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Dear families,

Thank you for your trust and support. We value our relationship as we consider it an honor to have your child(ren) in our Y Childcare program.

The Watertown Family YMCA has always been mindful of costs of raising a child, not to mention several. We have tried to keep fees low, while providing your children with a safe, regulated, educationally enriched childcare program. As costs increase, we are working to continue to deliver quality services to our children every day.

We base our childcare rates each year on Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) assistance levels. CCAP have increased their assistance tiers an average of 34% as of June 1, 2022. Y Daycare rates will increase roughly 20% and Y SACC rates will increase roughly 30% starting September 2022. Along with assistance increases, CCAP have changed many eligibility requirements to allow access for more families.

For those that find themselves in need of assistance, but do not qualify for CCAP assistance, we will continue to provide our YMCA Scholarship program. Questions or eligibility information, please call Amy Nakano at the SACC office (315) 755-2005.

Sincerely,

Y Childcare Administration

Eligibility changes

- The definition of very low income was standardized across the state. This means that childcare assistance is available to eligible families earning up to 200% of the State Income Standard (SIS) for their household size. The eligibility level will increase to 300% on August 1, 2022.
- Childcare assistance is now provided for 12 months at a time if the family income stays below the maximum amount allowed and no other case closure reasons are met.
- Family shares cannot be increased during the 12-month eligibility period but can be decreased in some situations.

- Childcare assistance must continue through the end of the eligibility period, even after a child turns 13 years old. This means that you may be able to serve children past their 13th birthday.
- Local social services districts must now pay for up to 24 absence days per child per licensed, registered, or enrolled legally exempt provider per year. If a child receives care from more than one provider in one year, each provider can get paid for up to 24 absences, as needed.
- The definition of “engaged in work” for parents and caretakers who do not receive Temporary Assistance was reduced from a minimum work requirement of 20 hours average per week to 10 hours average per week.

The following are the annual income standards to be used, effective June 1, 2022, to determine eligibility for childcare services.

Family Size	New York State Income Standard (SIS)	200% SIS (until 7/31/22)	300% SIS (starting 8/1/22)
2	\$18,310	\$36,620	\$54,930
3	\$23,030	\$46,060	\$69,090
4	\$27,750	\$55,500	\$83,250
5	\$32,470	\$64,940	\$97,410
6	\$37,190	\$74,380	\$111,570

Information and application packets for Child Care Assistance Program:

- To see if you're eligible, go to: <https://hs.ocfs.ny.gov/CCAPeligibility/>
- Contact Department of Social Services: (315) 785-3324
- Limited packets are available at Watertown Family YMCA SACC Office
 - Packets must be dropped off at DSS office

Questions, let us help?

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