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Program

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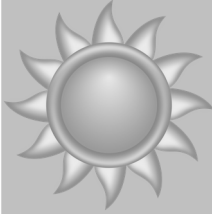
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Programs At A Glance ~

Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.



Child Care Resource and Referral (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Provides information to parents on locating child care, consumer education, referrals, subsidies, services for families
- Recruits child care providers, provides start-up information and technical assistance in meeting regulatory requirements
- Provides the community with education on child care issues and current data needed in planning for community services
- Supports employers in planning, implementing and providing employee child care services
- Offers Quality Improvement initiatives to child care providers

Child Care Registration (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Provides supervision of 64 family day care homes in Dutchess and 15 in Putnam
- Provides supervision of 43 school age programs in Dutchess, and 14 in Putnam
- Includes processing new and renewal applications, monitoring and inspecting programs, providing technical assistance and investigating complaints

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP—Dutchess and Putnam)

- Supports group and family day care providers in serving nutritious, healthy meals and snacks to children in their care
- Manages the CACFP federal reimbursement program for participating providers

Health Care Consultancy Services (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Registered Nurse on staff conducts training on health issues for child care providers
- Reviews and approves health care plans for medication administration
- Conducts training for medication administration

Day Care Subsidy Administration (Putnam)

- Manages the subsidized day care services program

Regional Infant-Toddler Technical Assistance Center (Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster, Orange and Sullivan)

- Provides training and technical assistance to providers who care for infants and toddlers

Resource Lending Library (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Onsite lending library consists of toys, equipment, teaching units and professional resources

Child Care Tuition Scholarship Program (Dutchess)

- Administers child care scholarships to income-eligible families whose children attend licensed child care centers in Dutchess County. Funded by the Dyson Foundation

Professional Development (Dutchess and Putnam)

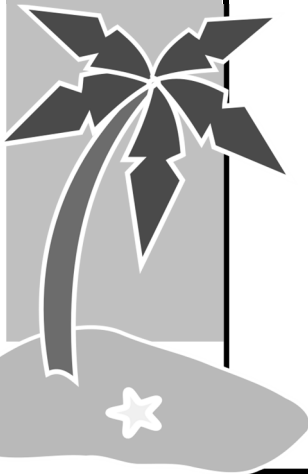
- Provides opportunities for child care providers to take trainings in the nine required topic areas
- Training opportunities may be held at the Child Care Council or at the program site.
- Quarterly cluster meetings for home-based child care providers
- Quarterly workshops for child care providers and parents

Babies Step Forward (Dutchess and Putnam)

- Provide Child Development Associate and Medication Administration Training to staff at two day care centers, one in Dutchess and one in Putnam County

Resilient Children/Resilient Communities Initiative (Putnam)

- The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. is a stakeholder in a pilot project led by the National Center for Disaster Preparedness in partnership with Save the Children to create emergency plans that meet the substantial needs of children in disasters.



Congratulations to all of our nominees!

Day Care Centers

Acorns to Oaks Georgeann Colasacco	Creative Kids Child Care Center Kathleen Mac Donald Desiree Rodwell	Imagination Station Children's Center, Inc.	Pine Grove Country Day Care Rose DiCarlo Jeanne Licata Claire Paulmeno
Bright Horizons Children's Center	Dover Golden Goose Preschool & Senior Center Megan Brown Tina Evans Angie Walts	Infant Toddler Center at Vassar College Pamela Covell	Poughkeepsie Child Development Center, Inc.
Care 4 Me, Inc. Brandi Curtin	Dreamland Daycare Cheryl Fiore	J.A.C.E. Daycare and Early Learning Program Jennifer Alvarez Rachel Bieber Chandra Richardson	Rhinebeck Montessori School Tina Turzik
Cedar Street Day Care, Inc. Debra Rhodes	Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc. Lauren Durnin	Kidz Town Dutchess Courtney Delaney	Small World Child Care Tracey Burger
Child Care By Valerie, Inc. Andrea Addington Valerie Andrews Theresa Mooney	Heart 2 Heart Child Care Center LLC Vicki Beauchesne Rosemaria Dossantos Daniel Rudolph	Kinderhaus Montessori School of Hyde Park, Inc.	St Lawrence O'Toole Early Childhood Learning Center Stages Childcare Inc.
Cinnamon Tree of East Fishkill, Inc. Dena Cohen	Honey Bee Child Care Corp II Sharon Cicero Tienna Cochran Paula De Vizio Sharon Gioio Cicero Susie Loureiro Victoria Loureiro	Little Hands Childcare	Step by Step Child Care Tara Gigliotti
Community Family Development, Inc. North Site Kagal Knight	Honeybee Childcare Corp Kim Buckley Shatia Cohen Allison Jonietz Shelby Wesdorp Kedisha Wray	Mid Hudson Valley Early Education Center Megan Contini Tammy Corcoran Kathryn Starr Jacobina Tiani	Step by Step Childcare Center LLC Dainna Lifrieri
Country Grove Children's Ctr. Creative Kids Childcare Maureen Elizabeth Fredrickson Monika Forbes Jessica Libertino Kristina Wynne	Hudson Valley Community Services Early Childhood Aimee Martine	Once Upon a Time Pre-school & Daycare	The Children's Station of Brewster Miranda Capone Gianna Flocco Julie Gonzalez Janice Laughlin Lynn Shinkaroff
Creative Kids Kent, LLC Leanna Commisso Ellen Glasser Jennifer Hanner Ashley Martin	Hyde Park Nursery	Over The Rainbow Learning Center Yosselin Morales	The Enchanted Forest Day Care and Learning Center, LLC Tina Paige
Creative Kids Mahopac Frank Benitez Denise Campo Kimberly Fraser Jennifer Hanner Lauren Pesce Torri Vasi			Tots-N-Us Main Building Valley Daycare Center Ltd.

