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Child Care Options

Aging Services
Nutrition Program
Senior Transportation

REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE— may care for 8 children in their home, 2 of which are school age children, based on the ages of their own children and those that they care for. Providers are regulated by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and must meet minimum requirements for health, safety, nutrition, and programming.

Child and Family Services
After School
Child Care Resource and Referral
Early Head Start
Head Start

Group Family Child Care— may care for 16 children in their home, 4 of which are school age children, based on the ages of their own children and those that they care for, with another adult present. Providers are regulated by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and must meet minimum requirements for health, safety, and nutrition, and programming.

Community Services
Emergency Needs
Food Pantry
Homeless Assistance

Informal Child Care— when regulated care is not available, informal care may be an option. Informal care is when care is provided by a friend or family member. Informal child care providers may provide care for 2 children besides their own in their home or in the child's home, and should still meet the minimum standards for health, safety, nutrition, and programming.

Employment and Training
OneWorkSource
Business & Employment Center
(Partner Agency)

All family and Group Child Care providers are entitled to sign up for the CACFP program which is a monthly reimbursement for the meals they supply to the children in their care. Informals can also sign up for this program if they are watching subsidized children.

Weatherization and Energy Services
Assisted Home Performance with Energy Star
EmPower NY
Weatherization Network Initiative

Child Care Centers— care provided for a group of 6 or more children in a non-residential setting for 3 or more hours a day. Child care centers must be licensed through the Office of Children and Family services. Some examples of child care centers are head start programs, which are run by ACAP, and pre-k programs, which are run by schools.

School Age Children— Care provided for 6 or more children before/after schools in schools, churches, community centers of day care centers. School age child care providers must be registered by the Office of Children and Family Services.

Financial Assistance— Currently in Essex County we have subsidy through the Department of Social Services. The contact person is Mary Stanley, 518-873-3431. There is an application process and guidelines to be accepted. Also in Essex County, if you are attending college, each college has an assistance program available to its students. Also, Providers may have a sliding fee scale for parents with more than one child.

