



### Financial Assistance Options

Many families are not aware of the many financial aid options and child care discounts that are available. Many child care programs offer discounts and sliding fee scales, some even offer financial aid. Not all child care programs offer discounts; please contact Child Care Aware® of Steuben and Schuyler for a listing of programs that offer financial aid and discounts.

#### Scholarships

Some programs provide scholarships for eligible families with children enrolled in the program. With scholarship awards, families can receive child care at a reduced rate or no cost.

#### Multi Child Discounts

Some programs offer fee discounts to parents with more than one child in their program. The discount will vary with each program, but generally programs offering a multi child discount will charge full rate for one child and a reduced rate for that child’s siblings.

#### Sliding Scale Fee

Most child care centers in Steuben County base their rates on a sliding scale fee. With a sliding scale fee each family’s child care costs differ based on their income and family size. Lower income earners will pay a lower rate for child care.

#### College Scholarships

College students should contact their schools financial aid office to find out if money is available to help with the cost of child care.

#### Family Service Society, Inc.

Family Service Society, Inc. helps people in Steuben County and the surrounding area. They provide professional counseling and community services that empower individuals and families to deal more effectively with their challenges, enhancing the quality of their lives. This includes financial counseling. To make an appointment for any of their services call 607-962-3148.

#### Child Care Subsidy

Parents in Steuben County may take advantage of a subsidy program to help with the cost of child care. The program operates on a sliding fee scale with parents sharing in the cost. Contact Jeannie at 607-776-2126 or [jonesj@proactioninc.org](mailto:jonesj@proactioninc.org) for more information.

Family Size (include yourself)	Annual Gross Family Income*** Not to Exceed:
1	\$24,120
2	\$32,480
3	\$40,840
4	\$49,200
5	\$57,560
6	\$65,920
7	\$74,280
8	\$82,640





For each additional family member add \$8,360\*\*\* Income calculated: child support, gross weekly income, and contributions. Parents will be assigned a weekly fee based on the New York State sliding fee scale. Care may be used in a registered home, a licensed center or an informal setting.

**Earned Income Tax Credit**

The Federal and NYS Earned Income Tax Credits are tax credits you can claim based on the money you earn on your job. The amounts vary, depending on your marital status, family's earned income, and number of qualified children. For additional information call the IRS toll-free number at 1-800-906-9887 or visit [www.otda.state.ny.us/main/reform/vitasites.asp](http://www.otda.state.ny.us/main/reform/vitasites.asp).

