

CTCARES

 child care



Support for Child Care Programs Operating During “Stay Safe, Stay Home”

Child Care Emergency Response Funds

Thank you to child care providers who have answered the call to help our essential workers continue to take care of us all. Funds have been made available to reward and incentivize licensed public and private child care programs who remain open or who reopen to provide child care for the children of essential workers, as defined in Governor Lamont’s Executive Order. Child care has been identified as an essential function during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

- ◆ These funds support programs serving children of essential workers through May 31.
 - ◇ This timeframe may change depending on the length of this public health emergency.
- ◆ OEC will seek feedback from programs regularly about operating challenges and will adapt our response as necessary.
- ◆ OEC may need to prioritize funding for certain regions depending on the COVID-19 infection rates and/or identified child care shortages for essential workers across the state.
- ◆ All eligible programs will follow public health guidelines, demonstrate proper use of funds, and document that care is being provided for essential workers.
- ◆ Reimbursements will be based on full-time equivalents (FTE) of children in care.
 - ◇ A full-time space will be calculated based on 35 hours of care. The breakdown of quarter-time and half-time care is outlined on our [website](#).

Eligible Programs Must:

- ◆ Follow OEC’s health and safety guidance
- ◆ Document the number of children of essential workers served
- ◆ Be licensed

TO APPLY, providers must complete the form by [clicking here](#). This form includes a list of operator assurances to the requirements found on our website: www.ctoec.org/covid-19/ct-cares-for-child-care/.

