



## CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF SUFFOLK, INC.

### **New York Forward Child Care Expansion Incentive One-Time Reopening/Restructuring and Temporary Operating Assistance Grants**

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is accepting applications for two separate grants available through NYS with funding from the federal CARES Act related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **The deadline for submission has been extended to July 22, 2020.**

OCFS will put forward \$65 million for the [second installment of the CARES funding](#) to incentivize reopening of closed programs and the expansion of child care capacity in open programs to assist in reopening efforts of New York Forward.

- \$20 million to assist reopening and expansion of capacity by providing materials and activities to support a more socially distant model, and for supplies associated with reopening and expansion.
- \$45 million in Reopening and Expansion Incentive Temporary Assistance. This is a noncompetitive application.

Programs can apply for both grants. To determine eligibility, [go to the OCFS-5450 Application, Part IV.](#)

Legally exempt providers are only eligible for the [One-Time Grants for Reopening/Restructuring Materials, Activities, and Supplies grant.](#)

**Visit the [OCFS Website](#) for more details, instructions & a budget template.**

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### **OCFS Comprehensive Background Check (CBC) Requirements Back in Full Effect**

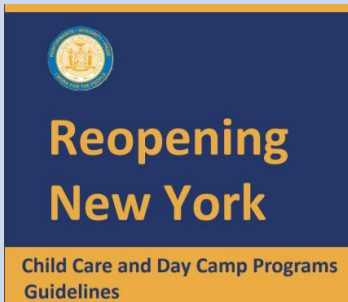
Effective July 7, 2020, all child care program employees, volunteers and household members over 18 years of age in family/group family child care programs **are again subject to the OCFS Comprehensive Background Check requirements.**

These requirements had been temporarily suspended as a result of the COVID-19

emergency in New York State. The Emergency Child Care Employment guidance that was issued on April 8, 2020 on interim basis is no longer applicable. Additional information and guidance regarding the Comprehensive Background Check requirements can be found at: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/#cc-bg-clearance>.

Please note: individuals who have been issued an emergency employment waiver will be required to complete the comprehensive background check process. OCFS will be in contact regarding these individuals.

Also note that the \$25.00 SCR processing fee is still currently suspended until further notice. Please contact your licensing/registration office if you have additional questions.



**The Interim Guidance for Child Care Programs and Summer Camps** is available on the [OCFS website](#). It is now available in several languages, including [Spanish](#), [Haitian Creole](#) and [Chinese](#).

LIRO and the Child Care Councils will be holding an additional webinar to review the guidelines. Please contact your licenser/registrar with any questions.

Although the infection rate is now significantly lower in Suffolk County it is imperative that you continue to follow all safety protocols - including face coverings, health screenings, restricting access to your program, frequent hand washing and smaller groups sizes.