

# Family Service Society, Inc.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you about an important change regarding the Advantage After School Program at Corning-Painted Post School District. Unfortunately, the Office of Children and Family Services has eliminated funding for Advantage programs across the state. Despite this setback, we have been diligently working with the CPP administrators and community partners to ensure that the Advantage program can continue for our middle schoolers.

For over 20 years, Advantage has been a licensed school-age child care program in Corning, providing valuable after-school care for our children. Now that state funds are no longer available, we are collaborating with the Steuben County Child Care Council, led by Pro Action to establish a Child Care Assistance Program at Advantage. This new funding source will allow many of the youth we serve to receive free after-school programming. However, some families may need to pay a daily or weekly fee for their child to continue receiving care.

We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible. With the support of the Child Care Assistance Program, we are able to offer various levels of state coverage or scholarship funding to cover program fees. Many of our families will not need to pay at all.

To move forward in checking your eligibility for assistance, please contact Pro Action Child Care Council for an intake on weekdays from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM at 607-776-2126 ext. 2113 and talk to the Parent Education Counselor. All parents will need to complete a separate registration form with Family Service Society, Inc., just as you have in previous years with the Advantage Program. We will also have a separate scholarship process for families who do not meet criteria for public financial support. Once registration and eligibility are confirmed, a member of our team will be in touch to discuss any applicable payment schedules and answer any questions you may have.

Our goal is to keep Advantage running with minimal expense to the families we serve. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this new process. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about registration or programming questions, please contact us at [Advantage@familyservicesociety.org](mailto:Advantage@familyservicesociety.org) or 607-936-3507.

Warm regards,

*Cynthia Gee*

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**Child Care Council**  
 Steuben & Schuyler's most trusted child care resource  
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 Hours: M - F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## FAMILY ELIGIBILITY

### Qualifications

To qualify for Childcare Assistance, families must be:

- A resident of Steuben County and working
- Document the need for childcare
- Age guideline for children eligible for Childcare Assistance is 6 weeks through 12 years old
- And meet the following income guidelines

### INCOME GUIDELINES (200%)

#### Current Annual Gross Household Income Guidelines (June 1, 2024)

Family Size	Annual Gross Income Limit
1	\$56,488.48
2	\$73,869.56
3	\$91,250.63
4	\$108,631.70
5	\$126,012.77
6	\$143,393.84
7	\$146,652.80
8	\$149,911.75

Some families may be determined eligible for childcare services without regard to income or their employment/schooling status if they have a special family need. For more information, contact Pro Action Childcare Assistance Department.





# CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CCAP)

## Need help paying for child care?

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services' Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) provides eligible families across New York State with financial assistance for child care. CCAP promotes early childhood learning and development while allowing parents/caretakers to work, get training or go to school. The CCAP is administered by local departments of social services (LDSSs) in 57 counties and NYC.

### Are you eligible?

- You could be eligible if your income is less than the income eligibility level and you:
- Are receiving public assistance; or
- Work a minimum of 10 hours per week; or
- Are going to school or a vocational program; or
- Are seeking employment; and
- Your child is one of the following:
  - Younger than 13
  - Younger than 18 with special needs; or
  - Under court supervision
  - Younger than 19 in a secondary school; or equivalent program and has special needs
  - Younger than 19 in a secondary school; or equivalent program and under court supervision

### How do you apply?

To apply complete the following steps:

- Contact your LDSS. <https://ocfs.ny.gov/directories/localdss.php>
- Ask for a child care assistance application
- Complete the application and return it to your LDSS.
- You will need the following:
  - Identification for everyone in the household (include proof of citizenship for each child)
  - Income verification (paystubs or other documentation to prove employment and income)
  - Proof of residence
  - Work or school schedule

### What happens if you are approved?

- Choose a provider and enroll your child. You can choose any of the following types of care:
  - Licensed day care center (permitted in NYC)
  - Registered family day care
  - Licensed group family day care
  - Registered school-age child care
  - Enrolled legally exempt child care provider
- You may have to pay part of the child care costs (family share copay) unless you are receiving public assistance, experiencing homelessness, when such assistance is provided as a protective or preventive service, when such assistance is provided to a child in foster care or when it is a child only case.
- As long as you continue in an allowable activity, you will remain eligible for CCAP for 12 months, unless your household income goes above 85% of the state median income.



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For families with more than 7 people, information on income limits can be found on the web site.

Income limits are updated annually on June 1.

\*from June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025.

Contact your local department of social services for further information and to apply!

**Scan me for more information!**





## Pro Action Child Care Council

### Child Care Is Expensive. We Can Help!



After School Care  
is  
covered too!

## CHILD CARE FEE ASSISTANCE

### ELIGIBILITY HAS GONE UP!

As an example, Steuben County families of 4 who make up to **\$108,631** a year are eligible for Subsidy Assistance.

Our Child Care Assistance team can help you every step of the way in your fee assistance application.

Call **TODAY** to speak to our Parent Education Counselor.

**607-776-2126 ext. 2113**