***Southern Adirondack Child Care Network Connects Essential Workers with CARES Child Care Scholarships***

The Southern Adirondack Child Care Network applauds the action of the Cuomo Administration in developing a plan to provide child care to essential workers at no cost. This allocation of funding for child care for essential workers comes to the state from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), which has provided New York with $163.6 million in emergency relief to the child care system.

New York State is using a portion of this funding to provide free child care for income eligible essential workers.  Essential workers using a regulated child care provider will receive a scholarship for the cost of care as long as the funds to support it are available.  All licensed and regulated providers who are caring for essential workers are able to participate in this program.

If a person meets the definition of an essential employee, is required to work outside the home and has child care needs, they can register [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvxhLCNWoq4koXGsY2QbInTgj8MTB3911ZO9Kw2rgz5ciLrQ/viewform?usp=sf_link). Someone from the Southern Adirondack Child Care Network will call you within one business day. During the call we will follow up on next steps to gather information about your household and help you identify a participating child care provider or work with your current registered or licensed child care provider.

Questions: Contact the Southern Adirondack Child Care Network at 518-798-7972.