



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

Child Care Stakeholders Roundtable

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Presentation Overview

- Child Care in New York State
- Child Care Subsidy Program Overview
- The Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant
- Access to Child Care
- Availability of Subsidized Child Care
- Avoiding the “Cliff Effect”
- Access to Quality Child Care



Child Care in New York State



Children in New York State

Total Population – 19,673,174*

- Children under 5 years of age – 1,176,432*
- Children under 10 years of age – 2,326,678*
- Children under 15 years of age – 3,506,401*

Child Care for Children 0-12

- 19,414 regulated providers with the capacity to serve 761,947 children

*U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011-2015, 5-Year Estimates



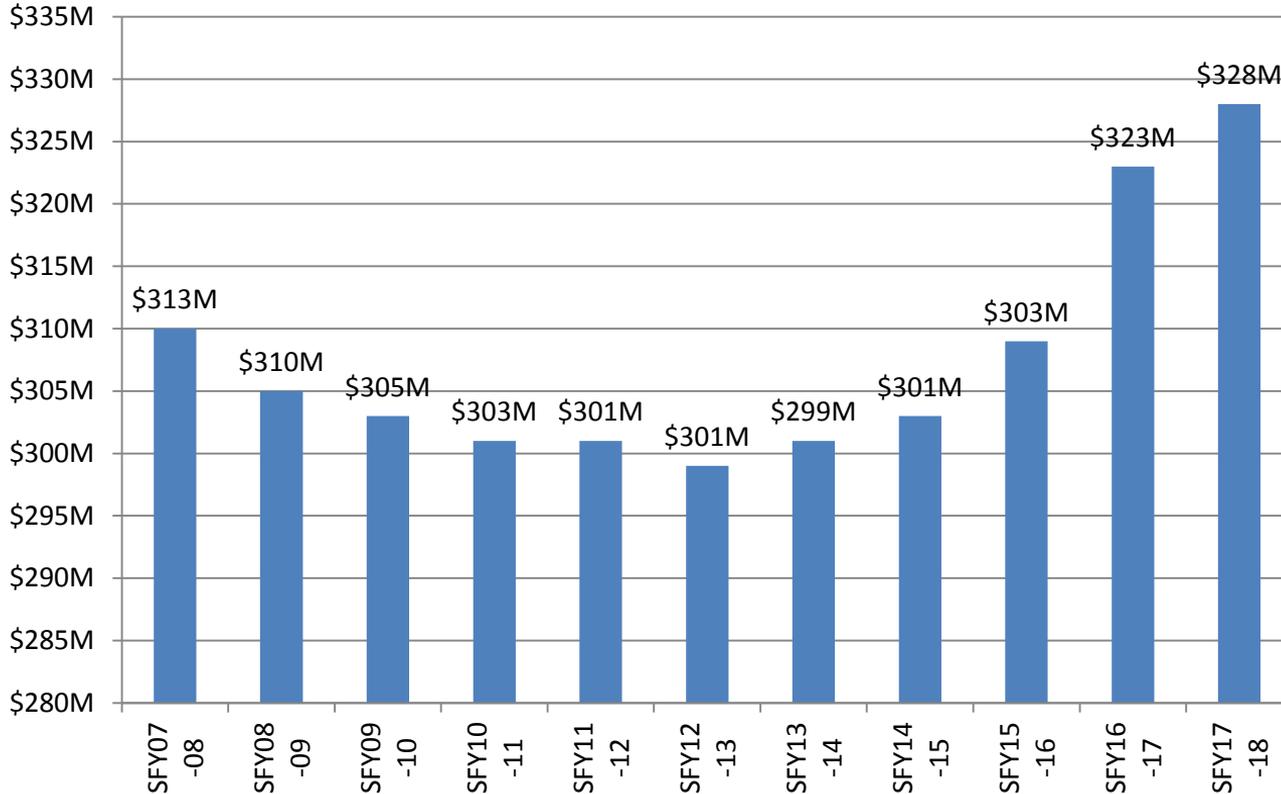
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SFY 2017- 18 Funding

