



Cortland County
Department of Social Services

Kristen Monroe
Commissioner

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Sonoma Pelton, Children and Family Services Program Manager 1
Division of Child Care Services
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RE: CFSP Child Care Section Plan Amendment

Dear Mrs. Pelton:

Cortland County would like to please request to amend our current CFSP, Child Care Section, Appendix L, Optional Category #3: "*Families with an open child protective services case when child care is needed to protect the child.*" We would like to continue to have this section checked yes, but would like to amend the limitation we have for this category to read as follows:

"Eligibility for this category includes those families with an open child protective services investigation or family assessment response, families with a current preventive services case as a result of an indicated child protective services investigation, cases where a child(ren) is placed with a relative or other significant caretaker under an Article 10 Family Court Order as well as foster care families caring for a child(ren) named in such cases. These cases are programmatically eligible based on the child's need to be protected and are not subject to work, training, or educational activities to establish eligibility. The care authorized pursuant to this provision must be related to the protection of the child(ren) as established by the district."

Please let me know if any further information or changes are needed. Please let us know when we can implement this eligibility change locally. We will also include this change in our next CFSP update. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kristen Monroe, Commissioner
Cortland County Department of Social Services.