



**Office of Children  
and Family Services**

# **EXPANDING ACCESS TO CHILD CARE**

**NYPWA Summer Conference**

**July 21, 2022**

# WELCOME

## PRESENTERS

**Merideth Infantino**, Director, Bureau of Child Care Assistance, OCFS

**Sonoma Pelton**, Child Care Assistance Program Manager, OCFS

**Nora Yates**, Associate Commissioner, Division of Child Care Services, OCFS

**Denise Read**, Deputy Commissioner, Monroe County DSS

**Sabrina Jaar Marzouka**, Commissioner, Dutchess County DSS

**Paul Brady**, Commissioner, Schenectady County DSS

# AGENDA

- **Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Regulations**
  - Market Rate Regulations
  - Eligibility Levels for Child Care Services
- **CCAP Funding**
- **Building the Supply of Child Care: Invest in NYChild Care Deserts**
- **CCAP Expansion Initiatives in Monroe County**
- **CCAP Expansion Initiatives in Schenectady County**
- **CCAP Expansion Initiatives in Dutchess County**
- **Questions/Discussion**



# CCAP REGULATIONS

- **Market Rate Regulations**

- Emergency Regulations Effective 6/1/22
  - Increased Market Rate to the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile
  - Removed 17½ hour work requirements for post-secondary education
  - Removed hourly rate

*Process for providers serving **ONLY** families with CCA:*

- OCFS 6060 - Child Care Provider Attestation of Costs Form - **Send to the local district**- NOT to OCFS



# CCAP REGULATIONS

- **Eligibility levels for child care services**
  - OCFS filed a Notice of Adoption to be published 7/27 with an effective date of 8/1
    - Will increase eligibility to 300% State Income Standard
    - Will increase Title XX thresholds above 300%, up to 375% depending on family size, at district option



## INCREASED ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD - 300% SIS

Family Size	200% State Income Standard (until 7/31/22)	300% State Income Standard (starting 8/1/22)
1	\$27,180	\$40,770
2	\$36,620	\$54,930
3	\$46,060	\$69,090
4	\$55,500	\$83,250
5	\$64,940	\$97,410
6	\$74,380	\$111,570
7	\$83,820	\$125,730
8	\$93,260	\$139,890
9	\$102,700	\$154,050
10	\$112,140	\$168,210
11	\$121,580	\$182,370
12	\$131,020	\$196,530

For additional details see: 22-OCFS-INF-05 - 2022-23 Child Care Assistance Program Eligibility Levels



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# CCAP RECENT POLICIES/COMMUNICATIONS

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/policies/external/>

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/letters.php>

## Administrative Directive

- 22-OCFS-ADM-13 - Market Rate Revisions, Removal of Work Requirement in Limited Situations, and Other Changes to Child Care Assistance Program Regulations 2022

## Informational Letters

- 22-OCFS-INF-01 - Child Care Subsidy for Cases with a Child Protective Services Component
- 22-OCFS-INF-04 - Notification of Changes to the Child Care Assistance Program as a Result of the State Fiscal Year 2023 Enacted Budget
- 22-OCFS-INF-05 - 2022-23 Child Care Assistance Program Eligibility Levels
- 22-OCFS-INF-06 - Direct Deposit for Child Care Providers Receiving Payment for Child Care Assistance
- 22-OCFS-INF-08 - 2022 Income Standards for the Child and Family Services Plan

## Local Commissioner Memorandums

- 22-OCFS-LCM-08 - New York State Child Care Block Grant Assistance Program Allocations SFY 2022-2023
- 22-OCFS-LCM-14 - Child Care Assistance Program Market Rates 2022

**Dear Provider Letter** Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Updates- June 22, 2022



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## OTHER INITIATIVES

- Retroactive Absence Payments
- On-line CCAP Application
- Assessment of Barriers to Accessing CCAP
- Outreach Initiatives





## CCAP FUNDING

- \$894.6 million NYSCCBG allocation
- \$548.8 million prior period rollover
- \$609 million federal pandemic funding







## INVEST IN NEW YORK: Child Care Deserts

New York State identified \$100 million to build and expand licensed child care capacity to those areas with the least supply.



# NEW YORK CHILD CARE DESERT, RFA #1

- Released on January 28, 2022
- \$70 million available for new programs
- More than 1,700 applications received before the deadline of May 19!
- Awards announced soon!