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)	\$327,583,907
Consisting of:	
Mandatory	\$101,983,998
Matching	\$96,827,340
Discretionary	\$128,772,569
State General Fund	\$252,413,377
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	\$358,481,000
Local Maintenance of Effort (MOE)	\$68,293,085
TOTAL	\$1,006,771,369



Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)



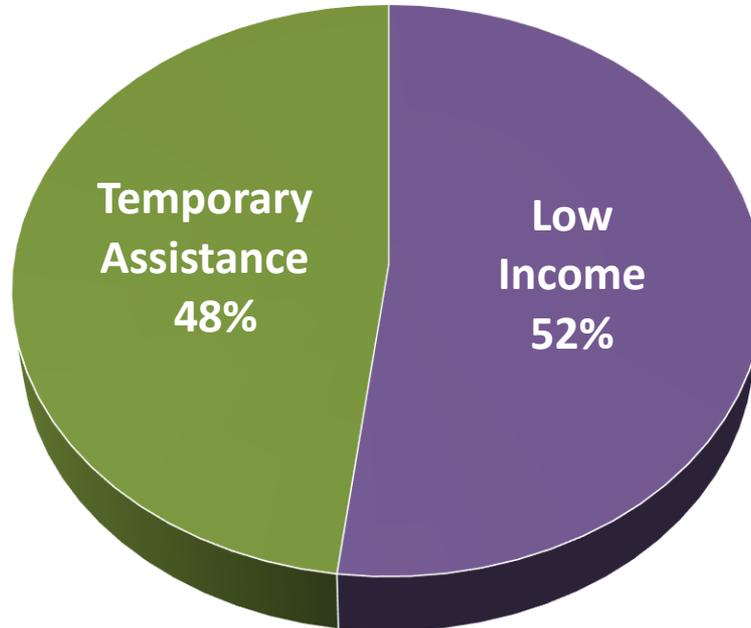
Child Care Subsidy Program Overview

Child Care Subsidy Program

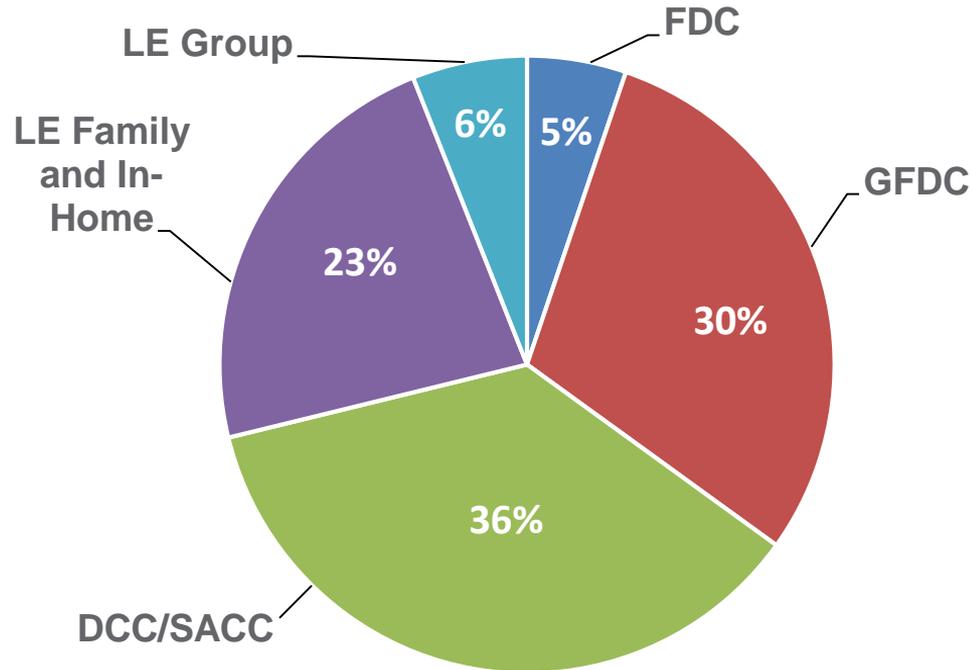
- Districts were allocated **\$799** million in Federal and State funds in SFY 2017-2018
- **192,000** children in **120,000** families served during FFY 2015-2016
- **41,000** providers cared for subsidized children during FFY 2015-2016
- Approximately **126,000** children in **75,000** families received child care subsidies each month

