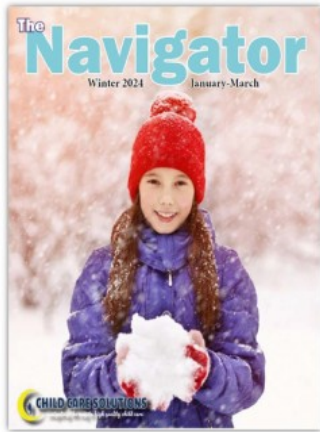


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### JANUARY - MARCH 2024 NAVIGATOR

Follow the link below to see the January - March 2024 Navigator. Learn about available trainings and other opportunities coming from Child Care Solutions

[The Navigator](#)



### 2024 ADVOCACY DAY

Join the Empire State Campaign for Child Care at the New York State Capitol to show that New York's children, families, and the child care educators they rely on deserve to be a top priority in this year's state budget!

Únase a la Campaña Empire State para el Cuidado Infantil en el Capitolio del Estado de Nueva York para demostrar que los niños, las familias y los educadores de cuidado infantil de Nueva York en los que confían merecen ser una prioridad máxima en el presupuesto estatal de este año.

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## Changes to the Registrar Team at Child Care Solutions

Happy New Year to you all!! I hope you are blessed with good health and good fortune in 2024.

Firstly, I/we want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we get caught up on delays in: processing applications, approvals of roles for staff, providers, assistants, and substitutes, and scheduling/following up on inspections.

The Registrar Team has some staffing changes. Joining the Registrar Team are:

Emily DeGone in October 2023

Ilenay Fuentes in January 2024

TBA staff beginning end of January 2024

Brittney Trumble began working as the Registrar Coordinator (co-supervisor), following Kim McDonald's move to the NYS OCFS Regional Office in September 2023.

Other changes impacting the Team and Registered Family Day Care (FDC) and Registered School Age Child Care (SACC) Programs in 2024:

Our contract to complete the Registrar work for Onondaga FDC and SACC programs changed for 2024-2025. The Registrar Team is now required to conduct quarterly inspections for ALL programs in conjunction with Annual Unannounced Inspections initiated in 2020.

Some inspections will be scheduled, some will be unannounced. We will do our best to try to coordinate the unannounced inspections at a convenient time for programs and providers, however there may be some inspections conducted during a meal/transition time and/or nap time for FDC. If you are providing care during non-traditional hours/days, our inspections could be at any time during your approved hours of operation. Registrar staff recognize your first priority and responsibility is to the children in your care. We will do our best to make the inspection as quick and easy as possible.

See attached link below to a checklist of items to be reviewed depending upon the type of inspection.

To make inspections go as smooth as possible:

- Keep program records in a readily accessible location,
- Stick to your normal routine for children to help them feel as comfortable as possible, and introduce Registrar staff as a visitor to the program,

- Keep the Registrar office informed of any changes to your program. Remember some changes need prior approval.
- Train/orient your staff and caregivers about the regulations, questions we might ask, and records we may be reviewing.
- Inform the Registrar office in advance of any program closings.



### COVID-19 and Communicable Disease Reporting Update

OCFS has received several questions regarding COVID-19 and communicable disease reporting. Follow the link below to see current updated requirements and correct reporting forms. Please read the information carefully and reach out to your OCFS regulator with any questions. Thank you.

[More Information](#)

## Workshops and Training



### The Art of Storytelling

This interactive training will focus on how to make a story come alive to engage and inspire children to develop their own stories.

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### Creating Calm

Would you like to create calm in your child care environment? Working with children on self-regulation is an important skill that will help to reduce behavior management concerns. Come explore methods of mindfulness and relaxation that you can bring into your classroom the very next day. Activities for children from birth to school age will be included. Everyone can benefit from creating a calm environment and practicing mindfulness techniques.

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