COVID - 19 Response:
Louisiana Opens Child Care Assistance Program to Critical Personnel Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

To support emergency response and critical service personnel to find and afford care during this public health emergency, the Louisiana Department of Education has taken the following steps:

- Effective 3/23/2020, families of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” working with COVID -19 are eligible for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), prioritizing those who cannot afford care.
- Essential critical infrastructure workers belong to the following industries:
  - Healthcare/Public Health
  - Law Enforcement, Public Safety, First Responders
  - Food and Agriculture
  - Energy (electrical industry, petroleum, natural and propane gas workers)
  - Waste and Wastewater
  - Transportation and Logistics
  - Public Works
  - Communications and Information Technology
  - Other Community-Based Government
  - Critical Manufacturing
  - Hazardous Materials
  - Financial Services
  - Chemical
  - Defense Industrial Base

- To certify for CCAP, families complete the CCAP Pandemic Protective Services application.
  - Initial certification will be at minimum for 30 days.

- Through CCAP, families can access subsidized care for children 12 and under at licensed Type III centers, or through registered and certified family child care and in-home providers.
  - Care is subsidized at the rates indicated here, and copied on the next page.
  - If tuition exceeds the subsidy rate, families are financially responsible for the difference to providers.

- There are limited federal funds available to support this expansion, and CDC guidelines recommend social distancing for all families. The LDOE’s FAQ document lists the following considerations in decision making:
  - If you can keep your children at home, please do so.
    - Spots must be prioritized for those most in need, and risk of spread must be minimized.
  - If you can afford to pay for your own care, please do so.
    - Funds must be prioritized for emergency service personnel who otherwise cannot afford care to keep their children healthy and safe.

- If you have questions about the process, please contact: 1.877.453.2721 or email LD Eccap@la.gov or LDOECOVID19support@la.gov.
For more information about the programs in your community that can serve you, contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

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