Subsidized Children Care in NYS: FFY2016

Family Status



Subsidized Children by Provider Type FFY2016



Type of Care	# Children
FDC	10,002
GFDC	57,066
DCC/SACC	69,579
LE Family & In-Home	43,680
LE Group	11,601
Total	191,928



The Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant



The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

- The CCDBG Act of 2014 reauthorized the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) for the first time since 1996.
- The CCDF is a **\$5.3 billion block grant** that provides funding to States to improve the quality of child care and provide access to low-income families.
- In 2016, NYS's CCDF allocation was **\$323 million**.
- CCDBG reauthorizes the CCDF through FY 2020.



Among Other Things, CCDBG Focuses On:

- Increasing access to high-quality child care by low-income families
- Redirecting subsidy funds to underserved areas and populations
- Minimize the cliff effect when families lose eligibility for subsidy



Access to Child Care

Child Care and Development Fund Plan - Section 4.6.3

- States must describe procedures and processes to:
 - Increase access to high quality programs, and
 - Give priority of investments to children in high poverty areas with few/no high-quality programs.



New York State CCDF Plan - Section 4.6.3

- NY's approach:
 - Step 1: Use existing data sources to identify “high need” areas (low income and high number of children per regulated child care slots).
 - Step 2: Expand definition of quality beyond licensing/registration. Requires creative thinking given the lack of resources to expand QualityStarsNY.
 - Step 3: Develop policies and procedures to improve access in underserved areas.



NY Child Care Demographic Report

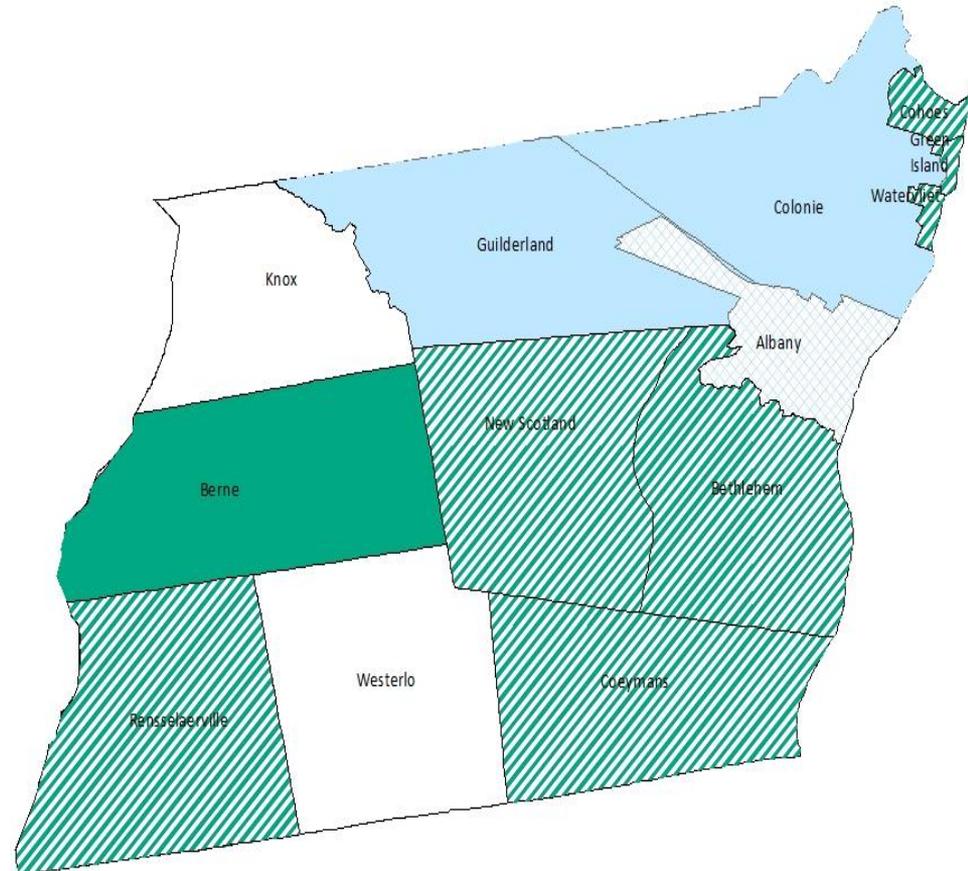
- A child care demographic profile for each county in NY
- Tables of relevant socio-economic, demographic, child care, and child care assistance data
- Maps showing:
 - Distribution of child care locations
 - Availability of regulated child care by sub-county area
 - Distribution of low income families by sub-county area
 - High child care need areas



