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## **The Y Works to Make it Easier for Parents to Vote**

### *Nationwide Child Care Initiative on Election Day Supports Parents and Caregivers*

Oswego, NY (October 2018)— Today the Oswego YMCA announced that it will host free child care services on Election Day, providing busy parents and caregivers the opportunity to make it easier to get to the polls on November 6. Taking kids to the polls may add stress for busy parents and caregivers; the Y is committed to doing its part to help remove barriers to voting so that all Americans can vote.

“The Y has a long, proud history of promoting civic engagement. It’s an essential part of our cause to strengthen communities,” said Kerrie Webb, Executive Director at Oswego YMCA. “We know that one reason people may not vote is due to lack of child care and we want to ensure that those who want to, are able to make their voices heard. As the largest provider of child care in the country, the Y is uniquely positioned to offer care on Election Day to all families in the community.”

Located at 265 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, the Oswego YMCA Play and Learn Center is open 8:30am-1:00pm and 4:00pm-7:30pm and is open to children ages 3 months to 12 years. To ensure your child(ren)’s spot, please call by noon on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to pre-register for a time slot. Children can be dropped off for no more than 90 minutes. If you are not a member at the Oswego Y, please plan to arrive early on Tuesday to fill out all necessary paperwork.

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### ***About the Y***

The Y is one of the nation’s leading nonprofits, which strengthens communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the U.S., 2,700 Ys engage 22 million men, women and children – regardless of age, income or background, nurturing the potential of children and teens, improving the nation’s health and well-being, and providing opportunities to give back and support the community. Anchored in more than 10,000 communities, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver lasting personal and social change. [ymca.net](http://ymca.net)