

Attachment A

Dear Child Care Provider:

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Enclosed is a survey which will be used to determine the local market rates for day care in New York State. You may recall completing a similar survey. State law requires that the local market rates be evaluated every two years. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU RESPOND TO THE SURVEY.**

We have made a few changes to the survey based on comments we have received. Although the question regarding full time rates remains unchanged, we have changed the questions regarding part time rates.

Please complete the survey even if all the families you serve are private pays, that is, they do not receive a subsidy from the county department of social services. Fully funded Head Start programs should complete all sections of the survey except section 3, Rates. All other Head Start programs should complete the entire survey.

There are instructions on how to complete the survey on the reverse of this letter. If you have questions about how to complete the survey please call 1 (800) 345-5437 and tell the Decade of the Child infoline operator you need assistance in completing the child care market rate survey.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Please make sure you send us your completed survey within two weeks of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Friedell
Director
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