

## Louisiana Child Care Assistance Provider (LaCAP) Relief Grant for Non-CCAP Certified Providers ONLY - Round 1

### Type I, II Licensed Centers and Non-CCAP Certified Family Child Care Centers

**Overview:** The impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on the child care sector and Louisiana’s most vulnerable families is 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 additional costs related to staffing and increased cleaning and sanitation requirements detailed in the [Office of Public Health Guidelines for Child Care](#) and other activities necessary to maintain operations. Additionally, families of our most vulnerable children face difficulties in finding providers to meet their child care needs. This shortage is especially significant for working families of infants and toddlers.

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) has worked to increase provider payments for CCAP eligible families which includes a significant increase for centers providing care to infants and toddlers. Additionally, LDOE is funding a grant opportunity for open Type I, II, and Registered family homes presently not serving CCAP children. It is hoped that as subsidy payments increase to cover more of the enrollment costs for our most vulnerable children and families, more centers will partner with LDOE as certified providers so 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 and to increase access for Louisiana's most vulnerable and underserved children. This grant will help to support the early childhood field to rebound from the effects of COVID-19 and to continue offering high-quality care that helps prepare children for kindergarten. In addition, this grant can be used to alleviate costs for staffing, increased cleaning and sanitation, additional classroom space, staffing to serve additional children, and to offset any costs associated with serving children including infants and toddlers.

Effective February 1, CCAP eligibility increased to 65% of the State Median Income. This means more children in Type I or Type II centers may be eligible for CCAP services (see charts below). If a center changes from Type I or II to a Type III center, and assists families presently enrolled with applying for CCAP services in the allotted timeline, the center will be eligible to receive a larger grant award amount and an additional \$50.00 per CCAP certified/enrolled child, in addition to the new CCAP pay rates. The grant is described below.

**State Median Income Limits:**

Household Size	Gross income Limit
2	\$2,927.00
3	\$3,616.00
4	\$4,304.00
5	\$4,993.00
6	\$5,682.00

**New Maximum CCAP Rates:**

Provider Type	Age 3 and up	Age 1-2 (Toddlers)	Age 0 (Infant)	Special Needs Age 3 and up	Special Needs Age 1-2 (Toddlers)	Special Needs Age 0 (Infant)
Type III Early Learning Center	\$30.00	\$31.05	\$35.65	\$37.80	\$39.12	\$44.92
Family Child Care Provider	\$25.00	\$25.75	\$29.65	\$31.50	\$32.45	\$37.36

**LaCAP Round 1 Relief Grant (Non-CCAP Providers):** This grant will support providers with costs incurred from the pandemic and support efforts with the choice to become a Type III center to serve CCAP eligible children, including infants and toddlers. In an effort to support child care access for families in need, **providers must be operational and serving children by March 11, 2021.** Providers desiring to become eligible to serve CCAP families should contact LDOE Division of Licensing at [ldelicensing@la.gov](mailto:ldelicensing@la.gov) or call 225-342-9905 for assistance.

**Eligible providers:** All **open** Type I, II, and Registered family homes not certified for CCAP are eligible to apply. If the owner or director of a [center](#) or [home](#) applies to become a CCAP provider by March 31, 2021, every effort will be made to certify the provider for CCAP, but is not guaranteed approval/certification. If a provider applies to become a CCAP center, they may be eligible for additional CCAP incentive grants. *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 March 11, 2021 prior to funds being distributed. Providers can verify their open status by looking for their [site](#). If providers are open and do not see their center or home [listed](#), contact LDOE Division of Licensing at [ldelicensing@la.gov](mailto:ldelicensing@la.gov) for notification. Programs do not currently have to serve a CCAP eligible child to be eligible for funding, but it is encouraged.
- Payment on capacity is determined by the licensed capacity as of March 11, 2021. If a provider needs to update their center's information, please email [ldelicensing@la.gov](mailto:ldelicensing@la.gov).
  - If not already registered, providers must register as a vendor for the State of Louisiana through the [Louisiana Division of Administration](#).
  - Providers must provide vendor registration information to the Department on their application.
  - **Important:** If the center changes from a Type III to a Type I or Type II center prior to December 31, 2021, this award may be recouped.

**Grant award amount:** Payment will be \$150.00 per child, based on the licensed capacity. As an incentive to become a Type III center and enroll CCAP children, Type III centers will receive a payment amount of \$300.00 per child plus a supplemental \$50 per CCAP authorized child enrolled on or before March 31, 2021.

**Payments are anticipated to be issued beginning April 19, 2021. If providers change types and enroll CCAP eligible children, the supplemental portion of this grant will be released beginning May 3, 2021. To apply for the grant, please complete the brief [application](#).**

**Deadline for submitting the Application for the LaCAP Relief Grant for Non-CCAP Providers Round 1 is March 11, 2021.**

**The deadline for registering as a vendor with the Louisiana Division of Administration is March 22, 2021.**