

Hammondsport Central School District proposes to partner with the local New York State Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agency. CCR&Rs are community-based organizations uniquely designed for the purpose of working with families in developing a child care plan. Parents can call in and consult with a child care Parent Education Counselor who can provide them with consumer education and referrals to child care programs. We provide families with a range of child care options that meet the criteria of the parent's choice. If a parent is seeking referrals, they will receive a customized child care profile with the referrals as discussed between the parent and parent counselor. CCR&Rs use a database, in which all data collected (including profession) regarding a family's expressed need is captured and matched with available programs. The standard process is that the family will then be mailed a packet with the child care program's information, along with resources on what to look for in quality care. Typically, it is then up to the parent set up a time to visit the programs and select the program that fits their needs.

In response to the anticipated demand for child care during school closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, The CCR&Rs of Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties are committed to providing an enhanced service to parents identified as essential service personnel. Enhanced service includes calling the provider to verify that they still have availability and then work with parent in setting up an appointment with the program.

The school district will advertise to parents this service through multiple mediums to increase the potential that it gets into the hands of parents identified as essential service personnel including news releases, flyers and website/social media posts. In addition, the district will share this information with healthcare organizations and emergency services in the communities we serve.

CCR&Rs are taking the follow steps to verify and increase capacity:

- Increase marketing efforts for their referral services.
- Screen all programs, daily if possible, for vacancies and program closures.
- Work with OCFS' regional office for processing waivers for increased capacity for interested programs.

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