



Giving Providers, Parents and Businesses the Resources to Better

Our Children's Future



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As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember – and share with your children – some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

Transportation Safety

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school:

Walkers

Review your family's walking safety rules and practice walking to school with your child.

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic
- Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections
Stay alert and avoid distracted walking.

Bike Riders

Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your child.

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding
Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.



Bus Riders

Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them.

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus
- Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb

If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other

Driving Your Child to School

- Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure
- Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children
The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus

Teen Drivers

Car crashes are the No. 1 cause of death for teens. Fortunately, there is something we can do.

- Teens crash because they are inexperienced; practice with new drivers every week, before and after they get their license
- Set a good example; drive the way you want your teen to drive



<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school>

Chautauqua County
Events

Audubon

1600 Riverside Road,
Jamestown, NY 14701

<https://auduboncnc.org/>

Roger Tory Peterson
Institute

311 Curtis Street,
Jamestown, NY 14701

<https://rtpi.org/>

Fenton History Center

67 Washington Street,
Jamestown, NY 14701

<https://fentonhistorycenter.org/>

Please stay informed on how operations are being held during the covid-19 pandemic. Contact or check online for event regulations day and times.

Does your child's caregiver participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)? CACFP helps providers serve healthy meals and snacks to your child by reimbursing him or her for following nutritious guidelines. If your provider doesn't participate in the CACFP, talk to him or her about signing up. For more information, contact Chris Wigren, CACFP Specialist, at 716-661-9430 ext. 2269 or cwigren@chautopp.org.

Interested in starting your day care? The Chautauqua Child Care Council Can help you to get started. For more information call 716-664-9430 Ext. 2289 or 2290.



Do you need assistance finding quality child care? The Child Care Council can help! We provide free, customized referrals to licensed/registered child care providers in Chautauqua County. Please contact 1-800-424-4532 to get started or email Childcare@chautopp.org