



# SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM



### **RECENT CHANGES MAKING CHILD CARE SUBSIDY MORE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE FOR FAMILIES:**

- **Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Family Fee reduced from 10% to 1% of the difference between gross annual income and the NYS Income Standard. No family fees for families in shelter, in receipt of Temporary Assistance, or in guardianship cases.
- **Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>** - Income Eligibility Level for new applications & recertifications increases from 200% to 300 % of the NYS State Income Standard!
- Cases remain open up to 85% of the State Median Income of New York, allowing families to maintain benefits as their income increases.
- Support for providers through increased absence payments.
- Approved activities include: employment, education, vocational training, substance abuse/mental health treatment, teen parents attending high school, and emergency situations of short duration.

To apply: (631) 854-3349 or <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Social-Services/>

For help locating a provider: 631-462-0303 or <http://www.childcaresuffolk.org/>

