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December School Holidays Challenge Working Families in Need of Child Care

The NYS Child Care and After School Locator Can Help

Albany NY – Working families often have difficulties finding child care during the holiday season when children are out of school, but parents are working. With more than 1.1 million students still in need of afterschool programs in New York, school breaks can be a challenge.

The NYS Child Care and After School Program Locator provides a place to start the search for quality programs at any time of the year. This online database can help parents directly identify existing programs in their communities, as well as local referral agencies. The NYS Child Care and After School Program Locator can be accessed at www.NYSChildCare.org. It provides a map of child care and afterschool programs, enabling families to find nearby providers and contact information.

“Many families struggle to find quality care for their children when school is out. That challenge intensifies over the holidays,” said Kelly Sturgis, Executive Director of the New York State Network for Youth Success. “The Child Care and After School Locator is a great resource for working families. Governor Cuomo, Senator Shelley Mayer and Senator Tim Kennedy worked hard to ensure that the NYS Council on Children and Families could provide this needed information through an easily accessible database.”

"Parents across New York are busy and need a straightforward resource for locating child care and afterschool programs. The NYS Child Care and After School Locator is a tool they can use to quickly find the type of care they need that's near their homes or places of work," said Deborah Benson, Executive Director of the NYS Council on Children and Families. The Council coordinates the NYS Child Care and After School Program Locator, as well as state health, education and human services resources to provide more effective systems of care for children and families.

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About The New York State Network for Youth Success

The New York State Network for Youth Success is dedicated to building a youth-serving system that increases the quality and availability of afterschool and expanded learning programs. The Network for Youth Success supports all programs that promote young people's intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development outside the traditional school day. These programs include those that serve youth in kindergarten through 12th grade, take place in schools and/or in community-based settings, and occur before and after school, during weekends, holidays, and summer breaks, or during the school day through partnerships with community organizations.

The Network for Youth Success convenes partners and coordinates them around a common agenda focused on partnership development, policy development, and capacity building. The network connects practice with policy across a broad range of state, regional, and local partners that represent the afterschool, expanded learning, community schools, and youth development fields broadly.

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