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Chautauqua Child Care Council to Host Public Forum on Child Care Issues in Chautauqua County

Jamestown, NY - In the wake of recent events concerning child care in Chautauqua County, Chautauqua Child Care Council, a service area of Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. in co-collaboration with Chautauqua County Association for the Education of Young Children, and United Way Success by Six will host a Community Forum - *The State of Child Care In Chautauqua County*.

This Community Forum will be held on Monday, May 7, 2007 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Robert H. Jackson Center, 205 East 4th Street, Jamestown, New York. The public is invited to come together with a panel of community leaders and local child care & education experts to discuss the recent local developments in child care.

The child care center run by Jamestown Community College is the 4th day care center to close in Chautauqua County within the last year. The doors have also closed to 40 family day care providers. These closings certainly have caused a tremendous strain on working families with children at these centers along with staff employed by the providers. On the upside, Governor Spitzer's budget calls for an increase in funding for education – especially within Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK). What does all of this mean for Chautauqua County?

Chautauqua Child Care Council encourages the entire community to attend this forum and make their voice heard on the issues of child care within Chautauqua County.

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