**Attended:** LWE Working Families Group
**Notes by:** Christine Hussar

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| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Action Items** | **Responsible Person / Dept** |
| Karen King | Welcome- Thanks for joining today and last week at the first in person Task Force Meeting. Next month we would like to meet in person for our group meeting and going forward maybe until weather permitted. If people would like to host the meeting please let me know for Julys meeting and forward. |  |  |
| Rusty Weaver & Sherri Scavone | We would like to present to you the WNY Childcare Business Mapping Project. The state had funding for childcare and wanted to create the Desert Map. We know employers are having a problem hiring employees due to childcare issues that parents are having here in WNY.  | We layered childcare & businesses together so we are looking on how to fix the problem with childcare issues. Using the mapping tool will help facilitate this to businesses. |  |
| Rusty Weaver | How do we connect businesses to daycares in our communities? Visiting the Map shows us that the geographic distribution of child care deserts by areas with low child care capacity.  | We would like to have business navigators out there to help inform all of this tool, we just have to figure out how and when. |  |
| Rusty Weaver | The Main Map is being tracked by OCFS. NY State open data portal comes from them and refreshes the first of every month. Click on the providers- OCFS provides the info on this of the providers info. The providers are responsible to update their information to them for us to get correct data.  | This tool is great to link businesses of 250+ employees to this map to see if childcare is available for them in their zip code |  |
| Rusty Weaver | This map will show us in WNY what area has lots of jobs and we can use this to market to them about childcare. Visit [HTTP://Childcarewny.org](http://Childcarewny.org) to view the map. | How do we start to market this map and info to providers & CC Agencies |  |
| Broderick Cason | Will this map include licensed providers only? Legally exempt are not on this map. Only licensed programs are currently on this map only. |  |  |
| Sherri Scavone | We are doing pilots on how to market this right now. More people know the better. The Map is a great tool for providers to update their info, but parents still need to call the providers, go check them out. | We need other stakeholders to know about this and get it out there to the communities |  |
| Maria Whyte | I would like to talk offline more with Sherri on how we can get the several chambers of commerce informed. Inform unions of this etc. |  |  |
| Vonetta Rhodes | Please use our company name as WNY Childcare Action Team please. We will do our best to inform all about this map and tools in the community. Please try to communicate this to providers, agencies, newspapers etc. |  |  |
| LouAnn Brown | Great tool to use, lets try to target staff, CEO’s on this. Maybe using United Way to help spread the word. |  |  |
| Susan Gawley | We would like to do a presentation on this to help inform others. |  |  |
| **Next Meeting Date: June 22, 2023- In person @ 1000 Hertel Ave. Buffalo NY 14216** | CCRN is hosting this meeting, we will have breakout sessions. |  |  |