Example: Albany

Number of children per regulated slot

-  0 to 1.99 Children per Regulated Slot
-  2 to 2.99 Children per Regulated Slot
-  3 to 5.99 Children per Regulated Slot
-  6 or More Children per Regulated Slot
-  No Slots for Infants, Toddlers, or Preschoolers



Availability of Subsidized Child Care



New York State in Context

- NY directs 83% of its federal child care allocation to child care subsidies.
- Through its commitment of General Fund and TANF dollars, NY is one of the highest providers in the nation of subsidies as a percentage of its CCDF grant.
- The number of NY children and families receiving subsidized care is consistently among the highest in the country, along with California, Texas, Florida, and Pennsylvania.



Extent to Which Child Care Need is Met

- A complicated question with no easy answer
- According to a national 2011 study, only **17%** of eligible children *birth through age 12 nationwide* received subsidies. This figure included:
 - Preschool-age children enrolled in free pre-k and Head Start programs, thereby reducing the need for full-time child care
 - School-age children who didn't need child care because they were enrolled in publicly funded after-school programs
 - Children in low-income families who weren't otherwise eligible for child care
 - Eligible families who chose not to seek subsidized care



Federal and NYS Eligibility Levels

85% State Median Income Compared To 200% Federal Poverty Level

Family Size	85% NYS Annual SMI (FFY 2017)*	200% FPL (6/1/17-5/31/18)**	FPL of 85% of NYS Annual SMI
1	\$39,095	\$24,120	324%
2	\$51,125	\$32,480	315%
3	\$63,154	\$40,840	309%
4	\$75,183	\$49,200	306%
5	\$87,213	\$57,560	303%
6	\$99,242	\$65,920	301%
7	\$101,498	\$74,280	273%
8	\$103,753	\$82,640	251%
Each additional Person		add \$8,360	

* State Median Income: Federal Register vol 81 (163), Aug 23, 2016

** Federal Poverty Level: Based on Income Standards in 17-OCFS-INF-02, March 3, 2017



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Avoiding the “Cliff Effect”

Just What Is the “Cliff Effect?”

- Refers to a sudden loss of benefits
- In NYS, when a family loses financial or programmatic eligibility for child care subsidy, state regulation requires that local social services districts must provide the family with 10-days’ notice.
- Social services law requires 30-day notice when a local district implements a closing process when funds are unavailable or a plan amendment which reduces eligibility.



CCDBG Statutory Provisions

States must develop policies and procedures that support continuity of care for children, including:

- 12-month period before eligibility redetermination
- Redetermination process cannot unduly disrupt parents' employment
- 3-month job search period for parents who lose their jobs
- Graduated phase-out of assistance for families who otherwise would be deemed ineligible for continued assistance and for whom subsidy support would be discontinued.



Graduated Phase-Out

Section 658E(c)(2)(N)(iv) of the CCDBG Act: “The [state’s Child Care and Development Fund Plan] shall describe the policies and procedures that are in place to allow for provision of continued assistance...at the beginning of a new eligibility period...for children of parents who are working or attending a job training or educational program and whose family income exceeds the State’s income limit to initially qualify for such assistance, if the family income for the family involved does not exceed 85 percent of the State median income for a family of the same size.”



