

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislators Browning, Gregory

RESOLUTION NO. 1216 -2013, AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIVING WAGE CONTINGENCY FUND FOR LAZY COW, INC. DBA KIDDIE CARE EARLY LEARNING CENTER, THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS CENTER OF LONG ISLAND, INC. - RONKONKOMA, COLONIAL YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC. AND BRIGHTWATERS CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC. DBA KIDDIE ACADEMY OF BRIGHTWATERS DAY CARE PROVIDERS UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 347-15, County Transitional Financial Assistance was added to the Suffolk County Code wherein child care providers shall be eligible for upfront financial assistance from the Suffolk County Living Wage Contingency Fund, or any successor fund thereto, in order to meet increased payroll expenses; and

WHEREAS, Lazy Cow, Inc. dba Kiddie Care Early Learning Center, The Community Programs Center of Long Island, Inc. - Ronkonkoma, Colonial Youth and Family Services, Inc. and Brightwaters Child Care and Development Center, Inc. dba Kiddie Academy of Brightwaters day care providers, have submitted an application for Hardship Assistance and other prescribed forms to document the need for financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the providers have concerns about their ability to comply with the Living Wage Law without a financial subsidy; and

WHEREAS, the centers provide a needed service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor has authorized Hardship Assistance in the amount up to a maximum of \$177,501 be awarded for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Living Wage Hardship funding will be provided to Lazy Cow, Inc. dba Kiddie Care Early Learning Center (\$54,439), The Community Programs Center of Long Island, Inc. - Ronkonkoma (\$49,631), Colonial Youth and Family Services, Inc. (\$32,171) and Brightwaters Child Care and Development Center, Inc. dba Kiddie Academy of Brightwaters (\$41,260) in the amount up to a maximum of \$177,501; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the County Comptroller be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to disburse funds as follows:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001-MSC-1998-4770 Suffolk County Living Wage Contingency Fund	\$177,501
 <u>TO:</u>	
001-DSS-6015-4770 Client Benefits Special Services	\$177,501

and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to disburse the funds to Lazy Cow, Inc. dba Kiddie Care Early Learning Center, The Community Programs Center of Long Island, Inc. - Ronkonkoma, Colonial Youth and Family Services, Inc. and Brightwaters Child Care and Development Center, Inc. dba Kiddie Academy of Brightwaters.

DATED: December 17, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 26, 2013