

ATTACHMENT 2.4.1 - SLIDING FEE SCALE

New York State assesses a family fee towards the cost of child care based on income. The family fee is a single fee, not dependent on the number of children in care or whether full- or part-time care is needed.

Each of 58 social services districts is allowed to select a percentage, between 10 and 35 percent, to calculate the family fee. Each district submits its selection of fee percentage in its Child and Family Services Plan, which is subject to the approval of the OCFS. Each district calculates the fee for the family on a weekly basis by applying the fee percentage to the excess of the family's gross annual income over the State Income Standards for that family size and divide by 52. The State Income Standards (SIS), effective June 1, 2011, are based on the poverty guidelines by family size published in the Federal Register Volume 76, Number 13 dated January 20, 2011. The SIS is updated each year when federal poverty levels are adjusted. There is a minimum family fee of \$1 per week.

OCFS believes that districts should be allowed flexibility in establishing a fee policy that meets the needs of its community and, therefore, has approved waivers to the state fee methodology. Waivers that have been approved include a cap to the amount of the family share at 17 percent of the family's gross income, a cap at 10 percent of the family's gross income, a higher minimum weekly family share, and the establishment of a pro-rated family share for part time child care.

The following chart indicates the fee percentage each district in New York State has selected as of February 22, 2011.

District	Fee Percentage
Albany	15.0%
Allegany	20.0%
Broome	35.0%
Cattaraugus	10.0%
Cayuga	20.0%
Chautauqua	30.0%
Chemung	35.0%
Chenango	35.0%
Clinton	20.0%
Columbia	20.0%
Cortland	35.0%
Delaware	25.0%
Dutchess	30.0%
Erie	35.0%
Essex	10.0%

District	Fee Percentage
Franklin	35.0%
Fulton	20.0%
Genesee	35.0%
Greene	35.0%
Hamilton	25.0%
Herkimer	25.0%
Jefferson	25.0%
Lewis	25.0%
Livingston	10.0%
Madison	25.0%
Monroe	35.0%
Montgomery	35.0%
Nassau	17.5%
New York City	35.0%
Niagara	20.0%

District	Fee Percentage
Oneida	25.0%
Onondaga	25.0%
Ontario	20.0%
Orange	35.0%
Orleans	25.0%
Oswego	10.0%
Otsego	10.0%
Putnam	20.0%
Rensselaer	25.0%
Rockland	25.0%
St. Lawrence	25.0%
Saratoga	20.0%
Schenectady	35.0%
Schoharie	35.0%

District	Fee Percentage
Schuyler	25.0%
Seneca	35.0%
Steuben	10.0%
Suffolk	25.0%
Sullivan	35.0%
Tioga	25.0%
Tompkins	20.0%
Ulster	25.0%
Warren	35.0%
Washington	20.0%
Wayne	25.0%
Westchester	20.0%
Wyoming	35.0%
Yates	35.0%