



Assistance with Summer Camp Fees: A Guide For Kinship Caregivers Updated 2026

Summer Camp Guide

Summer camp is a great way to provide a kinship caregiver with respite. This guide is a resource for caregivers and the community groups that work with them. The Guide contains pages for the 62 New York State social services districts with information on the availability of stipends for summer camps for low-income children and includes the local policies and any special application forms used by each district.

Four counties: Herkimer, Rockland, Schuyler, and Tompkins counties have indicated they **do not provide camp fees to low-income children**.

Sixteen Counties: Albany, Cattaraugus, Clinton, Essex, Fulton, Monroe, Montgomery, Nassau, NYC (inc. all five boroughs), Oneida, Ontario, Seneca, Suffolk, Warren, Washington, and Yates counties did not respond to our request for information. This guide will be updated to include information for these counties if we receive their responses.

In most social services districts, non-parent caregivers who receive a Non-Parent grant (also known as “child only”, OTG, NPG, and other names) for the children in their care are eligible for camp fees of up to \$400 per year for each child, not to exceed \$200 per week, so long as there are no other available community sources of funding for camps costs.

As a general rule, a child is only eligible for a summer camp grant if the child is in receipt of a “child only” grant, or if the entire household is on Family Assistance. This means that if a relative caregiver who is not in receipt of assistance cares for a child on Supplemental Security Income, that child will not be eligible for camp fees. However, at least two districts use TANF funding to fund camp for children under 200% of poverty, even if they are not in receipt of a grant. Other districts will provide camp fees as a childcare expense if the caretaker is working and/or under 200% poverty.

Resources

Resources (in the appendix):

- Social Services Law SSL § 131 (a)(5)(d)
 - camp fees for a camp operated by a not-for-profit organization, corporation or agency, which has been issued an operating certificate by the appropriate health official in whose jurisdiction such camp is located, when in the judgment of the social services official it is advisable for the welfare of a child receiving family assistance or safety net assistance to attend such camp, provided, however, that funds cannot be obtained from other sources and such assistance is not in excess of maximum fees as established by regulations of the office of temporary and disability assistance; life insurance premiums provided the policy is assigned to the office of temporary and disability assistance, or in cases where the recipient is aged, his or her life expectancy is short, or he or she is deemed uninsurable;
 - <https://codes.findlaw.com/ny/social-services-law/sos-sect-131-a.html>
- 18 NYCRR 352.7(i)
- 05 INF24, p. 8
 - <https://otda.ny.gov/policy/directives/2005/INF/05-INF-24.pdf>
- 00 INF15 (Q. 5 – Definition of summer camp)
 - <https://otda.ny.gov/policy/directives/2000/INF/00inf15.pdf>
- 01 INF11 (Q. 4 – Child on SSI not eligible for camp fees)
 - https://otda.ny.gov/policy/directives/2001/INF/01_INF-11_attach.pdf
- 07 INF-14, (Q. 14 Child Only Questions and Answers) (using Flexible Fund or Family Services to pay for Summer Camp)
 - <https://otda.ny.gov/policy/directives/2007/INF/07-INF-14.pdf>
- GIS 02 TA/DC010 (4/10/02) – using child care funds to pay for camp fees
 - <https://otda.ny.gov/policy/gis/2002/02DC010.rtf>
- 00 OCFS INF 3 – Using child care funds to pay for camp fees
 - https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/policies/external/ocfs_2000/INFs/00-OCFS-INF-03%20Child%20Care%20Subsidies%20for%20School%20Age%20Children%20During%20the%20Summer.pdf
- 06 GIS TA/DC023 (7/10/06) (Camp Fees)
 - <https://otda.ny.gov/policy/gis/2006/06dc023.rtf>

Camp Fees

Local districts may pay for camp fees in several ways: as part of a public assistance grant, as a child care cost for a working caregiver, or under the Flexible Fund for Family Services which is part of the TANF Block Grant. Districts can also facilitate enrollment at free camps or engage in fundraising to assist young campers in their district. Most districts that provide camp fees do so as part of the public assistance grant.

- 1.) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT:** Under N.Y. Social Services Law § 131 (a)(5)(d), as social services district may pay summer camp fees for children who receive public assistance and whose families cannot pay for summer camp themselves. The statute does not set any limits on the amount of fees a social services district may pay, but maximum fees are set at \$200 per week and \$400 per year, per child by regulation in 18 NYCRR 352.7(i).

Under this provision, social services districts are only authorized to pay camp fees for children who receive Family Assistance; they will not pay the camp fees of children who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Safety Net Assistance. Children in the care of relative caregivers are always Family Assistance recipients, so they do not have to worry about a rule that makes children who are in Safety Net Assistance household ineligible for camp fees¹.

- 2.) SUMMER CAMP AS CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE:** Some districts will pay for summer camp as part of a child care grant. In this solution, the caretaker must be working, need care for the child in order to work, and as a general rule, be under 200% of poverty limit². The children must be under the age of 13 or be disabled and under the age of 19. Some counties offer both the public assistance grant for summer camp and, for children who don't qualify for public assistance, the county will pay for camp as child care assistance. Other counties, will only pay for summer camp for parents who qualify under their child care subsidy program. In some counties, only caretakers who are on public assistance and working, or are in a work activity, are eligible for summer camp payments under the child care program.

- 3.) FREE PROGRAMS:** Some counties utilize cost free, or low cost, local camp resources such as Sheriff's camps, and will assist in this referral. These include Chenango, Delaware, Hamilton, Orleans, and Otsego Counties.

¹Children who live in households with their parents are transferred from Family Assistance to the Safety Net Assistance Program after they have been on assistance for 5 years. Districts may not use Safety Net funds to pay for camp fees.

²Some years the State Legislature provides special funding for child care called "Facilitated Enrollment" which allows districts to set eligibility at 275% of poverty. The funding for this is very limited and only a very few districts are awarded this money.

WHAT QUALIFIES AS A SUMMER CAMP? Summer camps are broken into three categories: “summer day camps”, “traveling summer day camps” and “overnight camps.”

- A. Summer day camps serve children under 16 years of age. The children primarily participate in outdoor activities and do not occupy the camp 24 hours a day.
- B. Similarly, traveling summer camps serve children under 16 and are not occupied 24 hours a day. Children are transported on a regular schedule to different places and participate in organized activities together.
- C. Overnight Camps, as the name suggests, are occupied overnight for more than 72 continuous hours by children under 18 years of age. Children participate in organized activities at these camps as well.

Albany County

Contact: Albany County Department of Social Services

Address: 162 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210

Phone: (518) 447-7300 / (518) 447-7500 (DCFS)

Email: DSSchildcaresubsidy@albanycountyny.gov

Website: <https://www.albanycounty.com/departments/social-services>

Notes: No information available at this time.

Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Allegany County

Contact: Allegany Department of Social Services

Address: 7 Court Street, County Office Building, Room
127 Belmont, NY 14813

Phone: (585) 268-9622

Fax: (585) 268-9479

Website: <https://www.alleganyco.com/departments/social-services/>

Notes: Caregivers need to apply through Temporary Assistance.

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Broome County

Contact: Dennis Falvey, Coordinator
Address: Broome County Department of Social Services
36-42 Main Street
Binghamton, NY 13905
Phone: (607) 778-2594
Email: dennis.falvey@broomecountyny.gov
Website: <https://www.gobroomecounty.com/dss/>

Notes: Campership benefits are available in Broome County. Camp fees may be provided at \$200 per week, with a maximum payout of \$400 per year. The child must be a recipient of TANF, the non-parent grant, or be in foster care. Campership benefits are only available to blood-relative kinship caregivers. The attached application is needed to apply for these benefits.

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Attachments:

- 2026 Campership Application

**BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
CAMPERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2026**

This is an application for camp fee payment. Only specific types of assistance qualify for this funding. Parents/Guardians must complete this application in full including signatures. The Social Services employee handling your case must also verify eligibility on qualifying case types and sign this form.

**VOLUNTEER OFFICE
Attn: Dennis Falvey
Broome County Department of Social Services
36-42 Main Street
Binghamton, NY 13905-3199**

Parents/Guardians are responsible for the camp fee themselves if the child is not eligible for Social Services during the time they attend camp. This application must be submitted for determining eligibility.

