

A Resolution Submitted by  
Legislator Barbara Miller-Williams

**RE: Support for Direct Deposit Payments to Child Care Providers in Erie County**

WHEREAS, Erie County supports working families by offering a subsidy to help offset the cost of child care services, Child Care Centers in Erie County have provided these services but are being confronted with issues involving the Day Care Services Unit payment schedule that may affect the sustainability of their business; and

WHEREAS, a number of Counties in New York State, including Erie County, have utilized the Child Care Time and Attendance (CCTA) system to process child care payments, many providers in these counties have experienced issues with payment processing which has caused payments to be consistently late. These providers are calling upon New York State to explore the possibility of adding direct deposit to the CCTA system to eliminate payment processing issue; and

WHEREAS, provision of child care service varies in Erie County from home child care providers to childcare centers, a coalition of childcare centers in Erie County are currently advocating for implementation of a direct deposit payment system and improved communication from the Department of Social Services including establishment of dedicated personnel to work directly with providers and parents and inclusion in monthly meetings held with home childcare providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature is in support of a direct deposit payment system for child care serviced rendered by providers in Erie County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body encourages the Erie County Department of Social Services to improve their relationship with licensed day care centers in Erie County and to include these providers in all activity and/or correspondence the Department has with home care providers in Erie County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Members of the WNY Delegation to the New York State Legislature, Honorable Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, to Mr. Al Dirschberger, PhD, Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Social Services.