



Early  
Childhood  
Services



During these challenging times we are working to combine our efforts with agencies across our local region and statewide to coordinate and mobilize child care opportunities for essential personnel as outlined in Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-16.

### Information for Essential Workforce Parents and Guardians

#### Eligibility Determination

- This is a temporary service provided until disaster relief is no longer needed. It is intended for Michigan's essential workforce.
- If your child receives child care provided in one of our "disaster relief child care centers" (local classrooms) and schools resumes, child care services would end. If you are with a private child care provider, continuing service would be decided between you and the provider.
- We will request either a pay stub or employment badge to verify you are an essential worker as defined by the Executive Order.
- The child care fees are determined by local provider. Most accept Child Care Subsidy funds (CDC). To see if you qualify for this state assistance for childcare, please visit [MDE](#). To apply, please visit [Mi Bridges](#).
- Every effort will be made to accommodate a variety of work schedules. We are working with providers to accommodate extended hours of service.
- Available spots will be communicated to you as they become available. Initial contact will be made by Morgan Hall through email from the following address [childcare@copese.org](mailto:childcare@copese.org). If necessary, a phone contact will be made and will come from 231-238-9394 ext. 1419.
- If necessary, we will maintain a waitlist that is updated regularly.

Click the Icon Below to Begin Request for Essential Workers  
Child Care



### Information for Providers

**NEW:** The Michigan Department of Education has a new website for early care providers. [www.michigan.gov/childcare](http://www.michigan.gov/childcare)

**NEW:** [Apply Now!](#) The Child Care Relief Fund is a non-competitive grant program that helps child care providers in Michigan cover costs during the COVID-19 state of emergency. The goal of the program is to help child care providers stay in business and make child care more affordable for Michigan families.

If you are interested in helping serve our essential workforce and want to become a provider or re-open, please email [childcare@copese.org](mailto:childcare@copese.org) for local assistance or fill out the statewide [survey](#) from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services - Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

*We are in need of providers who can provide evening  
and weekend care.*

MDE [guidance](#) on screening, sanitation and specific age groups with reference to LARA.

If additional assistance is needed, please contact one of our following partners:

[LARA](#): Otsego and Presque Isle Counties- Cheree Crudo, [CrudoCI@michigan.gov](mailto:CrudoCI@michigan.gov)  
Cheboygan- Codie Mayhew, [mayhewc@mich.gov](mailto:mayhewc@mich.gov)  
[Northeast Regional Resource Center](#): Desiree Lipinski, [lipskid@coorisd.net](mailto:lipskid@coorisd.net)  
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