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CHILD CARE CONNECTION

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Dear Provider: Covid-19 Tests Available

Please come to our Syracuse/Auburn office to pick up the COVID-19 Rapid Tests Today!!! The NYS Dept of Health/NYS OCFS just shipped us another round of COVID test kits. These are available to all Legally Exempt Enrolled programs, and Registered and Licensed Programs in Cayuga and Onondaga Counties. You may pick them up during regular business hours at the office that is most convenient to you. Please bring a copy of your Registration/License (a photo on your phone is fine) and photo id. You may have someone pick them up on your behalf.

The test kits are intended to be used by child care providers, staff, and the families enrolled in your program. We encourage all programs to take advantage of this opportunity, especially those that did not participate in the initial distribution of kits. OCFS is also strongly encouraging programs to obtain some test kits through this opportunity to share with the families that you serve. Child care providers MUST not test children enrolled in their programs! If an enrolled child has symptoms of COVID-19, you may provide a test kit to the child's parent/guardian.

If you have any questions, please call us at 315-446-1220.

Do You Know Someone Looking to Start their Own Business?

Child Care is in high demand and now is the time to become an entrepreneur.

Grant recipients can also use the funding to support:

- start-up expenses
- recruiting
- retaining and training staff
- personnel costs
- general child care business expenses
- staff expenses in accessing COVID-19 vaccines



Please attend one of our informational sessions to help you understand how the process works and if you are eligible for this grant. Please visit our training calendar: <https://bit.ly/CCSCNYcalendar> to register for the date of your choosing.

Informational Session Dates:

- March 4, 2022, 2pm - 3pm
- March 10, 2022, 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- March 28, 2022, 11am - 12pm

To start the process, please visit: <https://bit.ly/CCSDeserts>

Looking for More Trainings?

Are you missing training hours or do you need OCFS categories? Do you need our training flyer, "The Navigator", and haven't received it by postal mail or email? [Send us a message](#) to make sure you are on our email list or postal mailing list for future trainings and other announcements. We would also love to hear from you if there are any topics you are interested in learning more about. Contact Kristi Cusa at Kristic@childcaresolutionscny.org or (315) 446-1220 ext.309

Upcoming Trainings:

In-Person Workshops:

Mas Alla del Libro

Saturday, March 12, 2022

9:30AM - 11:30AM

Esta formacion nos dara la oportunidad de entrelazar una historia leida a nuestro niños en otras areas de aprendizaje; escritura, drama, matemáticas, ciencia, y mucho más.

Instructor: Liza Hernandez

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Music & Movement

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Participants in this training will create opportunities for children to practice skills that develop coordination, balance, movement, and strength. Participants will discuss ideas for music and movement in the classroom as well as allowing children to communicate their understanding through movement and drama.

Instructor: Kristy Sherman

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Online Workshops:

La Supervisión en el Cuido Familiar y Grupal

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Los participantes revisarán y discutirán las Regulaciones de OCFS del Estado de NY relacionadas con la supervisión en el cuido Familiar y Grupal. Se discutirá que significa mantener una supervisión competente y cómo podemos practicarla en nuestro programa.

Instructor: Liza Hernandez

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What is New in March?

To register: <https://bit.ly/CCSCNYmeetandgreet>

**JOIN US FOR THIS
FREE EVENT**
Monday, March 28, 2022
6:30pm - 8:30pm

**MEET AND
GREET**

JOIN THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM
FOR A CASUAL EVENING OF CONVERSATION,
IDEA-SHARING, AND REFRESHMENTS

Topics of Discussion:

- New Training Topic Ideas
- Spring Conference Information
- Free Infant-Toddler opportunities provided by Infant-Toddler Specialists and the Infant-Toddler Mental Health team
- Meet Liza Hernandez/Professional Development team member, Stacey Percy, Health Care Consultant, as well as other staff members from CCS
- and more...

All participants will receive a training certificate for one hour for the OCFS Category #5: Business Records Maintenance and Management

Location: 100 North Street, Auburn NY 13021

To Register: Call us at 315-446-1220 or visit our training calendar to register online <https://bit.ly/CCSCNYmeetandgreet>

A Great Activity for Kids of All Ages: Fizzy Ice



Fizzy Ice

Materials:

Tray

Ice

Vinegar

Food

Coloring

Instructions:

1. Add ice cubes to a bowl or tray
2. Add food coloring to the ice cubes
3. Place baking soda on the ice

4. Put vinegar in a cup and let your children drop the vinegar on the ice and watch it fizzle!



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- \$ _____ General Donation Fund
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