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#### **Possible Money Scam Targeting Child Care Providers in Western New York**

**BUFFALO, NY, September 6, 2016** — It has been brought to the attention of Erie County's Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, Child Care Resource Network that there is a possible money scam targeting child care providers throughout Niagara and Erie Counties.

According to Niagara County's Child Care Resource & Referral Agency, Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara, this fraudulent scam targets providers by sending personalized letters and/or e-mails to the child care center or home, addressed to the provider, coming from an address in London. Inside is a letter explaining that they will be working in the area for a short period of time and will be in need of daycare. A check may accompany the letter, sent in excess of what the child care costs will be. Instructions may be included to deposit the check and wire transfer the excess funds back to the parent.

We ask that no child care provider accept checks from unknown sources, or wire transfer money to families or parents they do not personally know.

If you receive this type letter, or one similar to it, please **DO NOT** respond and notify your local authorities of the incident.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Charles Orlando, Child Care Resource Network's Director of Regulatory Services at 716-877-6666 ext. 3095.

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