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As of Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 8:00pm by Executive Order and by declaration of the Cabinet Secretary, of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, The State of West Virginia must cease providing care for children of parents working in jobs deemed non-essential.

However, the need for child care remains a critical piece of the COVID-19 response and it is the goal of WV DHHR, Bureau for Children and Families (BCF), Division of Early Care and Education (ECE) to make every attempt to provide child care services for the COVID -19 essential workers. To provide for that need, registration as a Critical Care Child Care site, is available.

All interested licensed and certified child care programs across West Virginia, as well as those agencies who wish to provide care on site to their employees of essential workers must review and complete the health and safety checklist and submit the registration form and checklist cover page via email at **ECEProviders@wv.gov**.

Any person who meets the definition of an essential worker will qualify for child care assistance. Essential workers shall contact their local Child Care Resource and Referral agency to apply. If found eligible the CCR&R case manager will issue a regular 12-month Child Care Certificate.

Child care providers caring for the child(ren) of an essential worker will be paid Tier III rates. This enhanced rate will be paid as long as funding is available. Child care providers who are granted Tier III status during this crisis will revert to their original Tier status once the crisis has passed

Registration forms may be found **here**

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West Virginia's Child Care Program is dedicated to improving the affordability, accessibility and quality of child care services. To improve affordability, the Division of Early Care & Education manages a statewide system of **Child Care Resource and Referral agencies**, which provide resource information and financial assistance to eligible families. Financial assistance covers the majority of the cost of direct care and protection of children while parents work, attend training, or are otherwise unable to provide care. The agencies also educate consumers on selecting appropriate child care and refer parents to providers in their area.

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The Child Care Program also promotes safe environments that promote healthy physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth of children by regulating persons or programs that care for children age birth to 13 or up to age 18, if the child has special needs. Whether you are looking for infant or toddler care, a preschool setting, or a program serving school age children, there are licensed child care centers that may fit your needs. To view licensed child care centers, click **here**. There you will be able to see a list of all child care centers in the state. To narrow your search, enter city or zip code. Also included are center and capacity details, corrective action plans, explanation of license types and how to access a history of noncompliance for licensed child care centers in West Virginia. Should you be interested in care in a family child care home or facility please contact your local Resource and Referral Agency.

Regulations (rules) for **child care centers**, **Out of School Time**, **family child care facilities**, **family child care homes**, and **informal relative** regulations can be found by clicking on the name in the sentence.

A **Supplement Guide for Child Care Regulation** interpretation is also available. The Supplemental Guide is an accompaniment to the legislative rule for child care centers(78-1). It also provides guidance statements of some of the licensing requirements in the rule.

Families are eligible for financial assistance if their monthly gross income (before taxes and deductions) falls below 150% of FY 2018 Federal Poverty Level. Once eligible, the family may continue to receive certificates until income exceeds 185% of FY 2018 Federal Poverty Level. Income is adjusted for family size, as **the chart** indicates. Most families pay a portion of the cost of care.

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 requires states to make available by electronic means, easily accessible provider-specific information regarding the number of deaths and serious injuries that occur in child care settings each year. The information the WV DHHR Bureau for Children and Families Division of Early Care and Education, the administrator for CCDBG in West Virginia will make serious injury and child fatality information available to parents and other stakeholders on a monthly and annual basis.

To view the report click **here**.

The WV Statewide Diaster plan can be found **here**.

Disclaimer: This information is provided as a public services by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, which neither endorses any child care program, nor guarantees that the information is accurate, up to date, or complete. This information should not be used as a sole source in selecting a child care program.

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