



## Office of Children and Family Services

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Governor

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Acting Commissioner

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Dear Provider:

This year from May 8 through May 12, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is celebrating Early Childhood Educator and Child Care Provider Appreciation week. OCFS is highlighting all the amazing work you do day-in and day-out, providing for, caring for and educating the children in your care. The work that you do is priceless, and OCFS wants you to know how appreciated you are and how integral you are to the children and families you serve and to New York State.

OCFS honors your hard work and dedication and is distributing pins to your program to share with your families so they can help celebrate your hard work and the huge impact you have on those you serve. Within the next two weeks your OCFS licenser or staff from your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency may be delivering a supply of pins along with a copy of the attached sign. OCFS has limited pins so not every program may receive them. Programs are encouraged to share the pins with families by placing them in a spot where they can be taken and worn by those in your program. We also encourage your programs to have families take pictures while wearing their pin and share them on social media using the hashtag, #THX4CHILDCARE to help spread the importance of all that you do.

OCFS is honored to be able to recognize all that you do. You are an asset to the families of New York. Please spread the word so that we can help celebrate you! It's with our deepest gratitude that we thank you and applaud all that you do.

Sincerely,

Nora Yates, Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Child Care Services