## NEW YORK CHILD CARE DESERT, RFA #2

- Released on May 13, 2022
- Applications opening July 20, 2022
- For existing licensed/registered/permitted Article 47 programs
- \$30 million available

## RFA #2: Component A

- Expand child care in existing day care centers, including day care centers permitted by NYC DOHMH and in school-age child care programs.
- Awards are per slot, up to 25 slots, with the potential for bonuses for those new slots if they are infant/toddler or designated by a special needs child
- Programs are not eligible for any bonuses for nontraditional hours.
- Infant/toddler slots or slots for children with special needs must have children enrolled by six months after the date of their pre-approval letter to continue to receive bonus payments.
- SACC programs will not receive bonus funds for infant/toddler care as they are not eligible to serve that population.

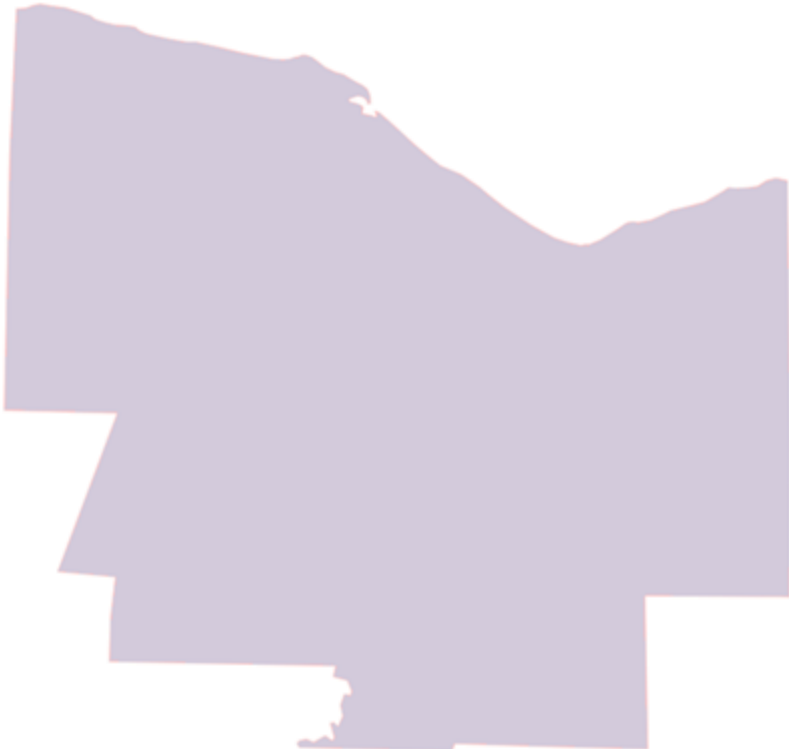
## RFA # 2: Component B

- Expand existing small day care centers, family day care providers and group family day care providers with enrollment currently under their licensed capacity.
- Awards are per program (only 1 award possible per program, with no bonuses) and programs qualify based on one (1) or more of the following criteria:
  - 1) expanding the program to provide non-traditional hours care,
  - 2) enrolling at least 1 special needs child by six months after the date of their preapproval letter or
  - 3) enrolling at least 1 infant/toddler child by six months after the date of their preapproval letter to continue to receive payments
- Program that is already designated as providing nontraditional hours care can only apply under #2 and or #3 above (serving infant/toddlers or children with special needs) assuming under-enrolled and without displacing existing children.

