



**Office of Children  
and Family Services**

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**SHEILA J. POOLE**  
Commissioner

October 6, 2021

Mr. Michael Mascarenas, Commissioner  
Essex County Department of Social Services  
7551 Court Street, P.O. Box 217  
Elizabethtown, NY 12932-0217

Dear Commissioner Mascarenas:

This letter is to inform you that the child care section found in your Child and Family Services Plan, 2021 Annual Plan Update, was approved and became effective on August 31, 2021.

This approval is being issued separately from the approval of other sections of your plan in order to accommodate your county's need to implement the child care services provisions. A letter approving the remaining sections of your plan will be sent upon their approval.

If you have any questions about this approval or the child care section found in your district's Child and Family Services Plan, 2021 Annual Plan Update, please contact Maryellen DeCicco at (518) 408-3395, or by email at [Maryellen.DeCicco@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:Maryellen.DeCicco@ocfs.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Molnar".

Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D.  
Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Child Care Services

Enc: Approved 2021 Annual Plan Update