Graduated Phase-Out (cont'd.)

- At the beginning of a new eligibility period,...
- the state shall develop policies and procedures...
- for children whose parents are in an approved activity..
- and whose income has increased above the State's eligibility level...
- but not above 85% of the State Median Income



Access to Quality Child Care



Maintaining Quality

1. Adult-Child Ratios
2. Training and Experience
3. Regulation and Oversight
4. Parent Involvement
5. Inspections
6. Complaints



Excellence in New York

New York:

- Was ranked No. 2 in the nation behind the Department of Defense in the rigor of its child care center regulations.
- Is one of the top four states in numbers of on-site inspections completed annually
 - This increases compliance- allows for direct technical assistance- and prevents and corrects issues before they become serious.
- Has the lowest required teacher-to-child ratios in five of the eight age groups in child care centers
 - This allows children to receive more sensitive and appropriate caregiving and score higher in developmental assessments



Excellence in New York (cont'd.)

New York:

- Maintains lower group sizes on average than other states
 - This leads to a higher quality of care and better physical and mental health outcomes.
- Is one of a handful of states at or above the 69th percentile
 - This supports child care providers in their ability to serve low-income families.
- Actively supports family-based providers to improve program quality through quality grant and professional development opportunities
 - Improved program quality translates to better outcomes for children.



Access to Quality: Informed Decision Making



Child Care Web Site Enhancements

- A distinct new web page for programs that:
 - are subject to enforcement actions or after investigation
 - have been identified, after investigation, as operating illegally without a license
- Additional information explaining enforcement actions, their meanings, and definitions
- A redesigned, more-detailed inspection history with regulatory violations and the current status of those violations. This history is in the process of being extended from two to six years.

Goal: More transparency and access for parents



Child Care Website Enhancements



Find Child Care

Choosing child care is an important decision. You can learn about choices in these short [Child Care Options](#) videos. Safe and positive child care sets the stage for healthy growth and development. It takes time, patience and understanding of what to look for when selecting child care. You know the needs of your child and family. However, you may need assistance in matching those needs to available resources. That is why OCFS is proud to share with you the supports that we have put in place to assist you in making this important decision.



Search for Regulated
Child Care

Programs Subject to
Enforcement Action



Search for Child Care Programs

If you would like to start your search on your own, the [Child Care Facility Search page](#) will bring you to a search window that will allow you to search the entire database of regulated child care providers in New York State (**with the exception of day care centers in New York City**). This search engine will allow you to look up a specific provider by name, or all the providers in a particular county or even zip code. It also lets you search by different



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Child Care Website Enhancements – cont'd.



Programs Found to be Operating Without the Required License/Registration



Licensed/Registered Programs Subject to Enforcement Action

Programs Subject to Enforcement Action

OCFS has the authority to take enforcement action when child day care programs are not operated in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The enforcement actions listed on this website include denial, revocation or suspension of a child care program's license or registration.

Click on the for detailed information and compliance history of a program.

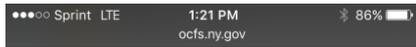
Select a County/Borough

Information available for 256 facilities in 31 counties
Currently viewing page 1 of 11 total pages (25 results per page) [Next Page](#)

Information on this page refreshes daily at midnight. Click on the for the most current and detailed information on each program.

<p>2C2W LLC </p> <p>12 Jefferson Ave., Valley Stream, NY 11580 Map</p> <p>License/Registration ID: 491302 Contact Name/Title: Carrel C. Walters , On-Site Provider Phone:(516) 285-4328 Fax:</p>	<p>Program type: Group Family Day Care</p> <p>School District: Valley Str Hemp 30</p> <p>Status: Closed: Revoked Apr 11, 2017</p>
<p>A Planted Seed Daycare, LLC </p> <p>267 West 152nd Street, Apt. 3E, New York, NY 10039 Map</p> <p>License/Registration ID: 722640 Contact Name/Title: Katrina Green , On-Site Provider Phone:(929) 232-0210 Fax:</p>	<p>Program type: Group Family Day Care</p> <p>School District: Manhattan 5</p> <p>Status: Closed: Revoked Apr 10, 2017</p>

Search for Child Care: Smart Phones



Google Custom Search

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Enter one or more criteria to search by or [click here](#) to search on a map.