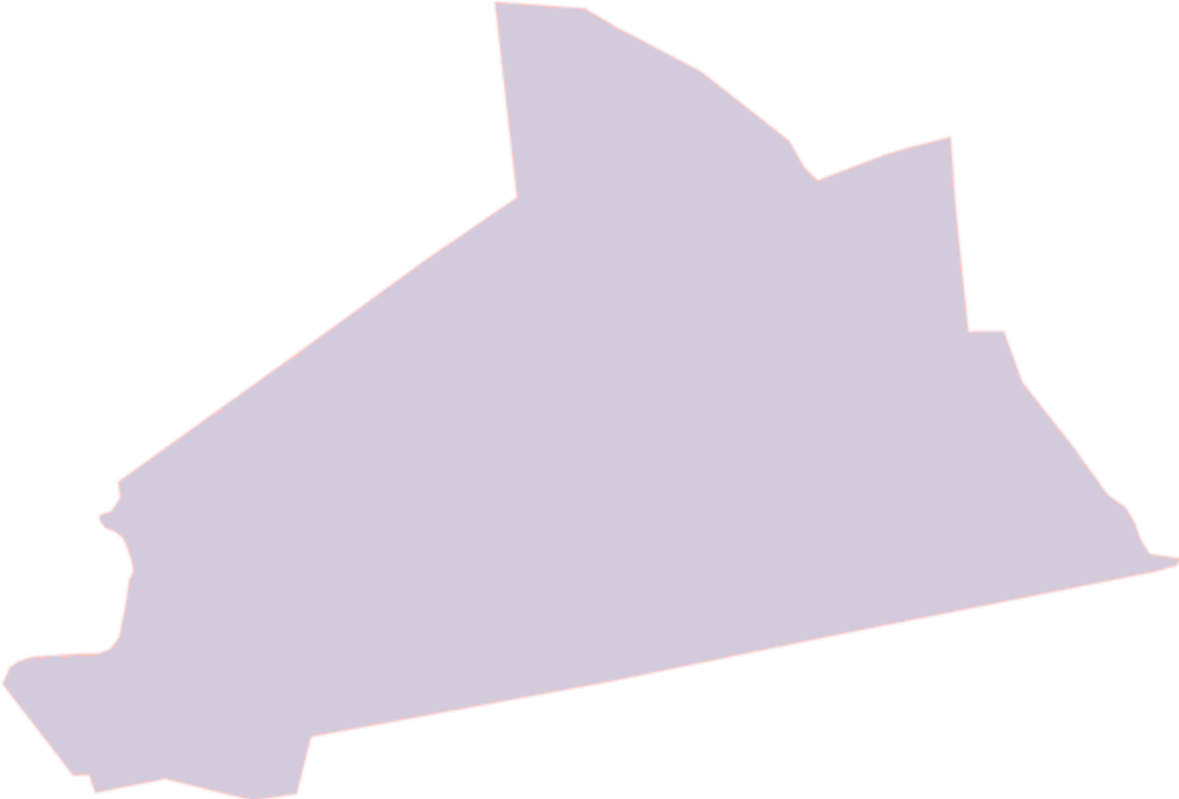




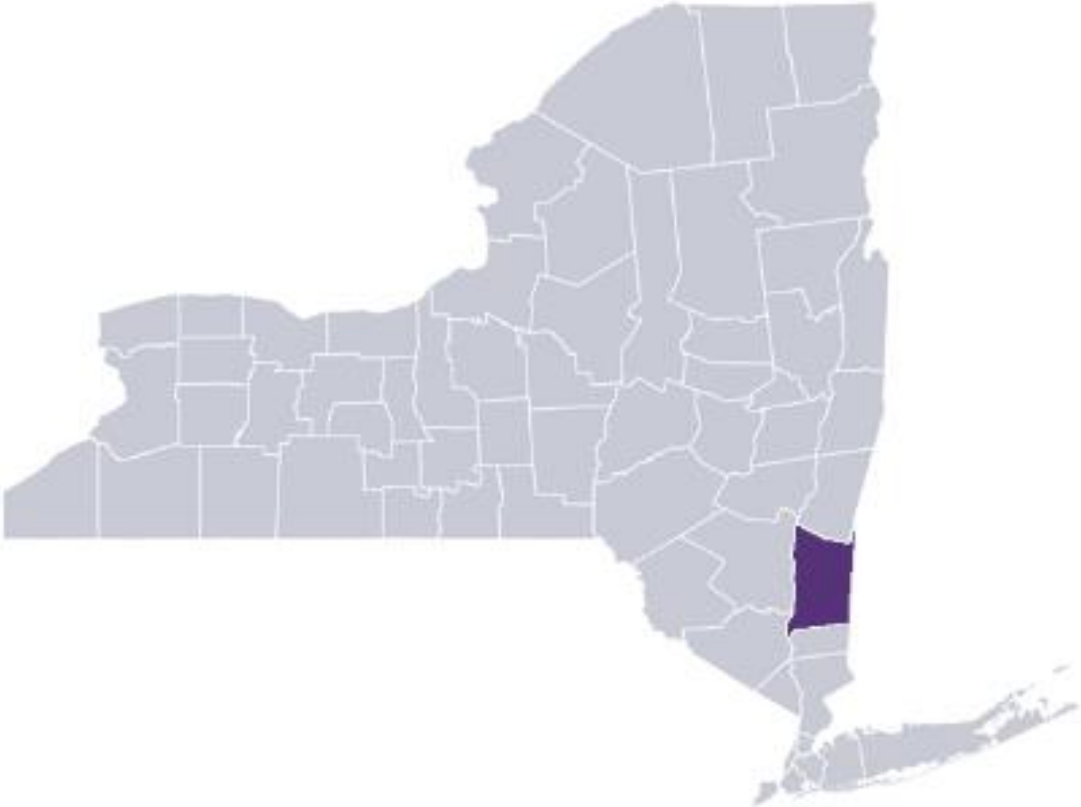
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# QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION



# Next Steps

