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Dear Provider: Regulations/Elijah's Law

Dear Provider:

The Child Care Regulations have been revised to include the changes made as a result of implementation of Elijah's Law. This information is posted in English and Spanish on the OCFS website. If you have any questions, please reach out to your registrar. [Click here](#) to view regulations.

Estimado(a) proveedor(a):

Se adjuntan las Regulaciones de Cuidado Infantil que se han revisado para incluir los cambios realizados como resultado de la implementación de la Ley de Elijah. Esta información se publica en inglés y español en el sitio web de la OCFS. Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con su regulador. ¡Gracias!

To learn more about the details about the regulations or if you have questions: [Click here](#) or call 888-364-3065.

We are Growing!

[Job Openings:](#)

Child Care Deserts Technical Assistant

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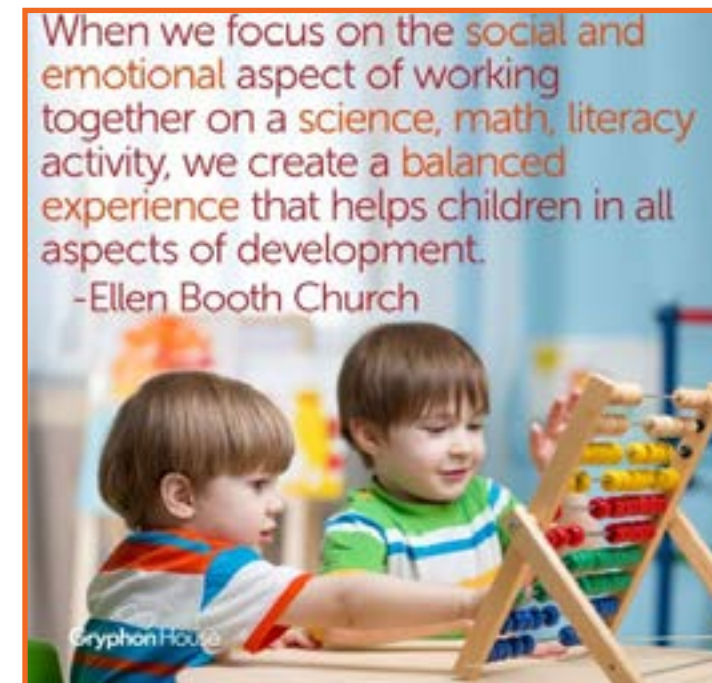
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Social Emotional Facts:

Here are some facts about social and emotional development in children:

1. **Social-emotional development plays key roles in early childhood:** From helping children to understand feelings and sharing to other social behaviors, it takes time to build healthy relationships with others. It is the foundation through which other learning takes place.
2. **Children with strong social-emotional skills do better in school:** When children have strong social and emotional skills they are more focused, can cooperate with and learn from others and exhibit fewer behavioral problems.
3. **Healthy social-emotional skills development in early childhood leads to better outcomes in adulthood:** Such as improved health, better jobs, and more stable relationships.
4. **Positive parent-child (or caregiver-child) interactions offer benefits to parents and caregivers:** In addition to promoting young children's social-emotional development. Quality parent-child interactions can help parents learn their little one's tendencies and understand the feelings behind challenging behaviors, which can help them to respond calmly and consistently to their child's needs.



Upcoming Trainings:

Located at 6724 Thompson Road, Syracuse, NY 13211

Infant and Toddler Toymaking

Saturday, November 20, 2021

8:30am - 10:30am

This training will discuss developmentally appropriate toys for infants and toddlers, and the simplicity of being able to create your own to use in your early childhood programs. You will leave with toys for your program and knowledge on how to make more. **There will also be a giveaway to one lucky participant!**

Instructor: Casey Miner and Liza Hernandez

Fee: \$30 non-member/\$20 member

2 Credit Hours



What Can We Do About Adverse Childhood Experiences?

Thursday, November 04, 2021

6:30PM - 8:30PM

This training will give childcare providers a better understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and strategies that can be used in our programs to reduce the impact of ACEs.

Instructor: Tessa Bolia

Fee: \$30 non-member/\$20 member

2 Credit Hours



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@childcaresolutionscn.org or (315) 446-1220 ext.309



Staff Member Highlights:



Hi, I'm Rebecca!

Position: Parent Services Specialist

From: Lyncourt

Likes to do: Spend time with family

Background: Worked in daycare for 28 years and received Child Development Associates Degree: Preschool

"I joined CCS because I wanted to be able to help families and providers find/provide quality care."



Hello, I'm Katelynn!

Position: Registrar

From: Fulton

Likes to do: Read, write, and enjoy the outdoors

Background: Worked as a social worker/mentor for at risk youth and adults and was a Preschool/Pre-k teacher for 4 years

"It is the best feeling knowing everything I do will make a difference in the quality of care for children."



Hi, I'm Melek!

Position: Provider Services Coordinator/ EWPCCS Nutritionist

From: Originally from Turkey, Lives in Jamesville

Likes to do: Play board games with my kids, travel and shop

Background: Worked as a Nutrition Assistant in a Nutrition Program for 3 years

"By being a nutritionist at CCS, I enjoy offering my knowledge, expertise and support to families and providers who struggle with early childhood eating behaviors."



Hi, I'm Pat!

Position: Registrar

From: Syracuse

Likes to do: Hike, kayak, hammocking, and listening to Rap music

Background: Worked as a camp counselor and in SACC Programs. Also worked as a site director in a local SACC program leading his own site

"It feels good to know that I work for an agency that works for children and their families to provide them with high quality care because kids deserve that!"

Activities for Children to Celebrate Various Non-Christian Holidays:

- In a classroom with many different cultures, you can celebrate each culture's holiday.
- Ask the children if they would like to share about a holiday they celebrate.
- Classroom teachers should be inclusive - be sure to recognize the various holidays celebrated by the families represented in your classrooms.
- Avoid the exchange of individual gifts. Instead, suggest that a family give a gift the entire class can enjoy (a book, puzzle, or new box of crayons!)

Some links to a few websites that can help:

<https://bit.ly/3jrFXtX>

<https://bit.ly/3nq7QUy>

<https://bit.ly/3jrKYTp>

This website is from a teacher's perspective on how to accommodate students in the class:



A Great Activity for Kids of All Ages: Tissue Art

Create Some Art

DIY Craft

Materials Needed:

- Tissue Paper (Cut into Squares)
- Spray Bottle or paintbrush
- Crayon (optional)
- Water
- Canvas



Tissue Paper Painting

[Click Here for More Information and a "How To" Video](#)



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