day care	3	6	12	6
	group family day care	2	8	16	8
	school age				
	Child care center	1	24	63	13
	Total Slots:		38	91	27
Stamford	family day care				
	group family day care				
	school age				
	child care center				
	Total Slots:		0	0	0
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			69
	child care center	1		20	
	Total Slots:		8	36	77

Totals	Child care facilities	Infant /Toddler slots	Preschool slots	School age slots
	33	121	359	330

Chart 2. Shows the number of child care slots available in December 2019 by Delaware County township and age of children.

HEAD START

Head Start programs do not operate 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. Six Head Start centers have classrooms that are six hours. All other classes are four hours.

Township	Village	Preschool slots	Children in Care	Openings	Hours
Davenport	Davenport	17	10	7	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Delhi	Delhi	18	16	2	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Deposit	Deposit	18	15	3	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Franklin	Franklin	14	13	1	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Hancock	Fishes Eddy	17	13	4	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Arkville	Roxbury	17	14	3	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Grand Gorge	Roxbury	18	17	1	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sidney	Sidney	36	33	3	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Walton	Walton	36	29	7	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
TOTAL		191	160	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 to search for child care that fits their specific needs. When appropriate, the CCRR supplies the contact information for regulated child care programs to families. The CCRR uses a data base "NACCRRAware" to gather family data as they related to their needs and regulated child care programs.

The CCRR staff provided 134 families with child care for 213 children in 2019. 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 2018	# of Referrals given per child 2019
Andes Central	5	0
Charlotte Valley Central School (Davenport, NY)	21	15
Delaware Academy (Delhi, NY)	80	83
Deposit Central School	1	1
Downsville Central School	7	2
Franklin Central School	13	15
Hancock Central School	0	4
Margaretville Central School	1	3
Roscoe Central School	0	0
Roxbury Central School	27	20
Sidney Central School	56	46
South Kortright Central School	23	8
Stamford Central School	18	21
Unatego Central School	0	1
Walton Central School	71	63

Chart 4. The number of child care referrals given to families in 2018 and 2019 by Delaware County School Districts.

Parent Requests

Upon review of the requests Delaware Opportunities Inc. Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) received in 2019, 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.

The 134 families served through the CCRR referral service sought care for 213 children in the following categories:

Referrals by Provider Type (some families sought multiple types of care)

- Family Child Care 196
- Group Family Child Care 141
- Child Care Center 142
- School Age Program 40
- Preschool Program 12

Requests by Age of Child

- Infants (ages under 2yrs) 50
- Preschool children (ages 2yrs-5yr) 54
- School age (ages 6yo-12 yrs) 88
- Age not provided 21

Schedule Type Requests:

- Full-time care 129
- Part-time care 31
- Both types of care 53

Extra Care Services: (55 requests)

- After School 38
- Before School 19
- Rotating Schedule 5
- Drop in 3
- Temporary/Emergency 8

Additional Care Services (63 requests)

- Evening care 15
- Weekend care 11
- Snow days 30
- Flexible hours 3
- Mildly Ill/Sick 3
- Overnight care 1

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:

- 224 children received a child care subsidy in 2019
- 43 of these children were enrolled in either day care center (DCC) or a school age program (SACC)
- 69 were enrolled in registered and licensed family day care (family or group family care).
- 112 were enrolled in approved enrolled legally- exempt care

To qualify for child care subsidies in Delaware County families gross annual income must fall below 125% of the Federal poverty level and other eligibility criteria.

Summary of the 2019 Demand for Child Care in Delaware County

Gap Analysis

Using the information from the Delaware Opportunities Inc. CCRR 2019 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 Delhi, Sidney, Walton, Roxbury and Stamford areas. 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 the townships of Hancock, South Kortright and Franklin.
- There may be a need to develop child care providers in towns without any or few registered and licensed care providers such as Andes, Deposit, Margaretville and Roscoe.
- There is a high need for child care slots for additional 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.

- As part of the Southern Tier Child Care Resource and Referral Consortium we will work to build and stabilize the supply of regulated child care providers in Delaware County. This Consortium will apply for grants with the Regional Economic Development Committee and the Office of Children and Family Services Birth – 5 initiative.