Group Family Day Care

Early Bird Childcare	First Friends Day Care	Gilead Learning Center LLC Melanie Castro Miss Kathy	Meryana Kakish
Feels Like Home Childcare, INC. Joanna Fareira	Friends and Fun LLC	Little Star Day Care Marisela Jaramillo	Nancy's Little Angels
Feels Like Home Childcare, Inc. Marisol Hoffmann	Froggy's Play Palace Erica Dieleman		Group Family Day Care
			Victorian Teddy Bears/Cedar Tree Preschool

Family Day Care

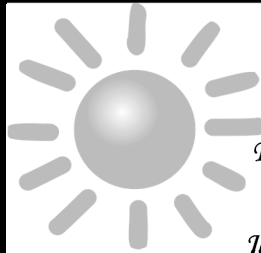
Blooming Buddies Alison Ugarte	Dori Wood-Burke	Kim's Little Angels Family Day Care	Shirley Montelone-Harrington
Brooks Family Day Care, LTD. Brook Schimmel Christine Panko Denise Copeland	Early Learners Daycare Kim Ciardullo	Miss Tracy's Family Daycare	The Happy Face Daycare Doretha Oliver
	Humble Life Child Care Jonnalynne Rouse Marie Daley	My Little Angels	Tiny Foot Steps Childcare Margaret Laba
		Daycare/Preschool, Inc	
		Rhinebeck Family Day Care Darlene Behrens	

School Age Child Care

Family Services, Inc.	Honeybee Child Care Corp. at Nassau Elementary	Mt. Tremper Outdoor Ministries at Matthew Patterson Michelle Barragan	YMCA of Central and Northern Westchester
Honeybee Child Care Corp. at Hagan Elementary Dana Coker	Mt. Tremper Outdoor Ministries, Inc. at Deacon Smith Heather Duben	Town of Putnam Valley at Elementary School	at Lakeview Elementary School Ashley Milioti Jake D'Agnese

Milestone Anniversaries

Congratulations to the day care providers and staff celebrating Milestone Anniversaries in 2018.



Five Years

- Carol Fisher* - St. Lawrence O'Toole Early Childhood Learning Center
Eileen DePaoli - St. Lawrence O'Toole Early Childhood Learning Center
Giana Flocco - The Children's Station of Brewster
Jessica Grutzner - St. Lawrence O'Toole Early Childhood Learning Center
Meghan Hernandez - Mid Hudson Valley Early Education Center
Katherine McDonald - Mid Hudson Valley Early Education Center
Jillian Rudowich - Creative Kids Childcare
Lesley Sprauer - Mid Hudson Valley Early Education Center
Angie Walts - Dover Golden Goose Preschool & Senior Center



Ten Years

- Lorna Corbo* - Busy Bees Learning Center GFDC
Fianna Romeo-Ashmead - Creative Kids ChildCare Center
Samantha Stoerzinger - Country Grove Children's Ctr
Shauntee Thomas - Mid Hudson Valley Early Education Center