CHILD'S INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **SOCIAL SECURITY #:** _____

Check which type of assistance the child receives: (only the following qualify)*

_____ **Foster Care – Name of Foster Parents:** _____

All Foster Parents working, will provide proof for all the weeks the child is at camp.
Or Requesting Administrative Approval

_____ **Temporary Assistance-Family Assistance and Safety Net cases including NPC cases.**

**Food Stamps and Medicaid cases are not eligible for campership assistance.*

I am requesting DSS Campership for the above child at:

CAMP: _____ **on/from** _____
Dates Attending Camp

I will pay \$ _____ directly to the camp and request DSS to pay the balance which is \$ _____
(Maximum of \$200.00/week and \$400.00/year)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ **DATE:** _____

DSS REPRESENTATIVE:

Please provide verification of assistance, (WMS printout with case type, status and dates of authorization. Please complete the following (DO NOT leave blank)

CASE NUMBER: _____ **Auth.To:** _____ **CIN:** _____

DSS Representative

NAME (Print): _____ **PHONE EXT:** _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Disposition: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Amount Paid: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cattaraugus County

Contact: Michelle Imhoff
Address: Cattaraugus County Department of Social
Services One Leo Moss Drive Olean, NY
14760
Phone: (716) 373-8065 ext 3690
Website: <https://www.cattco.org/social-services/social-services>

Notes: No information available at this time.
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Cayuga County

Contact: Mary Rathbun, Intake Supervisor
Address: Cayuga County Department of Social Services
160 Genesee Street, County Office Building
Auburn, NY 13021
Phone: (315) 253-1201
Fax: (315) 253-1505
Email: Mary.Rathbun@dfa.state.ny.us
Website: <http://www.cayugacounty.us/260/Social-Services>

Notes: Cayuga County offers scholarships, for those children ages 6-16, in households under 200% of poverty level. Cayuga County automatically sends out letters about summer camp to our open Temporary Assistance for child-only cases (SSI parent or non-parent caregiver). Letters are generally sent out in the beginning of April.

Bottom portion of Campership Letter is the scholarship itself and camps must provide this portion of the original letter when they bill for services

For those families that do not have an open Temporary Assistance case, the parent would complete a TANF Services Application (LDSS-4726) and eligibility would be determined.

Special printing is required for form LDSS-4726 due to many shaded areas

*There is a maximum of \$400.00 per child.

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Attachments:

➤ LDSS-4726: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/applications/4726.pdf>

Chautauqua County

Contact: Maripat Kayes

Address: Chautauqua County Department of Health & Human Services

Mayville Office: Hall R. Clothier Building, 7 North Erie Street Mayville, NY 14757

Dunkirk Office: 319 Central Avenue Dunkirk, NY 14048

Jamestown Office: 110 East Fourth Street Jamestown, NY 14701

Phone: (716) 661-8148

Fax: (716) 661-8225

Email: DSSTA@chqgov.com

Website: <https://chqgov.com/humansocial-services/humansocial-services>

Notes: Applicants must be in receipt of TANF benefits. The guardian/parent can let the camp know that they are on Temporary Assistance. The camps then send the Department of Social Services a list of people to check in our system via fax and we respond to them. Camps bill the agency directly. No additional application necessary.

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Chemung County

Contact: Cindy Ryan, Head Social Welfare Examiner

Address: Chemung County Department of Social Services
Human Resource Center
425 Pennsylvania Avenue, PO Box 588
Elmira, New York 14902-0588

Phone: (607) 737-5334

Fax: (607) 737-5304

Website: <https://www.chemungcountyny.gov/260/Social-Services>

Notes:

- Temporary Assistance: There is no formal application because eligible children are already recipients of temporary assistance. The family should contact their temporary assistance worker.
- Also coordinates with Youth Bureau for no fee sign up

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Chenango County

Contact: Elizabeth Beers, Director of Services

Address: Chenango County Department of Social Services
County Office Building
5 Court Street
Norwich, NY 13815

Phone: (607) 337-1583

Email: Elizabeth.Beers@dfa.state.ny.us

Website: <https://www.chenangodss.org/>

Notes: Chenango County Does not directly provide, but would refer out.

Chenango County has not historically received requests to support summer camp fees for recipient of public assistance. The primary summer camp in the area is operated by the Chenango County Sheriff's office and there is no fee to attend. If the agency does receive a request form a public assistance recipient for camp fees, they would consider it.

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Clinton County

Contact: Gretchen Crowningshield, Principal Social Work Examiner

Address: Clinton County Department of Social Services
13 Durkee Street
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Phone: (518) 565-3289

Fax: (518) 565-3452

Website: <https://www.clintoncountygov.com/dss>

Notes: No information available at this time.

Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Columbia County

Contact: Colleen Bartle

Address: Columbia County Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 458
25 Railroad Avenue
Hudson, NY 12534

Phone: (518) 828-9411

Fax: (518) 828-4808

Email: colleen.bartle@dfa.state.ny.us

Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/columbiacountyny.com/col-co-department-of-social-services/>

Notes: No special application needed.

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Cortland County

Contact: Leann Field, Low Income Day Care Unit

Address: Cortland County Department of Social Services
60 Central Avenue
Cortland, NY 13045

Phone: (607) 753-5024

Fax: (607) 753-5274

Website: <https://www.cortland-co.org/678/Child-Care-Assistance-Program>

Notes: Must complete the Low-income Child Care application.

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Delaware County

Contact: Lara Yambar, Youth Program Director
Address: Delaware County Department of Social Services
111 Main Street, Suite 4 Delhi, NY 13753
99 Main Street Delhi, NY 13753
Phone: (607) 832-5300
Email: Lara.Yambar@dfa.state.ny.us
Website: <http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/dss/dss.htm>

Notes: Since the 1980's Delaware County's goal has been to ensure that any Delaware County child or youth who would like to attend summer camp, and does not have the resources to do so, will be supported by the Delaware County Campership Program. This is done through fund raising, grants, and matching donations. Historically 200% of poverty is the guideline, but exceptions have been made for some specialty camps, obesity camps, music camps, and sports/recreation camps. The choice of camp is left to the parent and child. Applications are required for all camps, as well as a Youth Bureau Campership Application if applying for Youth Bureau funding.

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Attachments:

- Delaware County "Summer Camp Application for Scholarship"

Please answer all questions

1) Name(s) of children applying for campership:

Name _____

Birth Date: _____

School District: _____

Name _____

Birth Date: _____

School District: _____

Name _____

Birth Date: _____

School District: _____

2) **Mother or Guardian Name:**

Address: _____

County: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Email: _____

3) **Father or Guardian Name:**

Address: _____

County: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Email: _____

4) Number of youth (under age 18) in household: _____

Number of adults (over age 18) in household: _____

5) Is the child who is applying for a campership Medicaid eligible? Yes _____ No _____ Unsure _____

6) Does the child applying for a campership receive Public Assistance?

Yes _____ No _____

7) Did this child receive a campership last summer?

Yes _____ No _____

8) Please state the combined GROSS income of this family: \$ _____

Is this amount yearly, monthly, or weekly? _____

9) Please list the camp name(s) that this scholarship is for: _____

10) What is the cost for each of your children to attend this camp? \$ _____
\$ _____
\$ _____ (add lines if necessary)

11) What if any portion of this cost could you provide? \$ _____

*Only **ONE** scholarship application is necessary per family.

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12) In the space provided, please state the circumstances that make financial aid necessary. For example, medical bills, unemployment, several children wanting to attend camp, etc. The information you provide may help us to make a decision.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Print: _____

Sign: _____

Date: _____

THIS SPACE IS FOR OFFICE USE.



Please return completed scholarship application as well as completed camp application(s) to:

The Delaware County Youth Bureau
99 Main Street
Delhi, N.Y. 13753
Phone: (607) 832-5310
Fax: (607) 832-6033
Lara.vambor@dfa.state.ny.us

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

DELAWARE COUNTY



YOUTH BUREAU

Dutchess County

Contact: Lance Bixby

Address: Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services

60 Market Street

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: (845) 486-3148

Email: Lance.Bixby@dfa.state.ny.us

Website: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Community-Family-Services/Community-and-Family-Services.htm>

Notes: Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services can provide low-income daycare subsidy payments for camps that are approved through the Child Care Council. A Daycare Unit case would have to be open, or the family would have to apply for Daycare Assistance, be eligible, and a case opened for them.

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Erie County

Contact: Patricia Musial (Day Camp) / Judith Kolmetz (Overnight Camp)

Address: Erie County Department of Social Services

Edward A Rath County Office Building

95 Franklin Street, 8th Floor

Buffalo, NY 14202

Phone: (716) 858-2745 (Patricia) / (716) 858-7932 (Judith)

Email: Patricia.Musial@erie.gov / Judith.Kolmetz@erie.gov

Website: <https://www2.erie.gov/socialservices/>

Notes:

Children in a preventive or protected status (not foster care) may only be approved at a contracted site. For foster care children, the caseworker working with the foster parent may make a determination that the child should be allowed to participate in a non-contracted summer camp and with Administrative approval, this can be done on a case-by-case basis.

