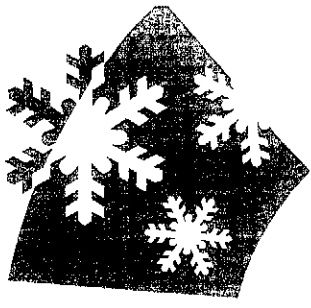


*Erie County Department of Health
Special Needs Division*



Inclement Weather Policy

Your child will not be transported to school if any of the following situations occur :

- 1.The School District in which you reside and or in which your child is picked up in is closed
- 2.The School District the preschool is located in is closed (even if the preschool is open)
- 3.The School District the bus garage is located in is closed.
4. The route the bus takes requires it to travel through a closed School District in order to get your child to school.

Please Note:

If transportation is cancelled but your child's school is open and you choose to transport your child, you may be reimbursed for travel. The paperwork can be obtained form your preschool

Important to know where your child's bus garage is located
Listen to the radio or television for news about school closings.

During school hours if you have any questions regarding your child's transportation you need to call the preschool first.



SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION CIRCUMSTANCES



No transportation will be required or provided when the Early Intervention or Preschool Programs are affected by:

- ◆ a snow day,
- ◆ a natural disaster, or
- ◆ a malfunction in facility operations on any given day.

IN BAD WEATHER, IF:

- ◆ the school district in which your child resides is closed, *and/or*
- ◆ the school district where your child's program is located is closed (even if the preschool is open), *and/or*
- ◆ the bus must travel through a school district that is closed in order to get your child to school in another district, *and/or*
- ◆ the school district in which the bus garage is located is closed (It is important to know where your child's bus garage is located, and you should listen to for school closings on the radio or TV), *then*

NO TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

You are free to transport your child using your own vehicle in these circumstances and you can be reimbursed by the County for your mileage at:

\$.40 cents per mile, OR

\$10.00 for 2 round trips (drop off-back home, pick up- back home), OR

\$5.00 per round trip,

whichever is the greatest amount,

using www.MapQuest.com to compute mileage distances.

If you decide to transport your child yourself, you need to know that :

- ◆ Parents become vendors of Erie County
- ◆ Reimbursement is NOT taxable
- ◆ Checks are issued to parents only; any arrangements made for other people to transport your child is the responsibility of the parent
- ◆ Mileage forms are submitted to Erie County at the end of the month
- ◆ All mileage forms must be signed off on by the agency where the child receives services, prior to submission
- ◆ Registration and mileage forms are available through your child's preschool program or Early Intervention Service Coordinator.
- ◆ Rates are subject to change with a 30 day notice
- ◆ Checks will be issued within 45 days of receipt of invoice
- ◆ Any questions should be directed to 858-6161

Should you choose to transport your own child in these special circumstances, you'll need to call your child's preschool program to set up the parent vendor paperwork. Also, if you have any questions during school hours about your child's transportation, you need to call the preschool first.

OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN ERIE COUNTY TO ASSIST YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

FINANCIAL:

- Child Health Plus / Family Health Plus (858-7207)
- Erie Co. Social Services Intake (858-8000)
- Food Stamps (858-7239)
- HEAP (858-7644)
- Medicaid (858-6244)
- Medicaid Transport (858-4877)
- Nursing through CASA (858-2323)
- OMRDD'S Respite Program (517-2164)
- OMRDD'S Family Support Services (Family Reimbursement and Respite) (517-3412)
- OMRDD's Care at Home Program (517-3456)
- Public Assistance (858-6598)
- SSI (1-800-772-1213)
- WIC (858-7715)

CHILDCARE:

- Child Care Coalition (877-6666)
- Medicaid Daycare (858-8953)
- CAO After School Programs (881-5150)

CHILD WELFARE:

