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Family Enrichment Network connects Families and Child Care Providers with CARES Child Care Scholarships

Johnson City, NY – The newest allocation of funding to the state from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) provides New York with an additional \$88.6 million in emergency relief to the child care system. This includes \$20 million in child care scholarships for children of essential workers that will run from November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 or until funds are depleted.

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 new program.

New York State’s continued funding will ensure that the workforce that is needed to protect and care for the public during this ongoing pandemic have the child care they need. This scholarship will be administered through Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies. CCR&Rs are the child care experts and the conduit to accessing child care in New York State.

If you meet the definition of an essential employee and have child care needs, visit www.familyenrichment.org/child-care-referral-pg.html. Complete the parent application and Family Enrichment Network 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. Funding is effective the day the application was received (if approved) and is not retroactive. Email childcarescholarship@familyenrichment.org with any questions.

The vision of Family Enrichment Network is that all children and families in our service area have the opportunity to grow and develop to their full potential. By offering over 35 programs and services to this community, Family Enrichment Network is able to ensure children and their families a better way of life. For more information, please visit www.familyenrichment.org or find them on Facebook.

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