Fifteen Years

- Patricia Bonatto* - The Children's Station of Brewster
Lisa Bowman - Child Care by Valerie, Inc.
Christine Eighmy - Little People Family Daycare

Twenty Years

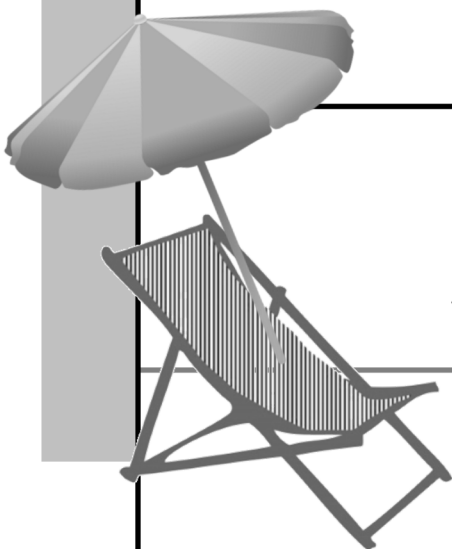
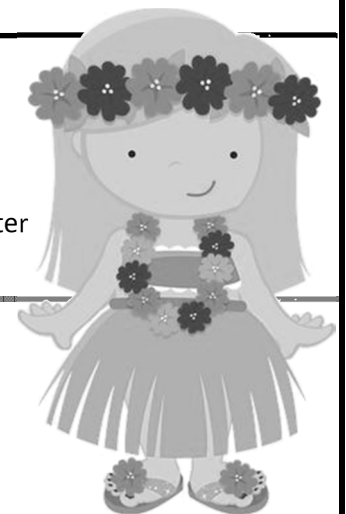
- Kelly La Falce* - Astor Early Childhood Program
Annmarie Spinelli - Town of Putnam Valley

Twenty-Five Years

- Valerie Andrews* - Child Care by Valerie, Inc.
Amy Balfour - Small World Child Care
Suzanne Diegel - Mid Hudson Valley Early Education Center
Trudy Lackner - The Children's Corner

Thirty Years

- Lisa Kroohs* - Town of Putnam Valley
Deborah Milone - Astor Early Childhood Program
Laurie Murray - Astor Early Childhood Program



2018 Education Awards

*Congratulations to the following persons who have achieved an Education Milestone during 2017.
We salute your efforts to further your education to enhance what you offer to children and their families.*

Meghan Behler

Wish Upon A Star Childcare, Inc.
Bachelors Degree in English

Shelly Ann Finnigen

Astor Early Childhood Program
Bachelors in Early Childhood

Caitlin Hernandez

Kidz Town of Dutchess

**Bachelors of Science in Human Development
with a concentration in Early Childhood**

Maribel Davila

Astor Early Childhood Program

New York State Teaching Assistant Certification

Precious Hawley

Astor Early Childhood Program

New York State Teaching Assistant Certification

Annie Lyne

Astor Early Childhood Program

New York State Teaching Assistant Certification

Aida Avellino

Creative Kids ChildCare Center

Child Development Associate in Preschool

Majdolin Bonjovey

Small World Child Care

Child Development Associate

Ashley Chauvin

Creative Kids ChildCare Center

Child Development Associate in Infant/Toddler

Meghan Behler

Wish Upon A Star Childcare, Inc.

Associates Degree in Early Childhood

Christina Fasone

Honeybee Child Care Corp. II

**Associates in Applied Science,
Early Childhood**

Clara Maldonado

Astor Early Childhood Program

Associates Degree in Early Childhood

Krista Mauro

Astor Early Childhood Program

New York State Teaching Assistant Certification

Jennifer Ortiz

Astor Early Childhood Program

New York State Teaching Assistant Certification

Nicole Syslo

Astor Center at Mt. Alvernia

New York State Teaching Assistant Certification

Marie Daley

**Child Development Associate Family Child Care
Renewal**

Mercedes Gutierrez

The Little House on The Hill Day Care

Child Development Associate

Christine Smith

Creative Kids ChildCare Center

Child Development Associate in Infant/Toddler

Congratulations to our Award Winners!

Dutchess County

Darlene Behrens

Rhinebeck Family Daycare
Dutchess County Child Care Council
Award of Excellence

Step by Step Childcare Center LLC

Dutchess County Day Care Center of the Year

Honeybee Childcare Corp. at Hagan Elementary
Honeybee Childcare Corp. at Nassau Elementary

Dutchess County School Age
Program of the Year

Feels Like Home Childcare Inc.