Day Camp:

Only caseworkers can make determinations as to whether summer camp is needed for a foster family or for preventive care. Caseworkers can only authorize payment to a facility that is contracted with Erie County, such as the YMCA. Patricia Musial is available for questions or concerns regarding summer camp.

Overnight Camp:

There is no special application to apply. Families can apply for summer camp directly with the camp itself (must be an approved participating Summer Camp). The camp will have the parent/caregiver sign a consent form that will allow the Department of Social Services (DSS) to share eligibility information with them. If eligible, DSS will inform the camp of the child's eligibility and they will begin the process for enrolling the child into the summer camp. The camps will verify the dates the child attended the camp, along with a signed "Camp Approval Notice" and DSS will initiate payment to the camp directly either through their cash assistance case or Foster Care case.

There is a limit of 2 weeks maximum per child, per year. Erie County will only pay \$275 for one week, and a maximum of \$400 for 2 weeks. The camp must agree to accept those as payments in full.

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Essex County

Contact: Wendy Sargent

Address: Essex County Department of Social Services
7559 Court Street
P.O. Box 217
Elizabethtown, NY 12932

Phone: (518) 873-3409

Fax: (518) 873-3480

Email: wendy.sargent@dfa.state.ny.us

Website: <https://www.co.essex.ny.us/wp/departement-of-social-services/>

Notes: No information available at this time.

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Franklin County

Contact: Janelle Reome

Address: Franklin County Department of Social Services
184 Finney Boulevard
Malone, NY 12953

Phone: (518) 481-1805

Website: https://www.franklincountyny.gov/departments/human_services/social_services/services.php

Notes: Children must be in receipt of Family Assistance or federally funded Safety New Assistance. Parents or guardians send in camp application form. No other application form required. Children with an open children's services cases are also eligible.

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Fulton County

Contact: Fulton County Department of Social Services

Address: 4 Daisy Lane, PO Box 549
Johnstown, NY 12095

Phone: (518) 736-5600

Fax: (518) 762-0080

Website: <http://www.fultoncountyny.gov/fulton-county-department-social-services>

Notes: No information available at this time.

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Genesee County

Contact: Carrie Herrmann

Address: Genesee County Department of Social Services
5130 East Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

Phone: (585) 344-2580 ext. 6401

Email: Jillian.Helwig@dfa.state.ny.us
Carrie.Herrmann@dfa.state.ny.us

Website: <https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/socialservices/index.php>

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Greene County

Contact: Greene County Social Services Department

Address: 411 Main Street
Catskill, NY 12414

Phone: (518) 719-3700

Email: dss@discovergreene.com

Website: <https://www.greengovernment.com/departments/social-services>

Notes: Caregivers may be eligible either through Temporary Assistance or through Child Care depending on needs. Caregivers are encouraged to call to apply based on their needs. Applications for Child Care will be subject to availability of child care funding.

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Hamilton County

Contact: Abigail Eichler

Address: Hamilton County Department of Social Services
139 White Birch Lane
P.O. Box 725
Indian Lake, NY 12842

Phone: (518) 648-6131

Fax: (518) 648-5257

Email: Abigail.eichler@dfa.state.ny.us

Website: <https://www.hamiltoncounty.com/health-human-services/social-services>

Notes: Hamilton County does not directly provide, but would refer out.

Hamilton County has not provided camp fee grants because they are able to place needy children in local camps for no charge. The Department of Social Services provides transportation or assists with arranging it. Each camp has their individual applications which Hamilton County will distribute after the caretaker has made contact.

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Herkimer County

Contact: Temporary Assistance Unit

Address: Herkimer County Department of Social Services
301 North Washington Street, Suite 2110
Herkimer, NY 13350

Phone: (315) 867-1291

Notes: Does not provide Summer Camp Assistance at this time.

Jefferson County

Contact: Tamara Hunter

Address: Jefferson County Department of Social Services
250 Arsenal Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Phone: (315) 785-3128

Fax: (315) 785-3109

Email: Tamara.Hunter@dfa.state.ny.us

Website: <https://co.jefferson.ny.us/SocialServices>

Notes: Jefferson County sends letters out in late Spring to all TANF households and if interest is expressed, the Department of Social Services will make the arrangements for them.

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Lewis County

Contact: Jennifer Jones, Commissioner

Address: Lewis County Department of Social Services
5274 Outer Stowe Street
P.O. Box 193
Lowville, NY 13367

Phone: (315) 376-5400

Fax: (315) 376-6189

Email: Jennifer.jones@dfa.state.ny.us

Website: <https://lewiscountyny.gov/departments/social-services/>

Notes: To be eligible, a child must be a recipient of public assistance or in receipt of Preventative, Protective, or Foster Care. Parents must complete an LDSS 3815 Form if the child is included in a Temporary Assistance Case. A child would be eligible for a total yearly cost of \$400.00 per child, not to exceed \$200.00 per week.

If a child is part of an open Child Welfare Case (Preventive Services) or in Foster Care the cost is 100% covered by the district.

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Attachments:

- LDSS 3815, "Request for Additional Allowance"

LDSS-3815 (Rev. XX/25)

Request for an Additional Allowance and/or Other Help by a Temporary Assistance Recipient

Case Name: _____ Case Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

To request a Temporary Assistance allowance or other help for a specific situation, **check all that apply.**

- Restaurant or Home-Delivered Meals Allowance because I cannot prepare meals at home.
- Pregnancy Allowance
- Birth Allowance for Beginning Year (BABY)
- Moving Expenses
- Rent Security Deposit or Agreement
- Brokers' or Finders' Fees
- Storage of Furniture and Personal Belongings
- Repair of Essential Household Appliances
- Property Repairs
- Payment of Overdue Rent
- Payment of Overdue Mortgage and/or Property Taxes
- Purchase or replacement of furniture and Other Household Items

Child Care Assistance because (choose one):

- I am working.
- I am under 21 and want to get a high school equivalency diploma.
- I want to attend work-related training required by the social services district.
- I am sick or incapacitated and cannot care for my children.
- Other (please describe): _____

For Worker Use Only:

List the documentation the client submitted to support their request:

Client's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Worker's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Livingston County

Contact: Sean Hanglow
Joni Neus

Address: Livingston County Department of Social Services
1 Murray Hill Drive
Mt. Morris NY 14510

Phone: (585)243-7414 / (585) 243-7344

Email: SeanHanglow@livingstoncountyny.gov.

Website: <https://www.livingstoncounty.us/274/Social-Services>

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Madison County

Contact: Madison County Department of Social Services
Address: 133 North Court Street, Building 1
Wampsville, NY 13163
Phone: (315) 366 2211
Fax: (315) 366-2553
Website: <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/233/Social-Services>

Notes: Eligible children are referred to Camp Lookout. Letters are sent to parents of all eligible children in Madison County.

For Madison County Kinship foster parents, they can request payment/reimbursement for summer camp from their assigned foster care caseworker.

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Monroe County

Contact: JoAnn Messina, Campership Coordinator

Address: Monroe County Department of Human Services
111 Westfall Road, Room 614
Rochester, NY 14620

Phone: (585) 753-6659

Fax: (585) 753-6903

Email: joann.messina@dfa.state.ny.us

Notes: No information available at this time.

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Montgomery County

Contact: Montgomery County Office Building

Address: P.O. Box 745 - 64 Broadway
Fonda, NY 12068-0745

Phone: (518) 853-4646

Fax: (518) 853-8327

Website: <https://www.co.montgomery.ny.us/web/sites/departments/socialservices/default.asp>

Notes: No information available at this time.

Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Nassau County

Contact: Ann DellaMonica
Address: Nassau County Department of Social
Services 60 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard
Uniondale, NY 11553-3656
Phone: (516) 227-8771 / (516) 227-7976 (Day Care Services)
Fax: (516) 227-8710
Website: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1895/Social-Services>

Notes: No information available at this time.
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New York City
(Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond
County)

Contact: ACS Call Center
Address: ACS Main Office: 150 William Street New York, NY 10038
HRA Locations: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/locations/locations.page>
Phone: (212) 835-7610 (ACS) / (718) 557-1399 (HRA)
Email: VEU@acs.nyc.gov
Website: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/early-care/find-child-care.page> <https://a069-access.nyc.gov/accesshra/> <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/>

Notes: No information available at this time.
Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Niagara County

Contact: Staci Henry, Director of Eligibility
Address: Niagara County Department of Social Services Lockport Office: 20 East Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094
Niagara Falls Office: 301-10th Street Niagara Falls, NY 14302
Phone: (716) 278-8451
Email: Staci.Henry@niagaracounty.gov
Website: https://www.niagaracounty.gov/departments/s-z/social_services/index.php

Notes: Child(ren) must be on cash assistance. A Summer Camp Request Form must be completed.

