



Strengthening Working Families Initiative

PRESENTS:

COMMUNITY CHILD CARE RESOURCES FAIR

**March 6, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.**

AGENDA

- **Welcome**, Tanya Thurman, Action for a Better Community, SWFI Partner
- **Overview of Child Care Ecosystem**, Jeff Pier, Executive Director, Child Care Council, SWFI Partner
- **Child Care Resources Presentations**
 - Strengthening Working Families Initiative, Clayton Waller, Program Manager
 - Child Care Council, Inc. – Renee Scholz, Family & Employer Services Director, SWFI Partner
 - Monroe County Department of Human Services/DSS – Denise Read, Director of Financial Assistance
 - Workforce Development Institute Child Care Subsidy Program – Naquetta Davis, Child Care Program Associate
 - Rochester Housing Authority – Melissa Berrien, Residence Services Supervisor
 - Crisis Nursery – Sam Moskowitz, Program Manager
- **Breakout Sessions**
 - Workshop 1: Child Care 101- R. Scholz
 - Workshop 2: Strengthening Working Families Initiative (SWFI) – C. Waller
 - Workshop 3: Monroe County Department of Human Services/DSS Subsidy Eligibility – D. Read
 - Workshop 4: Knowing Your Rights – Lori O'Brien, Esq., Deputy Director & Mary Palermo, Fair Housing Outreach and Education Paralegal, Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. (LAWNY)
- **Wrap-Up and Acknowledgements**, Ambrose Nwaimo, Action for a Better Community, SWFI Partner

Breakout session (30 min.)

11:25 a.m.-11:55 a.m.

- **Workshop 1: Child Care 101:** An overview of licensing requirements, selecting quality programs, searching program violations on OCFS website and interpreting different types of program violations as part of selecting quality programs
- **Workshop 2: Strengthening Working Families Initiative (SWFI):** An overview of the program and how to refer and/or enroll into the program
- **Workshop 3: Monroe County Department of Human Services/DSS Subsidy Eligibility:** An overview of the subsidy eligibility process for TANF and daycare and addressing program myths
- **Workshop 4: Knowing Your Rights:** An overview regarding legal rights of parents in the workplace and in rental housing

Note of Thanks and Appreciation

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- Rochester Housing Authority, Shawn Burr and Melissa Berrien
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We appreciate all who found time to participate in this Child Care Resources Fair. Hopefully, the community will benefit from this effort.