Dutchess County Group Family Day Care
Program of the Year

Kim Ciardullo

Early Learners Daycare
Dutchess County Family Day Care
Program of the Year

Caitlin Hernandez

Kidz Town of Dutchess
Dutchess County Outstanding
Special Needs Award

Valerie Andrews

Child Care by Valerie
Dutchess County Director of the Year

Brandi Curtin

Care 4 Me, Inc.
Dutchess County Staff Member of the Year

Jessica Libertino

Creative Kids Childcare at Beekman
Dutchess County Rookie of the Year

Putnam County

Pine Grove Country Daycare

Pine Grove Country Day Care
Pine Grove Country Day Care at Baldwin Park
Putnam County Child Care Council
Award of Excellence

Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc.

Putnam County Day Care Center of the Year

Town of Putnam Valley at Elementary School

Putnam County School Age
Program of the Year

Gilead Learning Center, LLC

Putnam County Group Family Day Care
Program of the Year

Dori Wood-Burke

Putnam County Family Day Care
Program of the Year

Ashley Milioti

YMCA of Central and Northern Westchester
at Lakeview Elementary School
Putnam County Outstanding
Special Needs Award

Ashley Martin

Creative Kids Kent
Putnam County Director of the Year

Lynn Shinkaroff

The Children's Station of Brewster, Inc.
Putnam County Staff Member of the Year

Frank Benitez

Creative Kids Mahopac
Putnam County Rookie of the Year



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The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.
would like to **congratulate** all of this year's nominees and award winners! Many thanks
for all your **hard work** and everything you have done for the children of our community!
The dedication you bring to your program is invaluable!

National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day: May 11, 2018



The second Sunday in May has long been recognized as the day to honor mothers and their commitment to children. **The Friday before Mother's Day, May 11, 2018, is Provider Appreciation Day**, a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers, school-age program staff, child care center directors and staff, and all those who work with children and are responsible for their education and care. **It is estimated that nearly 11 million children under age 5 are cared for by 2.8 million child care providers in the United States.**

Provider Appreciation Day began in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey who saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents. Momentum and support for this event has grown each year, and recognition presently includes individuals and government organizations throughout North America, Europe, and Asia.

To learn more about Provider Appreciation Day, visit
www.providerappreciationday.org



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Liaisons from Dutchess County Legislature

Rebecca Edwards
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Nancy Owen

Council Clerk
26 years

Jeanne Wagner

Executive Director
20 years

Karen Walsh

Resource and Referral Supervisor
12 years

Lorraine Scuccimarra

CACFP Coordinator
12 years

Stacey Rosborough

Day Care Registration Supervisor
12 years

Rosemarie Lawton

Infant/Toddler Specialist
12 years

Kim Wolfe

Putnam County Day Care Services Administrator
12 years

Dawn Haecker

Putnam County Day Care Services Assistant
11 years

Carol Taylor

Day Care Registrar
11 years

Mary Schreiber

Putnam County Early Childhood Specialist
10 years

Darla Fulmer

Day Care Registrar/Professional
Development Coordinator
7 years

George Bartalsky

Financial Manager
3 years

Cara Brooks

Day Care Registrar
3 years

Jennifer Brainard

Day Care Registrar
2 years

Megan Weber, RN

Health Care Consultant
2 years

Darlene Johnson

Referral Specialist
1 year

Alicia Sullivan

Day Care Registrar
5 months

Julianna Todaro

Referral Specialist
3 months



Fun Facts about The Champions of Child Care Celebration

How did Champions of Child Care get started?

For many years the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. held a luncheon at a local restaurant for its Annual Meeting with speakers, election of the Board of Directors and recognition of child care providers. The recognition of providers was at the end of the meeting and as the program seemed to last longer each year, many in the audience had returned to work before the recognition took place.

Then in 2003, a small group of us decided “to give it a shot” and host an event solely to recognize and honor child care providers. There was little time to plan, so we hoped it would all come together. We had no intention of doing this again.

Approximately 100 people attended (more than we had anticipated) at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. The son of one of the Council staff entertained with a spectacular tap dancing routine and everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner. The rest of the evening was devoted to presenting awards and honoring child care providers. As people were leaving, we were overwhelmed with the many sincere thank you’s. But one family day provider’s comment made all the difference as she said, “I was planning to close my doors because I felt discouraged and unappreciated. But after tonight feel appreciated and I’m staying open.”