- Head Start (Community Action Org.) (881-5150)
- Child Support (1-888-208-4485)
- Creative Family Resources (827-5407)
- Early Childhood Direction Center (888-1450)
- Child Find (858-6161)
- Maria Love Foundation (984-9194)
- Make a Wish Foundation (810-9474)
- Child Protection Hotline (1-800-342-3720)

PARENTING HELP:

- Parents Anonymous (892-2172)
- EPIC (332-4100)
- Planned Parenthood (831-2200)
- Be a Friend, Big Brother/Sister Prog. (878-4337)

LEGAL:

- Family Court (858-8100)
- Neighborhood Legal Services (847-0650)
- Legal Aid (853-9555)

- UB Law School Legal Assistance Program-Special Education Clinic (645-2167)
- Volunteer Lawyer's Project (847-0662)

COUNSELING / SUPPORT GROUPS:

- AGAPE Parents Fellowship (827-5407)
- AIDS Family Services (881-4612)
- Alcohol & Drug Dependency Services (854-2997)
- Alcoholics Anonymous (853-0388)
- Battered Women/Men (884-6000)
- Canine Helpers for the Handicapped (433-4035)
- Catholic Charities (856-4494)
- Catholic Charities Refugee Assistance (842-0270)
- Central Referral (851-5555)
- Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-342-3720)
- Child and Family Services (842-2750)
- Crisis Services (834-3131)
- Domestic Violence Hotline:
English (1-800-942-6906)
Español (1-800-942-6908)
- ECMC Mental Health Clinic (843-5678)
- Gambler's Anonymous (879-0555)
- Horizon Health Clinics (831-1800)
- Jewish Family Services (883-1914)
- Life Transitions Center (836-6460)
- Lion's Blind and Charity Fund (845-0344)
- Mental Health Assoc. of Erie Co. (886-1242)
- Narcotics Anonymous (878-2316)
- NYS Commission for the Blind (847-3517)
- NYS HIV Counseling (1-800-872-2777)
- NYS HIV/AIDS Hotline (1-800-541-2437)
- Off. Mental Retardation/Development (517-2000)
- Poison Control Center (878-7654 / 1-800-222-1222)
- Renaissance House (821-0391)
- Substance Abuse Info/Ref. (1-800-522-5353)
- WNY Children's Psychiatric Center (674-9730)

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT:

- Bflo. & Erie Co. Workforce Development (819-9845)
- Bflo. Employment and Training Ctr. (856-5627)

- Educational Opportunity Center (849-6727)
- Erie 1 BOCES-GED Programs (822-3333)
- Everywoman Opportunity Center (847-1120)
- Internat. Institute (Translation/ESL) (883-1900)
- Literacy Volunteers (876-8991)
- VESID (848-8001)

FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER:

- American Red Cross (886-7500)
- Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority (855-6711)
- Belmont Shelter (884-7791)
- Buffalo Urban League (854-7625)
- Catholic Charities (856-4494)
- Child and Family Services (842-2750)
- Cornerstone Manor (852-0761)
- Erie Co. Housing Emergency (858-8013)
- Food Bank of WNY (852-1305)
- Habitat for Humanity (883-0059)
- Harvest House Baby Ministry (824-7818)
- Haven House (884-6000)
- Haven House (Springville) (592-0158)
- Hispanics United (856-7110)
- Harbor House (842-4184)
- Homespace (881-4600)
- Little Portion Friary (882-5705)
- Rental Assistance Corp. of Bflo. (882-0063)
- Salvation Army Intake (883-9800)
- Salvation Army Rental Assistance (882-0063)
- St. Vincent de Paul Society (882-3360)
- St. Luke's Mission of Mercy (894-4491)
- Trinity Episcopal Church (683-1111)
- United Way (887-2626)

RECREATION:

- Boys and Girls Club of Erie Co. (825-1016)
- Camp Good Days (834-1995)
- Cradle Beach Camp (549-6307)
- Erie Co. Special Olympics (677-0144)
- Excalibur Leisure Center (Boating) (831-3188)
- Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Ctr. (655-1335)

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