



CARES Child Care Scholarship for *Essential Workers at NO COST!*

Dear Employer:

The Early Care & Learning Council and its network of 35 Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies are excited to announce that the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and Governor Cuomo’s Administration have developed a plan to provide child care to essential workers (<https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026>) at **no cost**. This allocation of funding for child care for essential workers comes to the state from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”).

Essential workers (who are income eligible*) using a regulated child care provider will receive a scholarship for the cost of care as long as the funds to support it are available. All OCFS regulated providers who are providing child care for essential workers are eligible to participate in this new program.

New York State’s plan will ensure that the workforce that is needed to protect and care for the public during this pandemic will have the child care that they need that allows them to perform their critical jobs. A member of our statewide network of CCR&Rs is available in every community, eager to work with you to access this new program.

If you have employees that are classified as essential workers and are income eligible, and are looking for child care or a child care provider for essential workers please contact your local CCR&R agency at <https://earlycareandlearning.org/our-members/>. The CCR&R agencies employ child care experts, able to assist individual essential workers and/or provide you with information on their services for you to distribute to your workforce.

*Federal Poverty Guidelines(@ 300%) <https://www.payingforseniorcare.com/federal-poverty-level>

Family Size	Household Salary Eligibility (Maximum)
2	\$51,720
3	\$65,160
4	\$78,600
5	\$92,040
6	\$105,480
7	\$118,920
8	\$132,360

Sincerely,

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