Facility Type: [About Facility Types](#)

Facility County/Borough:

School District:

Facility Zip Code:

Name:

License/Registration ID:

Display only those facilities that administer medication

Display only those facilities that offer Non-Traditional Hours of Care
[About Non-Traditional Hours of Care](#)

Show only open facilities

Number of results to display per page: (a maximum of 100000 results will be displayed)



Albany Boys and Girls Club

21 Delaware Ave., Albany, NY 12210

License/Registration ID: 44809
Contact Name/Title: Ishmael N. Morton, Director
Phone: (518) 462-5528
Fax: (518) 462-5540

Program type: School-Age Child Care
School District: Albany
Status: Open

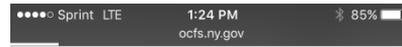
Albany Co Opp Inc./Ann Klose Head Start

295 Colonie Street, Albany, NY 12210-1538

License/Registration ID: 42857
Contact Name/Title: Melissa A. Laws, Director
Phone: (518) 432-9622
Fax: (518) 463-8185

Program type: Day Care Center
School District: Albany
Status: Open

Albany County Opportunity, Inc. at



Program Name: Albany Co Opp Inc./Ann Klose Head Start License/Registration ID: 42857

Program Overview

Contact Name: Melissa A. Laws
Contact Title: Director
Program Type: Day Care Center
Status: Open

Site Address: 295 Colonie Street, Albany, NY 12210-1538

First Licensed/Registration Date: Sep 14, 1995
Current Registration Period: Sep 14, 2015 - Sep 13, 2019
Phone: (518) 432-9622
Fax: (518) 463-8185

Total Capacity: 18
-Infants: 0
-Toddlers: 0
-Preschool: 18
-School age: 0



Inspection History: (Inspections in the past 24 months)

Date	Inspection ID	Inspection Result
Jun 14, 2017	2017-I-038672	No violations cited for this Inspection
Apr 5, 2017	2017-I-023894	No violations cited for this Inspection
Mar 20, 2017	2017-I-019252	No violations cited for this Inspection
Dec 21, 2016	2016-I-074920	No violations cited for this Inspection
Sep 22, 2016	2016-I-056859	No violations cited for this Inspection
May 31, 2016	2016-I-033910	No violations cited for this Inspection
Feb 10, 2016	2016-I-009696	No violations cited for this Inspection
Oct 9, 2015	2015-I-057696	No violations cited for this Inspection

[Additional Inspection History](#)



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Child Care Options Brochures

As you think about child care for your infant or toddler...



As you think about child care for your 3- to 5-year-old...



Home-Based Child Care: Q&A for Parents

Selecting child care is an important decision that requires time, effort and consideration. There are many types of child care programs – day care centers or home-based programs, both large and small. You are the best judge of the needs of your child and family, and searching for the right program are some considerations. Read to think. There are resources to help parents make an informed decision and assistance is available to help pay for child care. If you are thinking about a home-based program, this brochure can help guide your choice.

Capital View Office Park
 62 Washington Street
 Bellerose, New York 11424
 OCFS.org
 Pub. 9/09 (4/2016)

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As you think about child care for your school-age child...



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Child Care Options Videos



Choosing Child Care Options

There are many types of child care programs in New York State. Quality programs provide care in a warm, safe and friendly setting. Quality programs provide activities that help children learn and develop. No one type of program is necessarily better than any other type of program. You are the best judge of which program will meet your needs and your child's needs.

Child Care Options Videos

- [Child Care Options Public Service Announcement](http://wpc.7e0e.edgecastcdn.net/007E0E/DLP/CHILD%20CARE%20OPTIONS/CCO_90_01.mp4) 
- [Your Child Care Options](#) 
- [Day Care Center](#) 
- [Family-Based Child Care](#) 
- [School-Age Child Care](#) 
- [Informal Child Care](#) 
- [How to Pay for It](#) 



Discussion

