

**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 [LDEccap@la.gov](mailto:LDEccap@la.gov) or [LDOECOVID19support@la.gov](mailto: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](#).

**CCAP subsidy rates for full day care Daily Rates:**

Provider Type	Age 3 and up Daily	Age 1-2 (Toddlers) Daily	Age 0 (Infant) Daily	Special Needs Age 3 and up Daily	Special Needs Age 1-2 (Toddlers) Daily	Special Needs Age 0 (Infant) Daily
Type III Early Learning Center	\$22.00	\$23.75	\$25.00	\$27.72	\$29.93	\$31.50
School Child Care Center	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$20.79	\$20.79	\$20.79
Family Home Provider	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$21.42	\$22.68	\$22.68
In Home Provider	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$22.05	\$22.05	\$22.05
Military Child Care Center	\$22.00	\$23.75	\$25.00	\$27.27	\$29.93	\$31.50

**CCAP subsidy rates for full day care Monthly Rates:**

Provider Type	Age 3 and up Monthly	Age 1-2 (Toddlers) Monthly	Age 0 (Infant) Monthly	Special Needs Age 3 and up Monthly	Special Needs Age 1-2 (Toddlers) Monthly	Special Needs Age 0 (Infant) Monthly
Type III Early Learning Center	\$484.00	\$522.50	\$550.00	\$609.84	\$658.46	\$693.00
School Child Care Center	\$363.00	\$363.00	\$363.00	\$457.38	\$457.38	\$457.38
Family Home Provider	\$374.00	\$396.00	\$396.00	\$471.24	\$498.96	\$498.96
In Home Provider	\$385.00	\$385.00	\$385.00	\$485.10	\$485.10	\$485.10
Military Child Care Center	\$484.00	\$522.50	\$550.00	\$599.94	\$658.46	\$693.00