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Attachments:

- Letter to Camp Director
- Summer Camp Request Form



**NIAGARA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
SERVICES
P.O. BOX 506
LOCKPORT, NEW YORK 14095**

Niagara Falls Office
PO Box 865
301 Tenth Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14302-0865

May 01, 2026

Dear Camp Director:

Summer will soon be here and camp sessions will begin again. There are no major changes in our regulations in regard to camp payments. Please Remember that bills must be submitted within 60 days of service. Children eligible for Temporary Assistance benefits are qualified to receive payment for camp attendance, up to a maximum of \$400 per year. The camp must have Health Department Certification and provide the agency with a copy of the certificate before any approvals can be made. Program Eligibility workers will determine eligibility for TA cash recipients. Foster Care and Daycare approvals will be made by those offices. The telephone numbers for each office are provided below. Please mail the camp bills to the appropriate NF or LKPT offices listed above.

APPROVALS

Lockport Office Program Eligibility - 716-439-7735 - Approvals made by Emilee Schenck
Niagara Falls Program Eligibility - 716-278-6615 - Approvals made by Kaitlyn Moore
*Foster Care (All) (NF) - 716-278-8631 - Approvals made by Services Unit
Day Care (LKPT) - 716-439-7656 - Approvals made by workers.

BILLS:

Bills should be sent to the worker/Unit/Office who signed the approval letter. *Foster Care cases—bills should be sent to Services Unit – NCDSS P.O. Box 865, Niagara Falls NY 14302-0865.

Forms are enclosed for you to use when billing Social Services for Camp Fees. Please make copies if you need more. Please bill according to Case Name (parent or grantee), with all the child(ren) from one family, listed individually.

EX:	<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>CASE NAME</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATES ATTENDED</u>
	PA123456	Doe, Jane	Doe, Joseph	\$50.00	7/5 TO 7/09
			Doe, Jill	50.00	7/14 TO 7/16
			Smith, Tia	50.00	7/19 TO 7/23
			Jones, Ellie	50.00	7/12 TO 7/11
	PA675843	Harris, Susan	Harris, Susan	50.00	7/5 TO 7/23
			Harris, Jethro	50.00	7/12 TO 7/23
			Jones, Tim	50.00	8/2 TO 8/13

This method of grouping children will speed up the payment process. If bills are not submitted in this manner, unfortunately they will be returned which will cause a delay in payment. Please follow the example exactly. Careful billing will speed the payment process.

Please refer to page 2 for important information on camp rules.



**Niagara County
Department of Social Services**

PO Box 506
Lockport, NY 14095-0506

Niagara Falls Office
PO Box 865
301 Tenth Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14302-0865

"We Help Families"

CAMP INFORMATION

Case Name: _____
Last, First, M,L

Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____

Name of Camp: _____

Address of Camp: _____

Dates of Camp Attendance: _____

Client's Phone #: _____ **Are you employed?** Yes No

Client's Signature: _____

- o We will contact you, the client, only if there is some reason why camp is not approved,
- o If the worker does not contact you by phone or mail, then approval has been sent to camp,
- o **No payment can be made on closed cases. If your case closes before or during camp, we will not make payment, even if you had prior approval. It is your responsibility to inform the camp if this happens.**

Oneida County

Address: Oneida County Department of Social Services
Oneida County Office Building
800 Park Avenue
Utica, NY 13501

Phone: (315) 798-5593

Fax: (315) 798-6473

Website: <https://ocgov.net/socialservices>

Notes: No information available at this time.

Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Onondaga County

Contact: Kathleen O'Brien, Child Care Assistance Unit

Address: Onondaga County Department of Social
Services John H. Mulroy Civic Center
421 Montgomery Street,
Syracuse, NY 13202

Phone: (315) 435-5683

Fax: (315) 435-5682

Website: <http://www.ongov.net/dss/>

Notes: Onondaga County provides camp fees for children receiving Temporary Assistance who attend camps that are non-profit, and that have a permit from the New York State Department of Health or are approved as legally exempt group childcare program. Application for funding is made by the camp on a form which includes a release from the parent or guardian. Eligibility determinations are made within 30 days. Bills are submitted by the camp after attendance.

The Child Care Assistance Program is used only if the parent(s) or caretaker(s) are employed and working during the same time as the camp hours. There is a weekly family share associated with the coverage through Child Care Subsidy. CCAP currently has a waitlist for new applicants. However, if a family already has an active CCAP case, the parent can contact their CCAP worker to add a summer camp as a provider. Any new applications, if eligible, would be placed on our waitlist.

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Attachments:

- TANF Summer Camp Application
- TANF Summer Camp Letter (2021)



COUNTY OF ONONDAGA

Department of Social Services-Economic Security

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JOHN H. MULROY CIVIC CENTER

421 MONTGOMERY STREET

SYRACUSE, NY 13202

315-435-5683; Fax: 315-435-5682

www.ongov.net

J. Ryan McMahon, II
County Executive

Sarah G. Merrick
Commissioner

TO: Executives and Staff Members
Camp Affiliated Agencies Serving Onondaga County

RE: Policies and Procedures for Payment of Camp Fees

New York State Social Service regulations allow camp fees, when funds cannot be obtained from other sources, to be paid for children receiving Temporary Assistance. Annual payment is limited to a total cost of \$400 and cannot exceed \$200 per week.

Camps must be non-profit and have obtained a permit from the New York State Department of Health or are approved as a Legally Exempt Group Child Care program.

If you have a child that you believe meets these criteria the attached application should be completed and forwarded to the address on the application (by mail or FAX). All identifying information for the child must be provided. The *Consent to Release Information* section **must** be signed by the parent or guardian.

The application can be submitted at any time before camp attendance. An eligibility determination will be made as quickly as possible but no later than 30 days from submission. A copy of the application will then be returned to you with our decision.

A bill may be submitted at any time after camp attendance but no later than September 15th. A copy of our eligibility decision must be attached to the bill. No request for payment will be considered without the eligibility decision attached. Bills should be submitted to:

Camp Coordinator
Child Care Assistance Unit
421 Montgomery St
Syracuse NY 13202
Attn: Kathleen O'Brien

If a child attends multiple camps or multiple weeks at the same camp, we will pay bills on a first come, first served basis. **Once the maximum amount is paid out no further payments for that child can be made.** Therefore, even if you receive an approval, it is not a guarantee that a payment will be made.

Sincerely,

Kathleen O'Brien

Administrative Supervisor – Child Care Assistance Program

Child Care Assistance Program
421 Montgomery St
Syracuse NY 13202



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Sarah G. Merrick
Commissioner

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE CAMP FUNDS

Date: _____

To: Camp Coordinator- Department of Social Services-Economic Security

From: Name of the Director of the Camp, Camp Location and Contact Information _____

Re: Case Name _____ Temporary Assistance Case Number: **P** _____

Child's Name _____ DOB _____

Child's SSN xxx-xx-_____ (Last 4 digits only)

(All above information needs to be completed otherwise application will be returned without eligibility determination)

Are camp funds available for the above-named child? Please circle one: Y or N

Consent for Release of Information

I authorize _____ to obtain information regarding the above-named child from:
(Agency Name)

Onondaga County Department of Social Services-Economic Securities
Child Care Assistance Program
421 Montgomery St.
Syracuse NY 13202
ATTN: Kathleen O'Brien

Name (print) _____
(Parent or Guardian of above-named child)

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent or Guardian of above-named child)

Agency Use Only	Eligible _____	Not Eligible _____	Incomplete Application _____
Date of Determination _____	Eligibility Determined by _____		

Ontario County

Contact: Ontario County Department of Social Services
Address: 3010 County Complex Drive
Canandaigua, NY 14424
Phone: (585) 396-4060
Fax: (585) 396-4980
Website: <http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/118/Social-Services>

Notes: No information available at this time.
Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Orange County

Contact: Terri Torchio, Director of Economic Independence
Debbie Pesola, Senior Case Supervisor

Address: Orange County Department of Social Services
(DSS) Goshen Offices: 23 Hatfield Lane Goshen,
NY 10924
11 Quarry Road, Box Z Goshen, NY 10924 Middletown
Office: 33 Fulton Plaza Middletown, NY 10940
Newburgh Office: 141 Broadway Newburgh, NY 12550
Port Jervis Office: 150 Pike Street Port Jervis, NY 12771

Phone: (845) 360-0241 / (845) 291-2801 (Orange County DSS)
(845) 862-7741 (Jessica Scherdin / Temporary Assistance)
(845) 862-5415 (Mandy Lane/Preventive Care)
(845) 862-5522 (Maureen Dinklemeyer / Foster Care)

Website: <https://www.orangecountygov.com/680/Social-Services>

Notes: If an Orange County resident has an open Temporary Assistance (TA) case they should speak to their assigned CW regarding payment for Braeside who we have a contract with.

