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**NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ANNOUNCES
CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENICIES
IN CENTRAL NEW YORK**

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is contracting with Child Care Solutions and Child and Family Resources, Inc. to provide child care resource and referral (CCR&R) services in Cayuga and Seneca counties, respectively, effective July 1, 2009.

Child Care Solutions will provide CCR&R services in Cayuga County. Last year, this not-for-profit organization, founded in Syracuse in 1975, provided services to over 4,000 families and 2,700 early childhood professionals in Onondaga County where it is the designated CCR&R agency. The organization's website is at <http://www.childcaresyracuse.org>.

Child and Family Resources will provide CCR&R services in Seneca County. Last year, this not-for-profit organization provided services to over 1,500 parents and child care providers in Ontario and Yates counties where it is the designated CCR&R agency. This agency has been providing services locally for 33 years. The organization's website is at <http://www.cfresources.org>.

OCFS regulates and licenses child care in New York State. There are just over 20,000 regulated child care providers and 35 Child Care Resource and Referral agencies across the state.

CCR&R agencies provide parents with information about early childhood services and providers and programs with technical assistance, while working to expand the number of child day care providers in the community. CCR&R agencies also develop and maintain provider databases to determine service utilization and unmet needs for additional early childhood services. In addition, they are involved in outreach efforts with employers and in the community to encourage support of all child care services.

Parents researching child care options should visit the agency website at <http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/childcare> for more information. When choosing child care, OCFS always recommends parents choose licensed and regulated child care.

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