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**CCRN & BLUE CROSS BLUE SHEILD TO HOST PROVIDER  
APPRECIATION DINNER FOR OVER 200 LOCAL CHILD CARE  
PROVIDERS**

**BUFFALO, NY, June 11, 2018** — Child Care Resource Network (CCRN) will be hosting a Provider Appreciation Dinner at Templeton Landing on Tuesday June 12, 2018 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield and is a free event which expects over 200 area early child care providers to be in attendance.

Studies have shown that a quality early childhood education can lead to an increase in high school completion, and college attendance; while also leading to decreases in special education placements, teen pregnancy, welfare dependence and incarceration. Early Child Care providers are among the lowest earning college graduates and without them many parents in WNY wouldn't be able to go to work each day.

“Child Care providers work to provide a safe, nurturing environment for our children. They show up every day and work long hours with little fanfare. They don't do it for the recognition, but this dinner is our small way of showing them we see them, we appreciate them, and we care.” Says Jodi Schwegler Director of Community Impact

CCRN is using this event as a Thank You to the over 200 providers in attendance for all the hard work they do caring for the children of Western New York because our community wouldn't work without them.

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