The main TA point of contact is Jessica Scherdin; contacted at (845) 862-7741.
If it involves a preventive services case, contact Mandy Lane at (845) 862-5415.
If it involves a foster care child, contact Maureen Dinklemeyer at (845) 862-5522.

Information verified for the 2026 Season

Orleans County

Contact: Orleans County Department of Social Services
Jeannine Larkin / Elizabeth (Lizzy) Boring

Address: 14016 Route 31 West
Albion, New York 14411

Phone: (585) 297-0137 / (585)589-3161

Email: Jeannine.larkin@orleanscountyny.gov / Elizabeth.boring@orleanscountyny.gov

Website: https://www.orleanscountyny.gov/departments/social_services.php

Notes: Children 9-12 may participate in NYS Sheriff's camp (applications due in March).
Department of Social Services also actively seeks out other camping opportunities
for children in Orleans County.

Information verified for the 2026 season

Oswego County

Contact: Erin Reed, Principal Social Services Specialist

Address: Oswego County Department of Social
Services 100 Spring Street
P.O. Box 1320
Oswego, NY 13114

Phone: (315) 963-5246

Fax: (315) 963-5463

Email: erin.reed@oswegocountyny.gov

Website: https://www.oswegocounty.com/departments/human_services/social_services/

Notes: To be eligible, children must be in receipt of federally funded FA or SNA-FP. A signed release form from a parent is needed.

Information verified for the 2026 Season

Otsego County

Contact: Mary Jane Waters, Director of Services

Address: Otsego County Department of Social
Services 197 Main Street
Cooperstown, NY 13326

Phone: (607) 547-7559

Website: https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/social_services/index.php

Notes: Otsego County does not directly provide, but would refer out.

Please contact Department of Social Services for availability and eligibility –
Otsego County is able to utilize several local options to meet individual needs.

Information verified for the 2026 season

Putnam County

Contact: Putnam County Department of Social Services
Address: 110 Old Route 6
Carmel, New York 10512
Phone: (845) 808-1500 (Building 2) / (845) 808-1651 (Building 3)
Website: <https://www.putnamcountyny.com/department-of-social-services>

Notes: Caregivers are required to apply day care services. May be subject to availability of funding. The camp must be licensed through OCFS (only one at this time).

Information verified for the 2026 season.

Rensselaer County

Contact: Dale Keenan
Address: Rensselaer County Department of Social Services
547 River Street, Troy, NY 12180
127 Bloomingrove Drive Troy, NY 12180
Phone: (518) 833-6190
Fax: (518) 833-6187
Email : dale.keenan2@dfa.state.ny.us
Website: <https://www.rensco.com/232/Social-Services>

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Rockland County

Contact: Rockland Department of Social Services-TA Department

Address: Rockland Department of Social Services-
50 Sanatorium Rd, Building L Pomona, NY 10970

Phone: (845) 364-3032

Fax: (845) 361-2152

Notes: Does not provide Summer Camp Assistance at this time. Please contact for further information.

St. Lawrence County

Contact: Kimberly teRiele, Director of Services
Address: St. Lawrence County Department of Social
Services 6 Judson Street
Canton, NY 13617
Phone: (315) 379-2706
Email: kimberly.teriele@dfa.state.ny.us
Website: <https://www.stlawco.gov/Departments/SocialServices>

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Saratoga County

Contact: Keith Kirchhoff
Address: Saratoga County Department of Social
Services 152 West High Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Phone: (518) 884-4159
Fax: (518) 884-4297
Email: keith.kirchhoff@dfa.state.ny.us
Website: <http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/social-services/>

Notes: Anyone looking to utilize the Child Only Initiative (COI) funding needs to complete a Temporary Assistance application (LDSS 2921) to apply for PACO, Public Assistance Child Only, to see if they are eligible. The application will need to be submitted to the Temporary Assistance Unit. This can be done electronically.

If deemed eligible, a referral is made to the Adult and Family Services Unit to have a Caseworker follow up with the family to see what the child's needs are. Approved uses of COI funding includes summer camp fees along with programs that provide socialization for children.

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Attachments:

- LDSS 2921 English: <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/applications/2921.pdf>
- LDSS 2921 Spanish: <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/applications/2921-SP.pdf>

Schenectady County

Contact: Commissioner Brandy Hillard-Bouldin
Address: Schenectady County Department of Social
Services 797 Broadway
Schenectady, NY 12305-2704
Phone: (518) 388-4400
Fax: (518) 388-4644
Website: <https://www.schenectadycountyny.gov>

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Schoharie County

Contact: Donna Becker, Commissioner, Department of Social Services
Julie Kalesa, Director of Services

Address: Schoharie County Department of Social
Services County Office Building, 2nd Floor
284 Main Street
Schoharie, NY 12157

Phone: (518) 295-8334
(518) 295-8379

Fax: (518) 295-8492

Email: donna.becker@dfa.state.ny.us

Website: <https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/departments/social-services/>

Notes: Camperships are provided to children in receipt of public assistance; approval is made on a case-by-case basis depending upon availability of funding.

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Schuyler County

Contact: Michele Wasicki, Deputy Commissioner
Address: Schuyler County Department of Social
Services 323 Owego Street, Unit 3
Montour Falls, NY 14865
Phone: (607) 535-8303
Website: <https://www.schuylercounty.us/189/Social-Services>

Notes: Does not provide Summer Camp Assistance at this time

Seneca County

Contact: Samantha Lotz (For children in receipt of public assistance)
Mike Whirtley (For children in households under 200% of poverty)

Address: Seneca County Department of Human
Services 1 DiPronio Drive
Waterloo, NY 13165

Phone: (315) 539-1817 (Samantha) / (315) 539-1794 (Mike)

Website: <https://www.co.seneca.ny.us/gov/services/>

Notes: No information available at this time.
Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Steuben County

Contact: Chelsea Hockey, Assistant Director of Services
Address: Steuben County Department of Social Services
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810
Phone: (607) 664-2183
Email: CHockey@steubencountyNY.gov
Website: <https://steubencountyny.gov/364/Social-Services>

Notes: Information verified for the 2026 Season

Suffolk County

Contact: Suffolk County Department of Social Services
Address: 3085 Veterans Memorial Highway Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
Phone: (631) 854-9963
Website: <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Social-Services>

Notes: No information available at this time.
Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Sullivan County

Contact: Michelle Bridges, Director of Temporary Assistance
Address: Sullivan County Department of Family Services 16 Community Lane, Box 231
Liberty, NY 12754
Phone: (845) 292-0100 ext. 2295
Email: Michelle.Bridges@sullivanny.gov
Website: <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/familyservices>
[Child Care Assistance Program | Sullivan County NY](#)

Notes: To be eligible, a child must be on public assistance, homeless, or have a special need and the parent must be working during the hours that the camp is in session. Recipients must provide the Child Care Unit with a copy of the completed registration form for their child or children to attend an approved day camp. The client must also provide a written statement from their employer stating the days of the week and hours per day that they work.

Information verified for the 2026 Season

Tioga County

Contact: Katherine Garrison/Penny Ward
Address: Tioga County Department of Social Services 1062 State Route 38
Owego, NY 13827
Phone: (607) 687-8403/ (607) 687-8500
Email: Penelope.Ward@dfa.state.ny.us
Website: <https://www.tiogacountyny.com/departments/social-services/>

Notes:

Temporary Assistance policy camp fees may be provided for children when funds cannot be obtained from other sources.

Camp fees may only be paid for children in receipt of Family Assistance (FA) and federally participating Safety Net Assistance (SNA-FP).

The amount per eligible child that may be authorized is established by Office Reg. 18 NYCRR 352.7(i) at \$400.00 per year, in amount not to exceed \$200 per week.

