



**Office of Children
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Governor

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Commissioner

April 29, 2022

Honorable Carl E. Heastie, Speaker
New York State Assembly
Legislative Office Building, Room 932
Albany, NY 12248

RE: Quality Child Care and Protection Act Fund 2020 Report

Dear Speaker Heastie:

The enclosed report was prepared in response to the Quality Child Care and Protection Act which was signed into law on September 6, 2000. Among the provisions of this legislation was the establishment of the Quality Child Care and Protection Act Fund (referred hereafter as "the Fund"). The Fund consists of all fines the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) collects from child care providers for failing to comply with applicable regulatory and statutory standards.

OCFS is required to submit an annual report on the amount and use of the monies in the Fund, including the collection of fines from the child care providers and the amounts appropriated, transferred or credited to the Fund. Enclosed is the 2020 Quality Child Care and Protection Act Funds Report.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Sheila J. Poole
Commissioner

Enclosure



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ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

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April 29, 2022

Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Legislative Office Building
188 State Street, Room 907
Albany, NY 12247

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Dear Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins:

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Quality Child Care and Protection Act Fund 2020 Report

The Quality Child Care and Protection Act (the Act) was signed into law on September 6, 2000. This landmark legislation significantly enhanced New York State's ability to protect the health and safety of children in child care and improve the quality of care. Among the provisions of this legislation was the establishment of the Quality Child Care Protection Act Fund (the Fund). The Act requires the commissioner of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to submit an annual report on the amount and use of the monies in the Fund, including the collection of fines from child day care providers and amounts appropriated, transferred or credited to the Fund. OCFS respectfully submits this report with the amount and use of the monies for the 2020 calendar year to comply with the requirements of the Quality Child Care and Protection Act.

The Act requires money collected by OCFS from fines for violations of statutory and regulatory standards imposed on child day care centers, school-age child care programs, group family day care homes, and family day care homes be placed into the Fund. The Act also requires that the Fund be used to provide grants to child day care providers for health and safety purposes, for training of day care provider staff, and other activities to increase the availability and/or quality of child care programs. OCFS has complied with this provision by creating a separate revenue account and depositing all payments received by OCFS for fines levied against child day care programs into this account. The total amount from checks received between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 was \$110,400.50, and the total amount deposited for the period was \$119,750. These funds are included in the OCFS plan for quality enhancement for the 2021 program year in accordance with the provisions of the Act.