



**Office of Children
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January 31, 2020

Ms. Marie Cannon, Commissioner
Erie County Department of Social Services
Rath County Office Building
95 Franklin Street, 8th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202-3959

Dear Commissioner Cannon:

This letter is in response to your request to amend Erie County's 2019 Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP). Erie County has requested to amend Appendix L of the CFSP to include the following optional categories of families.

Families with incomes of up to 200% of the State Income Standard when childcare services are needed for the child's caretaker to participate in:

- An English as a second language (ESL) instructional program designed to develop skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing the English language for individuals whose primary language is other than English
- A two-year full-time degree granting program at a community college, a two-year college, or an undergraduate college with a specific vocational goal leading to an associate degree or certificate of completion
- A training program, which has a specific occupational goal and is conducted by an institution other than a college or university that is licensed or approved by the State Education Department. The following limitations apply: Vocational education programs to provide participants with a marketable job skill in local demand occupational sectors. Program must be on the district approved program list.

Erie County has further requested to amend Appendix L of the CFSP to remove limitations for the following optional categories of families.

Families with incomes up to 200% of the State Income Standard when childcare services are needed for the child's caretaker to participate in:

- A public or private educational facility providing a standard high school curriculum offered by or approved by the local school district
- An education program that prepares an individual to obtain a NYS High School equivalency diploma.

Your request has been approved and is effective January 2, 2020. If you have any questions regarding this approval or the child care section found in your district's Child and Family Services 2019 Child Care Plan, please contact Maryellen DeCicco at (518) 408-3395 or via email at Maryellen.DeCicco@ocfs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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Division of Child Care Services