Information verified for the 2026 season

Tompkins County

Contact: Tompkins County Department of Social Services
Address: Human Services Building
320 West Martin Luther King/State
Street Ithaca, NY 14850
Phone: (607) 274-5551 / (607) 274-5219 (Low Income Child Care Unit)
Website: <https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Social-Services>

Notes: Does not provide Summer Camp Assistance at this time

Ulster County

Contact: Maria Ruffner

Address: Ulster County Department of Social Services – Temporary Assistance Office 1021
Development Court Kingston, NY 12401

Phone: (845) 334-5489 (For Applications)

Website: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/social-services/temporary-assistance>

Notes: Ulster County will only pay camp fees for working parents or caretakers who qualify under their low income childcare subsidy program. Eligibility is up to 200% poverty. Camps must be registered with Ulster County and have approval once a client chooses them as a provider. They cannot be approved prior to any clients requesting them. Applications can be obtained by calling our main number (845) 334-5489.

Information verified for the 2026 season

Warren County

Contact: Tracy Terry
Address: Warren County Department of Social Services Human Services Building
1340 State Route 9 Lake George, NY 12845
Phone: (518) 761-6304
Website: <https://warrencountyny.gov/socserv>

Notes: No information available at this time.
Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Washington County

Contact: Services Intake Worker
Address: Washington County Department of Social Services 383 Broadway, Building B
Fort Edward, NY 12828
Phone: (518) 746-2300
Website: <https://www.washingtoncountyny.gov/517/Social-Services>

Notes: No information available at this time.
Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Wayne County

Contact: Alyssa Rittenhouse, Deputy Commissioner
Address: Wayne County Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 10, 77 Water Street Lyons, NY 14489
Phone: (315) 946-7415
Fax: (315) 946-7625
Email: Alyssa.Rittenhouse@dfa.state.ny.us

Notes: Eligibility is determined through filling out an application for public assistance with current information. All that is required from parent/guardian is a signed statement making the request.

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Westchester County

Contact: Dawn Li Gregni
Address: Westchester County Department of Social Services
Mount Vernon Office: 100 East First Street Mount Vernon, NY 10550-3442 Peekskill
Office: 750 Washington County Peekskill, NY 10566-5499
White Plains Office: 85 Court Street White Plains, NY 10601-4201 Yonkers Office: 131
Warburton Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701
Phone: (914) 231-4080
Email: info@campmorty.com
Website: <https://socialservices.westchestergov.com/>

Notes:

- For children in Foster Care \$400.00 weekly for overnight and \$200 weekly for day camp for a maximum of 8 weeks
- For children in preventive cases the county will pay \$500.00 dollars.

Camp Morty will continue offering our core programs:

- Camp Morty Junior Camp for campers ages 8-12
 - Special Program Highlight: Session Four (July 19 – July 24) is our Sibling Week!
 - During this session, Camp Morty Junior Camp will welcome campers with siblings as young as 6 years old.
- Merriwood Teen Empowerment Program for campers ages 13-15
- Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program for teens ages 16-17

Camper Paperwork & Application Process

As in previous summers, one of the biggest challenges for families is completing their camper applications and required forms. To help streamline the process, please review the key details below:

- Applications are only available online at www.campmorty.com. Families can choose between the “Returning Family” and “New Family” options.
- This year we are excited to offer our families an opportunity to download our Campanion mobile app to help them complete and upload paperwork Please note – Only families should download the Campanion mobile app and they will only be able to access the app once they have set up an account in the portal and filled in the camper application
- All paperwork (including all medical forms) is due at least TWO WEEKS before the camper’s session.
- Campers are not guaranteed a spot until all paperwork is completed and approved.
- Updated Forms: All forms have been revised for 2026 to comply with state health regulations. Only 2026-labeled forms will be accepted—no prior-year forms can be used.
- Vaccination Policy: Campers do not need to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Families should ensure all other health forms are current.

Information verified for the 2026 season

Attachments:

- Camp Morty 2026 Flyer
- Camp Morty 2026 Forms Instructions
- Application Open Camp Morty 2026



Camp Morty

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

**Celebrating 20 Years
of Fun, Friendship &
Discovery**

Camp Dates:



Junior Camp Sessions(8-12)

- Session 1: June 28 – July 3
- Session 2: July 5 – July 10
- Session 3: July 12 – July 17
- Session 4: July 19 – July 24
- Session 5: July 26 – July 31
- Session 6: Aug 2 – Aug 7

Merriwood Sessions(13-15)

- Session 1: June 28 – July 10
- Session 2: July 12 – July 24
- Session 3: July 26 – Aug 7

CIT Sessions(16-17)

- Session 1: June 28 – July 17
- Session 2: July 19 – Aug 7

**Join Us for a Summer
Filled with Fun, Learning,
and Exploration!**

FREE ADMISSION

Admission is free for families
eligible for DSS services through
Westchester County.

*Not sure if you qualify? Apply anyway
we're happy to help figure it out.*



Registration Information:

**Scan the QR code to go directly to our Camper
Application**

From there, choose:

➔ **“New Family”** –If this is your first summer with us,
create an account and complete the camper application.

➔ **“Returning Family”** – If your child attended in a
previous year, log in to your existing account and
complete the camper application.



INFO@CAMPMORTY.COM



CAMPMORTY.COM

20 Years of Camp Morty



ABOUT US

Camp Morty is a completely free overnight camp located in beautiful North Salem, NY, for Westchester County youth ages 8 to 17.

Operated by the Westchester Parks Foundation, Camp Morty gives kids the chance to unplug, connect with nature, build lifelong friendships, and grow into confident, compassionate leaders.

Transportation is free. Meals are free. Activities are free. And the lifelong memories are free too.

ELIGIBILITY

Your camper must currently be receiving services through Westchester County's Department of Social Services:

Family Assistance: Foster Care, Preventive Care, Child Protective, Childcare Subsidies, Safety Net Assistance

Food Assistance: SNAP, TANF

Housing Services: Temporary Housing (Shelters)

Medical Assistance: Medicaid, SSI

Home Energy: HEAP

Magic

For 20 years, Camp Morty has been more than just a summer camp. It has been a home away from home for thousands of Westchester children, where they've laughed, explored, grown, and built lifelong friendships all completely free.

Started by the Westchester Parks Foundation, Camp Morty has touched the lives of so many families, offering joy, support, and unforgettable memories at no cost. We believe every child deserves a summer filled with adventure, no matter their circumstance.

It has been a beautiful journey, and we are proud to continue serving our community.

Every year is bigger than the last, and the magic never ends.



Contact Us

 campaorty.com

 914-231-4080

 info@campaorty.com

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Camp Morty

Camp is a chapter that lasts a lifetime

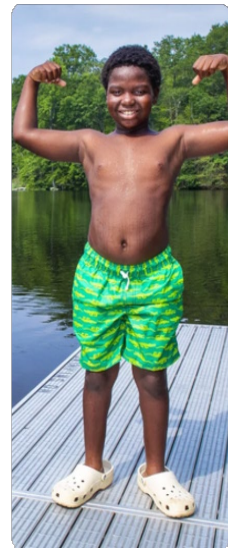




Camp Morty Guide

PAPERWORK

We know paperwork can feel overwhelming, but we're here to help you every step of the way.



Wyoming County

Contact: Marcie Dodds
Address: Wyoming County Department of Social
Services 466 North Main Street
Warsaw, NY 14569
Phone: (585) 786-8900 ext. 6177
Fax: (585) 786-8925
Email: Marcie.Dodds@dfa.state.us.ny
Website: <https://www.wyomingco.net/205/Social-Services>

Notes: To be eligible, child must be recipient of public assistance. There is no specific social service's camp application. Eligible youth submit camp information to staff.

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Yates County

Contact: Amy Miller
Address: Yates County Department of Social
Services 417 Liberty Street Penn Yan,
NY, 14527
Phone: (315) 536-5183
Fax: (315) 536-5168
Email: ycdss@yatescounty.org
Website: <https://www.yatescounty.org/317/Social-Services>

Notes: No information available at this time.
Did not respond to request for updates for the 2026 season

Legal Resources

Social Service Law § 131 (a)(5)(d)

2 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or to other law, a social services official may make provisions for the following items and services:

...

d. camp fees when funds cannot be obtained from other sources for children receiving aid to dependent children assistance not in excess of maximum fees as established by regulations of the department...

