



Office of Children and Family Services

Here's what child care providers are saying about the OCFS Non-Patient Specific Epinephrine Auto-Injector Initiative:

"Dear OCFS, we are so grateful to have received the 3 auto-injectors after completing the training. Knowing we have these potential life-saving devices on hand in case of an emergency has given peace of mind for us and for our children's guardians. Thank you for this initiative."

"I have several parents who call and ask me if we participate in the auto-injector initiative. It is a great feeling when responding "YES! WE DO!" and hearing the relief in the parent's voices after telling them this."

"The online Anaphylaxis training is literally a LIFE-SAVER! I don't know why anyone would not want to participate in the training and receive the FREE auto-injectors. It is so simple and yet so important to learn about Anaphylaxis. Everyone needs to take it!"

"Hi, my husband and I have completed the online Anaphylaxis course. It was so informative and easy to take. We look forward to receiving all three doses of the auto-injectors in the mail!"

"My daycare is on an organic farm, and we have 3 hives of bees and an insane number of natural pollinators this year, so it makes me feel SO much better in case a child responds poorly to their first sting while in program. Not to mention weird food reactions. This program is AMAZING, and I am so so, so grateful. I make all my employees do the training. It is a fantastic training that taught me a lot.
THANKS!"



"After reading about Elijah's tragic story, I wanted to be sure we carried the auto-injectors on site, so I had all my staff take the training. OCFS sent us the auto-injectors in the mail and 3 weeks later we had them. It is a nice comfort having them. I do not want another child to experience what Elijah did. All my staff are now allergy trained and ready to respond if need be. Thank you OCFS."

DO YOU KNOW?

An estimated one in 13 children is impacted by allergies. Many children experience events for the first time while in child care, including new foods and insect bites. There is no way to predict when a child will have an allergic reaction. If anaphylaxis were to occur, is your child care program prepared to respond? Epinephrine is the first line drug of choice for the emergency treatment of severe allergic reactions. Having a non-patient specific auto-injector in your program's emergency tool kit, and the knowledge on how to use it, is a lifesaving investment. For more information on how to participate in this cost-free initiative visit: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/elijahs-law.php>