

# CTCARES



hospital workers



## Project 26 Fact Sheet

- ◆ Governor Lamont has requested that the OEC work with community partners to set up emergency child care across Connecticut to meet the need for hospital workers to have child care resources as they work the front lines to combat COVID-19.
- ◆ A generous donation of \$3 million by the Dalio Philanthropies have provided the opportunity to support this effort.
- ◆ The OEC is working closely with the HR departments at the major hospitals across the state to determine the child care needs of hospital employees.
- ◆ **To support centers and child care providers still in operation, hospital staff are being directed by their HR department to first make every effort to:**
  - ◆ Utilize their current child care arrangement.
  - ◆ Utilize family members and friends for child care.
  - ◆ Call 2-1-1 to ask for assistance in finding child care.
    - ◆ 2-1-1 has set up a dedicated line for health care workers and first responders: **860.756.0864**
    - ◆ 2-1-1 is not directing employees to free child care. It is directing them to open spaces in programs near their home or the hospital where they work.
- ◆ Programs are being identified and prioritized to help by their proximity to the hospital (within a 3-mile radius), current licensed space available, and licensing status. We are contacting facilities that have closed and may be willing to reopen specifically to provide child care for healthcare workers; or currently open programs that can dedicate specific classrooms for this effort. We will be reaching out to specific locations who may meet the need.
- ◆ **Current Approach:**

We are planning to open 26 child care spaces (or more) at hospitals for children of hospital workers to support the hospital's staffing needs for an anticipated surge of patients.