18 NYCRR 352.7 (i)

- (i) Camp fees. When funds cannot be obtained from other sources, camp fees may be paid for children receiving ADC not in excess of total cost of \$400 per annum, in amounts not to exceed \$200 per week

Attached:

05 INF24, p. 8: <https://otda.ny.gov/policy/directives/2005/INF/05-INF-24.pdf>

00 INF15, Q. 5 (Definition of summer camp):
<https://otda.ny.gov/policy/directives/2000/INF/00inf15.pdf>

01 INF11, Q. 4 (Child on SSI not eligible for camp fees):
https://otda.ny.gov/policy/directives/2001/INF/01_INF-11_attach.pdf

07 INF-14, Q. 14 (Child Only Questions and Answers) (using Flexible Fund or Family Services to pay for Summer Camp): <https://otda.ny.gov/policy/directives/2007/INF/07-INF-14.pdf>

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Informational Letter 1

Section 1

Transmittal:	05-INF-24 (rs-issue)
Issued:	Local District Commissioners
Division/Office:	Division of Employment and Transitional Support
Date:	September 28 2007 / original issued date - November 9 2005
Subject:	Temporary Assistance Policy: Non-parent Caregiver Cases and Temporary Assistance (IA)
Responsible Distribution:	Temporary Assistance Directors Food Stamp Directors Medicaid Directors Staff Development Coordinators Child Support Coordinators
Contact Person(s):	TA Policy Questions: Cash Assistance Bureau at 1-800-343-8859 extension 4-9344 Medicaid: Upstate Regional representatives at (518) 474-8887 New York City representatives at (212) 417-4300
Comments:	none
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- Non-parent caregiver who are caring for child (ren) whose parents are disabled or deceased should apply for Social Security benefits on behalf of fire child (ren). If the non-parent caregiver and/or fire child (ren), be able to add the child (ren) to their Social Security benefit claim.

• Camp fees can be used to provide respite for non-parent caregiver, When funds cannot be obtained from another source, camp fees can be paid for children who are in receipt of federally funded Family Assistance (FA) and State/County Assistance - Federally Participating (SNACFP). The amount that may be authorized is established at \$400.00 per year, not to exceed \$200.00 per week (GIS 02 TAFDC 0M, dated 4/1/02).

Local Disincentives

Seven local jurisdictions have recognized the need to explore alternative procedures for non-parent caregiver cases. The following are examples of initiatives that these local jurisdictions have implemented. If your jurisdiction is interested in more information on any of the initiatives listed, contact the Cash Assistance Bureau at 1-800-343-5959 extension 4-9344.

- Contract Medicaid agency to provide case managers to work full time with non-parent caregiver cases. The case managers meet with each family to assess the household's situation, family history, education, income, and substance abuse issues. Once an assessment is made, referrals are made to appropriate providers and the case managers continue to monitor the family.
- Establish a separate caseload for non-parent caregiver cases. Generally, this is an easier caseload for districts to manage. Districts to streamline services to this population.
- Establish a network of resources for non-parent caregiver cases. These include student transportation services, respite services, support groups for fire child (ren) and the non-parent caregiver and churches that could help with the cost of sports equipment, clothes, school trips etc.
- Establish a local district website that is accessible to non-parent caregivers.
- Provide in-service training for children and family services workers to educate them on what the TANF benefits are and fire procedures of applying for Medicaid this, one local district has developed a packet of materials for their services cases to refer to non-parent caregivers.

Note: Districts must be mindful that client compliance is only a minimum eligibility requirement articulated in office regulations and therefore non-compliance with service-related referrals or case management activities not specified in office regulations cannot be required as a condition of eligibility.

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TO, commissioners of
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DIVISION of Temporary
Assistance

DATED July 24, 2000

• Temporary Assistance Questions and Answers

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DIRECTOR of Temporary Assistance staff

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CONTACT PERSON call 1-800-343-8859 and ask for the following:
central Team, Extension 4-9344.

ATTACHED (Questions and Answers (Available online))

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GENERAL

Are districts required to provide the Client Information Book I, II and III, and the supplements to all applicants for Temporary Assistance (TA)?

- A. Yes. Client Information Books must be mailed or given with the application (and received before filing). Please see the Public Assistance source Book (P.S.) HI-B-1 and V-B-2.

Can a college student who lives on campus be considered temporary absent from a Family Assistance (FA) case? If so are there any time limits for the eligibility?

- A. Yes, a college student may be considered temporary absent from the FA household. However, they must continue to comply with all eligibility requirements including employment requirements.

Can a non-applying stepparent charge a stepchild?

- A. No. A stepchild is not considered in the stepparent's household. A stepparent is not responsible for the child's support until 21 years of age.

If a recipient contacts the district prior to the effective date of a timely notice and promises to cooperate after the effective date of the notice and then fails to comply with the action of the original timely notice become effective?

- A. No. A recipient must comply with the effective date of the notice. There must be demonstrated good cause for reactivating the case after the negative action has been taken.

What is the definition of a summer camp?

- A. A summer camp is defined in Public Health Law 225. Summer camps are broken into three categories: summer day-camps, a place occupied at least five days a week between June 1 and September 15 by children under 17 years of age primarily for the purpose of outdoor organized group activities, for a period less than 24 hours a day, on any day the property is occupied. A child under 18 traveling in a day-camp operates for a period of less than 24 hours on any day between May 15 and September 15 and transports children under 18 years of age on a regular schedule to any place primarily for the purpose of organized group activity. A child under 18 over 12 years of age is a place occupied by children under 18 years of age for the purpose of organized activities and for which provisions are made for overnight occupancy of more than 72 continuous hours.

What is the category of a relative (other than the parent) who is applying for assistance and residing in a household containing a child and the child's natural or adoptive parent?

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Does an individual gain residency while in jail or prison?

A. An individual does not gain residence while in jail or prison. The residence of an individual is determined by the location of the individual's permanent residence. If an individual is incarcerated in a jail or prison, the individual's residence is determined by the location of the individual's permanent residence. If an individual is incarcerated in a jail or prison, the individual's residence is determined by the location of the individual's permanent residence.

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4. Q. Can Temporary Assistance (TA) authorize payment of camp fees for a 381 child?

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6. Q. Is TA application required for a child receiving foster care from a State Child Care (CPC) in a household?

A. No.

7. Q. Is a 38D required to pay for transportation for a TA parent to visit his/her child in foster care?

A. Yes, provided the service is provided for the child. Equi.Ee!5 the TA parent to ...



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Informational Letter 1

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Transmittal:	07-INF-14
To:	Local District Commissioners
Issuing Division/Office:	Division of Employment and Transitional Support
Date:	September 28, 2007
Subject:	Child Only Questions and Answers
Suggested Distribution:	Temporary Assistance Directors Food Stamp Directors Medicaid Directors Staff Development Coordinators Child Support Enforcement Coordinators
Contact Person(s):	Temporary Assistance Policy Questions: Bureau of Temporary Assistance at 1-800-343-8859 extension 4-9344 Medicaid: Upstate Regional representatives at (518) 474-8887 New York City representatives at (212) 417-4500 Food Stamp Questions: Food Stamp Bureau (518) 473-1469
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who is not applying. This was done to provide consistency among state and local offices, as well as other entities (for example, family courts, schools, faith based) that are involved with these cases

14. Q. To help focus districts with the drill only population is effective a way to assist in providing million for summer camps!

A. 18 NYCRR 352.1(j) gives focal districts the option to offer an allowance for CAELJII fees. Wires funds cannot be obtained from other sources, camp fees may be paid for children living in FA or SNA-FIP not in excess of total of \$400 per child per year, in addition to the \$100 per week

Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS) funds may be used to pay for the cost of summer camps. Districts would include funds allocated to camp tuition in their FFFS plan on fire TANF services program line. For the 2007-08 plan year, districts are required to reallocate out services provided on the TANF Services project. See page 3 of their plan. These funds and projected numbers to be included on fire Services for Children line of the Official Family District using FFFS funds to provide camp fees monthly, or monthly. The TANF Services Project on the 2007-08 FFFS Performance Report. (Please see 07 ADM 04 for additional information on the 2007-08 FFFS.)

15. Q. For child only cases in which the parent is an SSI recipient does the local district use JND:ivi.dua] CA:regm:y Code 09 - FAISNn.JF Child (No deprivation) or SOC Sng]e lw.dividna!. or Oml.les: Co-upie (Not aged or disabled) or 13 - FAFSNILJF Dependent relative?

