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GOVERNOR SPITZER ANNOUNCES OVER \$1 MILLION IN CHILD CARE GRANTS*Funding to Help Start, Expand and Improve Child Care Facilities across the State*

Governor Eliot Spitzer today announced child care facilities across New York will receive over \$1 million from the Child Care Block Grant. The child care grants will be used to launch and expand school-age child care programs and day care centers, creating 268 new child care slots. The funds will be distributed through the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to 49 qualified child care organizations which will use the grants for capital improvements to start, expand, and improve the safety of child care programs.

"Child care is a vital component in the early learning system to prepare children for lifelong learning," said Governor Spitzer. "Working to provide all of our children with high-quality, stimulating child care is essential so that our next generation of New Yorkers can grow and prosper. This funding will ensure that many child care programs are safe, healthy and productive. When we invest in our child care programs, we help to improve their learning environments, and we also ensure economic security for hard-working New York families."

Senator Carl Kruger, Chair of the Social Services, Children and Families Committee said: "Safe, affordable and reliable child care has always been a foremost concern for working parents struggling to make ends meet in our city and state. I am gratified that the federal government has recognized the urgent need to launch and expand school-age child care programs and day care centers with this grant, thereby increasing the options for working parents who previously encountered dead ends in locating child care they could both trust and afford."

Assemblymember William Scarborough, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families, said: "Quality child care is one of the most important investments that can be made to help families. Parents can stay active in the workforce while children develop the solid foundation they need to achieve in school. An investment in quality child care is a contribution to the economic self-sufficiency of working families that will benefit children, their parents and New York State."

Gladys Carrión, Commissioner of OCFS, said: "It is crucial that parents and caregivers have access to safe, reliable child care. These grants will help provide safer and healthier environments in which children across New York State can learn and grow."

Carol Saginaw, Executive Director of the NYS Child Care Coordinating Council, said: "Health and safety is the foundation upon which all other quality of life is built. We applaud the Governor for making these critical funds available to child care programs across the state."

Nancy Kolben, Executive Director of Child Care, Inc., said: "New York State is making an important investment in expanding access to quality environments for our youngest learners. As a child care resource and referral agency serving the five boroughs of New York City, we know how valuable quality early learning opportunities are for our youngest children and their families."

The recipients of the child care grants:*Amount*

Albany County

Trinity Worship Christian Day Care LLC \$13,999

Bronx County

Phipps Community Development Corp. \$34,450

Cortland County

YMCA of Cortland NY \$19,900

Erie Count

Buffalo Speech & Hearing Center, Inc. \$14,979

Children's Kastle by Edukids, Inc. \$14,990

Lakeview Children's World, Inc. \$13,856

St. John's United Church of Christ
d/b/a EdenKinderCare \$13,457

St. Timothy's Lutheran Child Care Center \$14,062

Franklin County

Joint Council for Economic Opportunity
of Clinton and Franklin counties, Inc. \$14,980

Genesee County

Grandma's Luv'n Care, Inc. \$13,800

Kings County

Kreative Kare Family Day Care, Inc. \$15,000

United Community Day Care Center, Inc. \$50,000

* Yeshivath Kehilath Yakov, Inc. \$195,000

Lewis County

Hand in Hand Early Childhood Center \$5,812

Monroe County

Clarkson Children's Center, Inc. \$9,911

Community Child Care Center of the Third Ward, Inc. \$2,450

Generations Child Care, Inc. \$45,340

Generations Child Care, Inc. \$14,238

Pinnacle Lutheran Church, Missouri
Synod, Henrietta, New York \$8,946

Rochester Institute of Technology, Margaret's House \$14,683

Toddler's Workshop Daycare, Inc.
d/b/a Railroad Junction School Age Program \$15,000

Toddler's Workshop Daycare, Inc.
d/b/a Toddlers Workshop Childcare Center \$8,340

Nassau County

Port Washington Children's Center \$44,000

Niagara County

Collin's Child Care Center, LLC \$6,276

Oneida County

The Jewish Community Foundation of the Mohawk Valley \$15,000

Orange County

Catholic Charities Community \$14,754

Queens County

82nd Street Academics \$15,000

Christine Ayers d/b/a There is no Place Like Home \$14,985

The Nurturing Center, Inc.	\$15,000
Rockland County	
Nyack's Little Schoolhouse/Daycare, Inc.	\$1,294
Saratoga County	
Ballston Area Community Center	\$15,000
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church	\$14,185
Schenectady County	
Jewish Community Center of Schenectady	\$9,195
Schoharie County	
Cobleskill Campus Child Care Center, Inc.	\$14,980
Schoharie County Child Development Council, Inc.	\$14,808
Seneca County	
United Way of Seneca County, Inc	\$36,000
Steuben County	
*Kids at Jean's Place	\$89,658
Suffolk County	
The Community Programs Center of Long Island, Inc.	\$15,000
Suffolk Community College Association, Inc.	\$4,388
Sullivan County	
Twin Bridge Playschool, Inc.	\$14,975
Tompkins County	
Ithaca Montessori School	\$5,570
Tompkins Community Action, Inc.	\$13,385
Ulster County	
Wolf's Daycare Center	\$50,000
Wayne County	
Totco, Inc., d/b/a The Tot Spot Child Care Center, # 3	\$5,146
Zippy, Inc. d/b/a The Tot Spot Child Care Center, # 2	\$13,000
Westchester County	
A Kid's Place	\$7,500
*Family & Community Services, Inc	\$133,000
Sisters of St. John the Baptist	\$15,000
Wyoming County	
New Testament Church d/b/a Little Lights Child Care Center	\$15,000
Total	\$1,165,292

 *Child Care Start-Up/Expansion Award

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