That one comment gave us the reason and the inspiration to continue to celebrate the many dedicated, caring and passionate people who care for our children every day.

How many awards have you given out?

Special Awards: We have given awards to **266 child care providers** that have been nominated by their peers.

Milestone Awards

5 Year Milestone Awards: 258
10 Year Milestone Awards: 145
15 Year Milestone Awards: 80
20 Year Milestone Awards: 49
25 Year Milestone Awards: 23
30 Year Milestone Awards: 10
35 plus Year Milestone Awards: 9
TOTAL Milestone Awards: 574

Education Awards

Child Development Associate: 124
School Age Credential: 12
Accreditation/Re-Accreditation: 13
Associates Degree: 45
Bachelors Degree: 29
Masters Degree: 21
Doctorate: 1
Other: 11
TOTAL Education Awards: 256



How do you decide who receives a Milestone or Education Award?

A flyer is sent by mail and electronically to all regulated child care providers asking for years of service in five year increments and any educational achievements received within the past 12 months.

How do people nominate child care providers?

About 2 months before the Champions Event, we invite anybody to submit a nomination for any child care provider in Dutchess and Putnam Counties. We send this form electronically to all parents and providers on our mailing list and through the postal service to all regulated child care providers. We ask this to be shared across all social media outlets and ask that it be given to all parents in child care programs. The link to our online nomination form is available on our website and also through our Facebook page. Many reminders are sent out electronically during the nomination period.

How do you choose the Special Awards Winners?

After all of the nominations have been submitted, the Champions of Child Care Committee spends about a week reading through all of them on our own. We then come together and vote on the nominations that were written to decide the most deserving of the award in each category. We do not count the number of nominations or decide the winner based on the number of nominations submitted for that program or individual.

How do you choose what the theme is?

There are evaluation forms on the tables at the Champions Event. We ask for feedback in all areas of the event. Last year there was an overwhelming response for a Tropical Luau for this year’s theme. Please be sure to give us your feedback for next year!

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Jeanne Wagner, Executive Director

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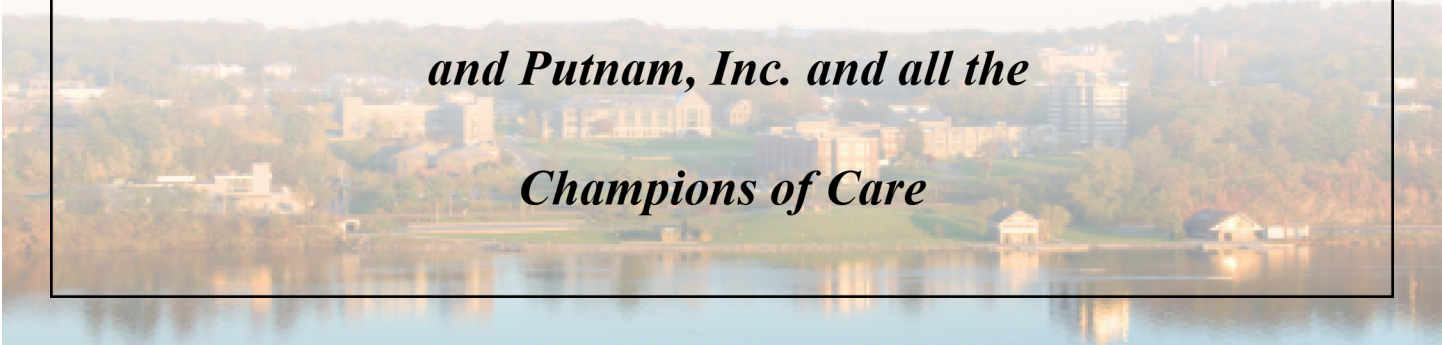
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You spend half your day counting children.

You have an
unhealthy
obsession
with school
supplies.

You have said, "Oh! This would be perfect for the center!" down every aisle of the Thrift Store.

You can tell it's a full moon without ever looking outside.

People call you the "Child Whisperer".

You have an uncontrollable urge to correct other people's children in public.



Sitting on a teeny, weeny chair is completely normal.

Your family is used to you constantly singing nursery rhymes.

You can hear 25 voices behind you and know exactly which one belongs to the child out of line.

YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT THE BREAK ROOM SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH A MAI TAI MACHINE.