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Broome County Opens Daycare for Children of Employees

(ENDWELL, NY) Broome County Executive Jason Garnar was joined by District Attorney Michael Korchak and several School Resource Officers (SROs) for an announcement regarding daycare for children of Broome County employees Wednesday morning.

Free childcare is now available for children of Broome County employees and **essential healthcare staff from the area** who have no other childcare options. It is available for school-age children grades K-5. Staff is provided by the Broome County Office for Aging. Childcare is being provided at the Broome Western Senior Center, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and started today, Wednesday, March 18.

“It is important for us to do everything we can to make sure our Broome County employees can report to work and continue to provide essential needs for the county,” said Broome County Executive Jason Garnar. “Thank you to our various departments who were able to pull this childcare plan together so quickly and thank you to District Attorney Korchak for providing us with additional resources.”

“The recent postponements in the courts and closure of schools have temporarily changed the staffing structure at the D.A.’s Office,” said Broome County District Attorney Michael Korchak. The primary duties of our School Resource Officers are to educate, mentor, and protect the students of Broome County, and having these veteran law enforcement officers available, during an emergency, is a tremendous boost to our community. While they won’t be working in their normal school buildings, they will continue serving Broome County in this important role.”

The county will continue to evaluate the opening of additional locations as the need arises. At this time at least two additional potential locations have been identified.

The Broome County Department of Social Services is also working on putting together a task force to monitor open day care spots in Broome County.