**Helpful Childcare Options from Westchester County**

**Childcare Options:**

1.       Westchester County currently offers a drop-in child care program for school age ***children between the ages of 4 and 12.***  The program is run by the County at the YWCA in White Plains (515 North Street), and runs from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9 am to 5 pm.  Hours may be extended depending on need.  Program is free of charge.  Social distancing and related protocols are in place.  Attached is a registration form.  For more information, please contact Rose Finizio, Program Director, at RFinizio@westchestergov.com.

2.       Virginia Marx Children Center at Westchester Community College – the center is available to provide ***child care for infants and toddlers (3 months to 3 years of age).***  Hours of operations are from 7 am to 6 pm. Tuition is $118 per child, per day. For more information and to request a registration form, please contact site director, Susan Zucker at Susan.Zucker@sunywcc.edu.

3.       Child Care Council also provides a wide variety of child care services throughout the County.  They offer individualized referral services (contact info in the attached document) for parents in need – depending on hours for care, geography, cost, etc.

4.       School Districts – While not every school district offers child care services, there are many that do.  We suggest that parents contact their local school districts first by checking their respective website for more information on services offered.  School districts are also distributing meals to their students and their families – days and hours may vary.

5.       Other locations – Throughout the county, there are other nonprofit organizations that are offering child care services.  While fees and times of service vary, parents should contact their local Ys (YMCA/YWCA), Boys and Girls Clubs, Children Centers, etc.

**Child Care Scholarships/Subsidies:**

There were two announcements made within the last two weeks regarding financial assistance to help with child care costs.  Below is a summary of the two programs currently available.  Note that these funds cover child care for children from birth to 12 years of age. Please share this with your colleagues as well.

1.       *NYS CARES Program:*  This state program covers the child care costs of income-eligible workers.  To be eligible, a worker must be employed outside the home in an essential occupation, have income under 300% of the Federal Poverty Level, and either has or would like to enroll a child or children in a child care program regulated by the NYS Office of Children and Family *Services*.  Below is an income chart that provide income eligibility based on family size.  These scholarships currently cover the period between April 20 to May 15th, with a possibility of extending this period if the Governor decides to extend NY Pause.

Link to the application for this program: [NYS CARES Program](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvxhLCNWoq4koXGsY2QbInTgj8MTB3911ZO9Kw2rgz5ciLrQ/viewform)

If link does not work, please copy and paste the following to your browser:

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| **Family Size** | **Gross Household Income Eligibility (Maximum)** |
| 2 | $51,720 |
| 3 | $65,160 |
| 4 | $78,600 |
| 5 | $92,040 |
| 6 | $105,480 |

*2.       CCCW First Responders and Essential Workers Child Care Scholarship Program:*Thanks to funding from the Westchester Community Foundation and RXR Development Group, the Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc. has established a scholarship fund for first responders and essential workers who live in Westchester County.  To be eligible, gross household income must be under 85% of NYS’s Median Income (SMI), one parent must be a first responder or an essential worker, and children must be enrolled in an OCFS licensed or registered child care program in Westchester County.  Parents must also submit a complete application for the Child Care Subsidy to DSS within the first 30 days of applying for this scholarship.  Below is a chart that provides gross household income eligibility based on family size:

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| **Family Size** | **Gross Income Below** |
| **2** | **$55,453** |
| **3** | **$68,501** |
| **4** | **$81,549** |
| **5** | **$94,597** |
| **6** | **$107,645** |

For more information on either of these scholarship programs, please contact the Child Care Council of Westchester at (914) 761-3456.