

## 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.*

*Due to the wide disparity of per capita income, consumer price levels, and the cost, availability, and accessibility of child care among the geographic jurisdictions within New York State, 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, 2009, are based on the poverty guidelines by family size published in the Federal Register Volume 74, Number 14 dated January 23, 2009. 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 their communities and has approved waivers to the state fee methodology. Waivers that have been approved include a cap on the amount of the family share at 12 percent of the family's gross income, a minimum family share at \$5 per week, 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 March 1, 2009.*

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

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

<b>District</b>	<b>Fee Percentage</b>
<b>Oneida</b>	25.0%
<b>Onondaga</b>	30.0%
<b>Ontario</b>	20.0%
<b>Orange</b>	35.0%
<b>Orleans</b>	25.0%
<b>Oswego</b>	35.0%
<b>Otsego</b>	10.0%
<b>Putnam</b>	20.0%
<b>Rensselaer</b>	25.0%
<b>Rockland</b>	25.0%
<b>St. Lawrence</b>	25.0%
<b>Saratoga</b>	20.0%
<b>Schenectady</b>	35.0%
<b>Schoharie</b>	10.0%

<b>District</b>	<b>Fee Percentage</b>
<b>Schuyler</b>	25.0%
<b>Seneca</b>	35.0%
<b>Steuben</b>	10.0%
<b>Suffolk</b>	25.0%
<b>Sullivan</b>	35.0%
<b>Tioga</b>	25.0%
<b>Tompkins</b>	20.0%
<b>Ulster</b>	25.0%
<b>Warren</b>	25.0%
<b>Washington</b>	20.0%
<b>Wayne</b>	25.0%
<b>Westchester</b>	15.0%
<b>Wyoming</b>	35.0%
<b>Yates</b>	35.0%

*\*Note: New York City, which comprises five counties (Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond), implemented the fee percentage May 1, 2009.*