



OCFS AWARDS GRANTS TO COMBAT CHILD CARE FRAUD

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has awarded Child Care Fraud Prevention and Detection Incentive grants totaling \$1,198,823 to 20 County social services districts throughout the state. These grants will provide local social services districts with the resources needed for detecting, prosecuting and preventing child care subsidy fraud.

In announcing the grant recipients, OCFS Commissioner Gladys Carrión said, “These grants demonstrate the state’s continued commitment to the families of New York State by combating fraud and promoting the integrity of child care programs, while ensuring that those who are most in need of child care subsidies receive them.”

OCFS has oversight responsibilities for the provision of child care subsidies for low-income working families funded under the New York State Child Care Block Grant for over 210,000 children annually and oversees the licensing and registration of over 18,000 child care providers and 50,000 legally-exempt child care providers. Fraudulent payments reduce funds available for eligible families who rely on subsidies to help pay for child care, thereby preventing them from receiving child care assistance.

OCFS has launched a multi-faceted, anti-fraud initiative to identify and investigate suspected fraud cases, of which these Child Care Fraud Prevention and Detection Incentive grants are a component. In addition to deploying a statewide automated Child Care Time and Attendance system, OCFS revised the child care subsidy regulations to provide local social services districts with more authority to stop child care payments where appropriate and initiate enforcement actions against child care providers when they are found to be engaging in fraudulent activities.

The Child Care Fraud Prevention and Detection Incentive grantees, listed by region, are as follows:

Region 1 – Buffalo

Erie County	\$94,051
Cattaraugus County	\$40,000

Region 2 – Rochester

Monroe County	\$47,433
Steuben County	\$40,000
Ontario County	\$40,000
Chemung County	\$40,000
Jefferson County	\$40,000

Region 3 – Syracuse

Onondaga County	\$60,000
Broome County	\$58,529
Cayuga County	\$40,000
Tompkins County	\$40,000

Region 4 – Albany

Albany County	\$60,000
Essex County	\$40,000
Franklin County	\$40,000
Schenectady	\$60,000

Region 5 – New York City \$100,000

Region 6 – Spring Valley

Westchester County	\$98,810
Rockland County	\$60,000

Region 7 – Long Island

Nassau County	\$100,000
Suffolk County	\$100,000