## **Department of Human Services**



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## **MCDHS URI Child Care Funding Project**

This project provides child care subsidy funding for low income individuals residing in Monroe County and enrolled in approved training programs when the trainee is NOT receiving public assistance and does not receive a TANF child care guarantee for training participation *and would not be eligible for IEDC through normal eligibility criteria*. Training participants must have at least one dependent child under age 13, have household income of less than 275% of the federal poverty level and be enrolled in any identified/approved training program that are expected to lead to full time employment in a sector currently in demand and/or supported by other Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council target or priority projects.

Project eligibility will be determined by DHS; DHS will approve care based on established eligibility criteria. The existing Child Care Services application will be used. Individuals can access the application throughout the community, on the Monroe County website or by calling 585-753-6960 for an application to be mailed. Care is eligible for URI funding payment only when used to participate in the training or vocational program. Verification of continued attendance in the training program may be required monthly; cases will be authorized with a 6-month authorization period.

DHS will issue "market rate" (as determined by NYS Office of Children and Family Services) child care reimbursement to the participants' provider for the duration of the approved training and for up to 3 months after the training to allow participant the opportunity to secure employment.

Applications were accepted starting January 2, 2018. We will be collaborating activity with local training providers to provide comprehensive information on the program requirements. Community providers and case managers can work with the DHS point person and training providers to market the program to current and prospective trainees. If assisting individuals with applying, providers and case managers should use the approved URI Day Care Funding Cover Sheet to identify the application and have it routed appropriately.

Approvals will be made on a rolling basis until available funds are fully expended.