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TRC 716-640-5151 scammer.



CHILD CARE



Did you know there is expanded eligibility for families to access the Child Care Assistance Program?

A working family of 4 making up to \$108,631 may be eligible for assistance in paying for child care.

It is EASY to apply online

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/ccap/>.

There is also help available for finding child care. You can contact our Chautauqua Child Care Council at: 1-800-424-4532 or

<https://www.chautauquaopportunities.com/chautauqua-child-care-council/>.

You can also click here to search yourself:

<https://www.chautauquaopportunities.com/chautauqua-child-care-council-esccm/>

Stay ahead of scammers in 2025

Is that unexpected text a scam?

Some text scams start as fake fraud alerts. You get a message from someone claiming to be from the [fraud department with Amazon](#) or your bank, offering to help with a suspicious charge. But that's the hook they use to get you to respond by messaging back or calling a number. Instead of help, they'll spin elaborate lies and drain your bank account.

Or maybe you get a text about a [problem with a delivery](#) or a message about [unpaid tolls](#). In both cases, they tell you to click a link to fix the issue. When you land on what seems to be the USPS or highway toll program website (they're not), they tell you to pay "re-delivery fees" or "unpaid tolls." That's when you might end up giving your credit card or even your Social Security number to a scammer.

No matter what story you get, here are ways to **avoid** [text scams](#):

Don't reply to unexpected text messages. It could lead to a scam.

Never click links in unexpected messages. Scammers want you to react quickly, but it's best to stop and check it out.

Don't assume a text from a known company or organization is legit. Check it out. Reach out to the company, state tolling agency, or bank using a phone number or website you know is real — not the info from the text.



Delete and report scam texts using your phone's "report junk" option or forward unwanted texts to **7726 (SPAM)**. Learn more at ftc.gov/textscams.