# FALL 2023 PARENT

# NEWSLETTER

#### 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!

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**DON'T MISS THE BUS!** 

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

**MORE FAMILIES** 

FOR CHILD CARE

**ARE ELIGIBLE** 

ASSISTANCE.

See if you qualify!

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\*Additional times may be available.

Call (315)349-3547 or visit

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!



**Annual Income Limits** 

Have INCREASED!

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

#### 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

Care Business

#### **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 <u>HERE</u>.

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 quide you through the process of becoming a

licensed or registered child care provider!

Call 315-343-2344 or <u>www.icpoc.org/provider</u>



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

In New York State, <u>LEGAL</u> child care programs are <u>REQUIRED</u> 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!

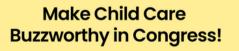
As a general rule, any child day care program planning to serve <u>three or</u> <u>more children</u> for more than three hours a day on a regular basis must obtain a license or registration. When you visit a regulated child care facility, ask to see the license or registration certificate.

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



### Bee an Advocate for <u>Child Care</u>

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



ICPOC.ORG/POLICY

#### Take Action...Email Congress, Click HERE

no criminal

background checks

no home inspections

low-quality care

IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENT

Are your children in ILLEGAL child care?

check out the possible dangers...

Verify that your provider is in the NYS database: cofany.gov/programs/childcare/lookfng/cofa-search.php

providers operating

providers without training

health & safety hazards

over capacity

Beginning September 30, 2023, states will face a steep dropoff in federal child care investment. 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





#### Car Seat Program

Are you in need of a car seat? Fill out our application HERE. Email the completed application to <u>oswgtsb@icpoc.org</u> 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.

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