



Child Care Provider Options

If you are currently caring for at least three children, you are required to be registered or licensed with the New York State Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS).

What is Family Child Care?

A Family Child Care home is a residence in which child care is provided on a regular basis, for more than three hours per day, per child, for three to six children, for compensation. In Steuben County, registered family day care is coordinated through Steuben Child Care Project a division of Pro Action. A family day care must renew their registration every two years. The provider must also take 30 hours of training within that period on the following nine topic areas: nutrition and health needs of children, child day care program development, safety and security procedures, including communication between parents and staff, business record maintenance and management, child abuse and maltreatment identification and prevention, statutes and regulations pertaining to child day care, statutes and regulations pertaining to child abuse and maltreatment and shaken baby syndrome. Care can be provided for children ages 6 weeks to 13 years of age.

For more information about how to become a Family Day Care provider, just call our office at (607) 776-2126 or 1-800-553-2033 and ask to speak to Lisa Wurth ext. 217 or Heather Morey ext. 243.

Once you receive your application, you can attend a Registration Orientation: We will assist you in completing your application or to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Registration Orientations are scheduled from 5:30-7:30pm at the Integrated Care Assistance Network (ICAN) site located at 11 Wilkes Avenue, Bath, NY. The scheduled dates are as listed:

2/8/10	7/13/10	12/14/10
3/8/10	8/10/10	
4/12/10	9/14/10	
5/10/10	10/12/10	
6/16/10	11/9/10	

What is Group Family Child Care?

A Group Family Day Care home is a residence in which child care is provided on a regular basis, for more than three hours per day, per child, for seven to 12 children, for compensation. In Steuben County Group Family Day Care is licensed through the Rochester Regional Office of Children and Family Services. Such a home must be operated by a provider and have at least one assistant present during the hours that care is provided. A group family day care must renew their license every two years. The provider and the assistant must take 30 hours of training within that period on the following nine topic areas: nutrition and health needs of children, child day care program development, safety and security procedures, including communication between parents and staff, business record maintenance and management, child abuse and maltreatment identification and prevention, statutes and regulations pertaining to child day care, statutes and regulations pertaining to child abuse and maltreatment and shaken baby syndrome. Care can be provided for children ages 6 weeks to 13 years of age.

For an application and information regarding Group Family Child Care call the Rochester Regional Office at 1-585-238-8531.

What is School-Aged and School-Based Child Care Program?

A school-aged child care program enrolls groups of seven or more children under 13 years of age during the school year before and/or after the period such children are ordinarily in school or during school lunch periods. School-age child care programs also may provide care during school holidays and those periods of the year in which school is not in session, including summer vacations. Such programs must operate consistent with the local school calendar. Care is provided in a facility that is not a residence. In Steuben County, registered school-age child care programs are coordinated through Steuben Child Care Project a division of Pro Action and must renew their registration every two years.

For an application and information about how to become a School-aged Program, call Steuben Child Care Project at 607-776-2126 or 1-800-553-2033 and contact Lisa Wurth at ext. 217 or Heather Morey at ext. 243.

What is a Child Day Care Center?

A Child Day Care Center is a child care program or a facility that is not a residence, in which child care is provided on a regular basis, to more than six children, for more than three hours per day, per child, for compensation. A child day care center is licensed through the Rochester Regional Office of Children and Family Services and must renew their license every two years. The director and all employees must take 30 hours of training within that period on the following nine topic areas: nutrition and health needs of children, child day care program development, safety and security procedures, including communication between parents and staff, business record maintenance and management, child abuse and maltreatment identification and prevention, statutes and regulations pertaining to child day care, statutes and regulations pertaining to child abuse and maltreatment and shaken baby syndrome. Care can be provided for children ages 6 weeks to 13 years of age.

For an application and information regarding Child Care Center licensing or for help with your application, call the Rochester Regional Office at 1-585-238-8531.