Are you looking for a child care provider? Do you qualify for the Child Care Assistance Program through Otsego County? Hire a Friend or Family Member as your Child's Provider!

Many families have unique schedules that require various types of child care.

Many families are now struggling to find a registered or licensed child care program in their area.

Legally Exempt child care is a great option for those families. This program allows parents to hire close, dependable, reliable friends and family members as their child's care providers. These hired friends and family members are called Legally Exempt child care providers, who are also eligible to receive subsidy payments, or daycare assistance, from the county they perform their services in.

How many children can a Legally Exempt provider care for?

Legally Exempt providers can only care for two (2) non-related children at one time.

How much money does a Legally Exempt provider make?

The amount paid by the county (on behalf of a subsidy eligible parent) and/or by the parent(s) depends on a number of factors.

Where does Legally Exempt care take place?

Legally Exempt providers care for children in a residence or home.

What is the process?

- If the parent is looking to receive child care assistance for Legally Exempt care, an assistance
 case MUST be established.
 - The parent must then choose their child care provider. This is usually a close friend, family member, or neighbor they know and trust.
 - Once the parent has chosen a Legally Exempt provider, the parent AND the provider must complete an application together. The application may be mailed to Catholic Charities or delivered in person to our office at 176 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820.

Questions? Call our office at (607) 432-0061



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