



**2025 CSEA/VOICE Statewide Conferences  
Albany • Niagara Falls**

# ***Agenda***

**May 31 - June 1, 2025**

**Marriott Albany  
189 Wolf Rd  
Albany, NY 12205**

*Health and Safety Training for Legally Exempt Providers*

# **Legally Exempt**



**Friday, May 30: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** – Registration

**Saturday, May 31: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** – Registration and Vendors

**8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** - Welcome

**8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** - Opening Plenary

### **United We Rise!**

OCFS Topic Code: 5

*Traducción al español en vivo disponible.*

**Description:** We will be negotiating our 5th Contract with New York State and the Office of Children and Family Services. Come learn more about contract negotiations and how it affects your business.

**Presenters:** Aminata Stephens and Bonnie Caldwell

**9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

### **Welcome, Introductions and Introduction to Legally Exempt Care**

**Description:** This lesson is designed to familiarize participants with the New York State child day care system, the legally exempt child care regulations via the enrollment form, and fundamentals of child development, which will be woven through the course as an interactive activity.

**Presenter:** CSEA/VOICE

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

### **Keeping Safe Spaces**

**Description:** This lesson is designed to inform participants of general good practices for maintaining a safe environment in which children can grow and learn. It is also designed to support providers in understanding the importance of fire prevention, poison control, planning for emergencies and transporting children in care.

**Presenter:** CSEA/VOICE

**2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

### **Keeping Children and Providers Healthy**

**Description:** This lesson is designed to inform participants of general good health practices to prevent illness. Some of the areas to be discussed include childhood immunizations, medications for children, effective prevention of germ transmission, and nutrition and feeding of children.

**Presenter:** CSEA/VOICE



4:30 pm – 5:30 p.m.

**How to Develop Daily Routines that are Applicable to Your Family Child Care**

OCFS Topic Code: 1, 3

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**Description:** The content of this workshop will include an introduction to the newest edition of the Redleaf Family Child Care Curriculum, Sharon Woodward, Redleaf Press 2025. Participants will learn about and discuss how implementing a curriculum that actually reflects the day to day reality of family child care will enhance their ability to facilitate the healthy development of all the children enrolled in their programs.

**Presenter:** Sharon Woodward



7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast

7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Registration and Vendors

8:00 am – 9:00 a.m.

### **Brains at Risk**

OCFS Topic Code: 1, 10

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**Description:** We are in the midst of a revolution that applies new brain research to our care and teaching of children. There are two critical questions to answer. Are the brains of children today receiving the right stimulation during the right developmental periods in order to maximize their potential? Can a brain that has been compromised by early life experiences or genetics be enriched to its full potential? This keynote will answer both and provide insights into the role of professionals when maximizing how a brain develops.

**Presenter:** Jeanine Fitzgerald

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **Childhood Preventions**

**Description:** This lesson provides preventive measures that legally exempt providers can take to keep the children in care safe and to possibly get assistance to families in need without causing additional harm or pain to the children in care.

**Presenter:** CSEA/VOICE

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### **Bright Beginnings: Creating A Happy Rewarding and Engaging Daycare Experience for You, the Child and your Employees**

OCFS Topic Code: 1, 4

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**Description:** This interactive training session will provide daycare providers with practical strategies to create a joyful, nurturing, and engaging environment for children. Participants will explore techniques for fostering positive relationships, implementing structured yet flexible routines, and incorporating play-based learning to keep children excited and engaged. The session will cover effective communication with both children and parents, conflict resolution strategies, and ways to create a warm and inclusive atmosphere. Through hands-on activities, real-life scenarios, and expert insights, attendees will leave with actionable steps to enhance the daycare experience, making it a place where children thrive, parents feel confident, and caregivers find fulfillment in their work.

**Presenter:** Bonita Whitlock

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Conference Closing and Raffles

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