

# FALL 2023 PARENT

# NEWSLETTER



**MORE FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE.**  
See if you qualify!

## Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

CCAP provides eligible families with financial assistance for child care and promotes early childhood learning and development.

To apply contact Oswego County Department of Social Services and ask for an application!

## Annual Income Limits

Have **INCREASED!**

**APPLY TODAY!**



Oswego County DSS  
100 Spring Street  
Mexico, NY 13114  
315-963-5278  
childcare@oswegocounty.com

Family Size	Annual Income Limit
1	\$43,740
2	\$59,160
3	\$74,580
4	\$90,000
5	\$105,420
6	\$120,840
7	\$151,680

### Are you eligible?

- You could be eligible if your income is less than the income eligibility level and you:
- Are receiving public assistance; or
- Work a minimum of 10 hours per week; or
- Are going to school or a vocational program; or
- Are seeking employment; and
- Your child is one of the following:
  - Younger than 13
  - Younger than 18 with special needs; or
  - Under court supervision
  - Younger than 19 in a secondary school; or equivalent program and has special needs
  - Younger than 19 in a secondary school; or equivalent program and under court supervision

Tuesday clinics run from 12:30pm to 3:30pm\*  
at the OCHD, 70 Bunner St. Oswego.

\*Additional times may be available.

Call (315)349-3547 or visit  
[www.health.oswegocounty.com](http://www.health.oswegocounty.com)  
to make an appointment now!

Be sure to bring parent/guardian photo ID and insurance card.

Children who receive their required vaccines can  
get a **FREE** bike helmet while supplies last!



## Back to School Immunization

The Oswego County Health Department is now scheduling Back to School Immunization Clinics! Appointments are required, to make an appointment click [HERE](#).

Not sure what vaccine your child needs? Call the Preventive Division at 315-349-3547 and they can find out for you!

## Become a Child Care Provider!

High quality child care options are needed in Oswego County! Contact ICP and let our registrars help guide you through the process of becoming a licensed or registered child care provider!

Call 315-343-2344 or [www.icpoc.org/provider](http://www.icpoc.org/provider)



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## Illegal Child Care...Know the Dangers!

In New York State, LEGAL child care programs are REQUIRED to have a current license or registration. Verify that your provider is authorized to provide care! Don't put your child's health, development and safety at risk!

As a general rule, any child day care program planning to serve three or more children for more than three hours a day on a regular basis must obtain a license or registration. When you visit a regulated child care facility, ask to see the license or registration certificate.

If you have any concerns or believe a person/program is operating illegally, please contact ICP or file a complaint with OCFS. Your complaint will be investigated, and if it is substantiated, staff will work with the provider to correct any violations.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Are your children in ILLEGAL child care?  
check out the possible dangers...

- no criminal background checks
- no home inspections
- low-quality care
- providers operating over capacity
- providers without training
- health & safety hazards

Verify that your provider is in the NYS database:  
[ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/looking/ccfs-search.php](https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/looking/ccfs-search.php)

**Bee an Advocate for Child Care**

Please **TAKE ACTION** and **TELL** Congress we **NEED** immediate FUNDING & long-term comprehensive SOLUTIONS at the Federal Level that offer safe, nurturing, and affordable child care options to every family!

Make Child Care Buzzworthy in Congress!

[ICPOC.ORG/POLICY](https://icpoc.org/policy)

## Take Action...Email Congress, Click [HERE!](#)

Beginning September 30, 2023, states will face a steep dropoff in federal child care investment. [TCF.org](https://www.tcf.org) predicts that without Congressional action, this cliff will have dire consequences: 3.2 million kids could lose their child care, 70,000 child care programs likely to close, millions of parents will have to leave jobs or reduce work hours, NYS will lose tax revenue and jobs in the child care sector.

**Slow Down!**

Watch your speed, especially in **School Zones.**

[www.icpoc.org/traffic](https://www.icpoc.org/traffic)



## Car Seat Program

Are you in need of a car seat? Fill out our application [HERE](#). Email the completed application to [oswgsb@icpoc.org](mailto:oswgsb@icpoc.org) or mail it to Aine Foley - 317 W. 1st St. Ste. 111, Oswego, NY. You must be income qualified and proof of eligibility is **REQUIRED** to receive a car seat.