A. For federal reporting requirements, it is required that local districts must use the following Category Code "09" for all reportable household members. (See 07 ADM-4)

16. Q. What are the Automated Fingerprint Imaging System (AFIS) requirements when it comes to non-parent caregiver?

A. There are no AFIS requirements for all child placement caregiver. (See 05 INF-24.)

17. Q. Which local district is fiscally responsible for a child when he/she is court-ordered to live in another county?

A. The district of fiscal responsibility would depend on the intent of the order. If the court order places the child with a relative or guardian on a temporary basis with periodic visits (often once a year) then the child remains the responsibility of the placing district. According to Social Services Law 625 (b), if the child is discharged (placed permanently) with the relative or legal guardian, then the district in which the child is living with the relative or legal guardian becomes the district of fiscal jurisdiction and the former district of Social Services Law 625 a) would apply. (For further information see 97 INF-6.)

18. Q. Can a child be placed against a child's inner-city if it will be a co-located right away?

A. A child can not be placed at a child's home.

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TO: Commissioners; TADirectors; FS Directors; M/1. Directors; WMS Coordinators; CAP Coordinators Services Directors and Finance Directors

FROM: Patricia A. Steinhilber, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Temporary Assistance

SUBJECT: Camp Fees and Non-Federally Participating Safety Net Assistance

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

CONTACT PERSON: Central Team (TA) at 1-800-343-8859; extension 3-934, 4 Eastern Team (FS); extension 3-1469. Westminster Team (HEAP); extension 3-0332.

Medicaid contacts: Local District Liaison at (518) 474-3216 or for New York City: (212) 268-6855.

The purpose of this GIS is to remind districts that camp fees must not be paid on cases where the children are recipients of temporary assistance (TA) under either the cash or non-cash components of non-federal categories of Safety Net Assistance (SNA-FNP). These include households who receive SNA-FNP because they have reached their State 60-month time limit and are no longer eligible to receive TA under Family Assistance (FA) or Federally Participating SNA (SNA-FP). Social Services Law 131-o.(5)(d) requires districts to provide payment for camp fees for children receiving Aid to Dependent Children (FA and SNA-FP) when funds cannot be obtained from other sources. The MOI that may be authorized is established by Office Regulations 18 NYCRR 352.7(i) at \$400 per year, or not to exceed \$200 per week.

To fulfill the requests for camp fees by those families receiving TA under SNA-FNP districts may elect to provide information to them on other sources of funding, or provide referrals to locally available programs that pay some or all of the camp costs. Examples of these programs may include faith-based groups and organizations professional social organizations local schools or colleges police fire and rescue worker benevolent groups unions businesses, etc.

If the surplussing camp is meeting a child care need while the parent participates in a district-approved or required activity, camps that provide less than 24-hour services are a possible additional source of available day care slots for the TA recipient (whether FPO or FTW). Please refer to 00 OCFS D-F-3, "Child Care Subsidies for School Age Children During the Summer" for further information on this subject.

OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

INFORMATIONAL LETTER

TRANSMITTAL: 00 Ocf'S INI'-3

TO: Commissioners of Social Services
DIVISION: Development and Prevention Services

DATE: April 7, 2000

SUBJECT: Child Care Subsidies for School Age
Children During the Summer

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Directors of Social Services
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CONTACT PERSON : Paul Vieland (S16402-6S2), OSERID 90A167
Bureau of Early Childhood Services

ATTACHMENTS: None

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The purpose of this release is to provide local, local, service delivery, with information on the combined use of New York State Child Care Block Grant (NYSCCBG), subsidy fund, for waiver program for disadvantaged children.

BACKGROUND

The State Budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 contained significant increase in funding for child care, subsidy. In making these increases, the Budget language highlighted the importance of continuing to meet the need of low income and especially, in the future, including responding to their

need, for care during non-work hours, well, care for school age children during school vacation. Child care, subsidy fund, under the NYSCCBG, specifically designed to provide delivery, the flexibility to meet the needs and other emerging needs of the low income and low income families.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Moreover, upon passage, delivery, are encouraged to ensure the program, already on, subsidy to let the state's economic need to change the hour of child care or to seek additional arrangements for child care while, school, in, in, in. Care will be needed during the waiver period for other, school age children in the city who did not receive care while, school, in, in, in. Parents, should be made aware of the importance of registration for waiver care early. New waiver program begins enrollment in the early spring and, therefore, fill up quickly

Delivery, are also encouraged to ensure the continuity of open new centers. Delivery, design, such centers, which have been newly opened for the purpose of waiver care, are the first priority for closing, if available, subsidy fund, would not support the enrollment of this, expanded, model.

Additionally, delivery, have the option of, subleasing, in which the Child Care, section of their Consolidated Service Plan which would, include the, specific use of NYSCCBG fund, be priority, especially, in the city, waiver, school age child care need. This, especially, could only be used to meet the, waiver, school age child care need. Centers, opened, prior to this, especially, would not necessarily be continued beyond the waiver program period. Delivery, would be encouraged to provide the, especially, with information about the, available, of continued, subsidy, support for the, school year.

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Child care resources and referral agencies and other community resources can be coordinated, improved, and expanded for local

appropriate child care services. Programs should be afforded adequate time for arrangement for appropriate care. In addition, service procedures should allow time for programs to arrange for child care for the new school year once winter vacation is over.

Legally-exempt providers, including churches, health centers, and family day care homes, in 16 NYCRR Part 415 are eligible to receive

reimbursement for child care services under the NYSCCBG. Set

city, county, provide additional, source of available slots for programs during the school year vacation. Note that the winter city, county, operating in compliance with New York State Department of Health requirements, do not have to comply with the Family Safety Check, i.e., action of the Legally-Exempt Group Child Care Program Enrollment form. The other health centers, family day care homes, used by the Office of Child Care and Family Services are parallel and the action of enrollment form be completed.

The rate of payment for caregiver, of legally-exempt group child care is the actual cost of care up to the applicable - rate for city care center provider, as set forth in 00 Ocf'S ADM -1.

Overnight winter city, county, rate eligible to receive NYSCCBG fund, since care provided for 24 hours, city does not meet the definition of child care services.

In addition, during the funding available for winter programs, each director should consider the level of expenditure given to the NYSCCBG location. The director should include the Federal fiscal year NYSCCBG location used in 99 Ocf'S LCM-26 based September 30, 1999 and 00 Ocf'S LCM-02 based February 6, 2000 and rollover of unexpended funds, they have from the period ending September 30, 1996. If there are questions concerning child care under the NYSCCBG or the use of funds, will be pleased to contact the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Bureau of Financial Services:

Region 1-4 - Roland Levie tel-600-343-6659, extension 4-7549 or direct (516) 474-7549; O,er ID ln!SOOL.

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GENERAL INFORMATION SYSTEM
DIVISION: Employment & Transitional Supports

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**TO: Commissioners; TADirectors; FSDirectors; Medicaid Directors; WMS Coordinators;
CAP Coordinators, Services Directors, and Finance Directors**

FROM: Russell Sykes, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Employment and Transitional
Supports

SUBJECT: Camp Fees

INITIATIVE DATE: Immediately

CONTACT PERSON: Temporary Assist. Dir. Bureau (TA) at 1-800-343-8550 x1414-4-
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This GIS has two purposes:

First, to reiterate TA policy that an allowance for camp fees may be provided for children when funds cannot be obtained from other sources. However, camp fees may only be paid for children in receipt of Family Assistance (FA) and federally participating Safety Net Assistance (SNA-FP). Camp fees must not be authorized for cases where the children are recipients of temporary assistance (FA) under either the cash or non-cash components of non-federal categories of Safety Net Assistance (SNA-FNP). These cases include households that receive SNA-FNP because they have reached their State 60-month time limit, and are no longer eligible to receive TA under Family Assistance (FA) or federally participating SNA (SNA-FP). Camp fees also must not be authorized on behalf of children in receipt of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) who are members of FA or SNA-FP households.

Second, to cite a GIS issued on April 10, 2002 (GIS TA/DC010) which stated that Social Services Law (SSL) §131-a (5) (d) requires districts to provide payment for camp fees for children receiving Aid to Dependent Children (FA and SNA-FP), when funds cannot be obtained from other sources. This is not correct. SSL §131-a (5) (d) states that a district "may make provisions" for issuing camp fees. **Although a district is not required to issue camp fees, once a district determines to offer camp fees as an additional allowance, the authorization of camp fees must not be limited only to certain FA or SNA-FP cases. The amount per eligible child that may be authorized is established by Office Regulation 18 NYCRR §352.2(i) at \$400 per year, in amounts not to exceed \$200 per week.**