

Louisiana Child Care Assistance Provider (LaCAP) Round 3 Grant

Overview: The impacts of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on the child care sector are significant. A survey conducted by the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children found the majority of child care providers have reported a loss in revenue, and a significant number of child care providers are facing temporary or permanent closures. As child care providers become operational again or remain open, they face increased costs related to increased cleaning and sanitation, required adult-child ratios and group sizes detailed in the [Office of Public Health Guidelines for Child Care](#), and other activities necessary to maintain operations.

The Louisiana Department of Education is funding an additional grant opportunity for open Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) child care providers. In order to ensure that families who are returning to work and/or school are able to find child care options for their child(ren), it is critical to provide financial support to child care providers. This grant will help to support the early childhood field to rehabilitate after COVID-19 and continue offering high-quality care that helps to prepare children for kindergarten. The grant is described below.

LaCAP Round 3 Grant: This grant will support providers who are **operational and serving children by August 1, 2020** in an effort to support child care access for families in need. For centers that have closed and will not be open as of August 1 due to COVID-19 exposure and have informed the Division of Licensing, we will work with you at a later date on a separate grant opportunity. Operational costs such as staff salaries, staff recoupment bonuses, supplies, rent, and utilities are allowable.

- **Eligible providers:**

- All **open** Type III, family child care and in-home providers currently CCAP certified are eligible to apply. If the owner or director of a [center](#) or [home](#) applies to become a CCAP provider by July 24, 2020 every effort will be made to certify the provider for CCAP, but is not guaranteed approval/certification. *Head Start and Early Head Start grantees are not eligible as there is a separate allocation for Head Start and Early Head Start from the CARES Act*
- The Division of Licensing must be notified that the center or home is open by August 1, 2020 prior to funds being distributed. You can verify your open status by looking for your site [here](#). If you are open and do not see your center or home listed [here](#), contact LDOE Division of Licensing at ldelicensing@la.gov for notification.
- Programs do not currently have to have a CCAP-eligible child to be eligible for funding but we encourage providers to enroll CCAP certified families.
- **Important:** If the center changes from a Type III to a Type I or Type II center prior to December 31, 2020, this award will be recouped.

- **Grant award amount:** Payment will be \$187.50 per child in licensed capacity. As an incentive to enroll CCAP children, an additional \$25 per CCAP authorized child enrolled by August 1, 2020 as determined by LDOE will be provided. The amount is based on the following:
 - The maximum CCAP payment for infants of \$25 for 1 week (5 business days) = \$125 per child in licensed capacity **PLUS** the difference between the 75th percentile rate (\$31.25) and maximum CCAP payment for infants (\$25) for two weeks (10 business days) for Type III centers which is \$6.25 for 10 business days = \$62.50 per child in licensed capacity
 - \$25 per CCAP authorized child enrolled as determined by LDOE

We are anticipating that these payments will be issued by the second week in August 2020. The CCAP Initiative portion of the grant will be issued the third week in August 2020. To apply for the grant, please complete the brief [application](#). Deadline for the LaCAP Round 3 Grant application is July 24, 2020.