

CTCARES



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CTCARES for Frontline Workers Program

The CTCARES for Frontline Workers Enhanced Subsidy Fund, a program from the **Office of Early Childhood (OEC)**, helps Connecticut's frontline workers pay for child care. This is a short-term program to help during the COVID-19 emergency. Applications will be accepted Friday April 24, 2020 through Friday, May 22, 2020.

What does this program offer?

If you're a frontline worker struggling to find or pay for child care, this program will help you. The OEC has a \$10 million fund to help you pay for licensed child care at a center, family child care home, or group child care home.

And if you need care outside of licensed program hours – we can still help. We will pay the same funding to an adult (age 20 and older) who is not the child's parent to care for your child while you're working.

How much funding can my provider get?

Funding will depend on the number of children and time spent in care. OEC will pay the enhanced subsidy directly to the child care provider during the COVID-19 emergency. For more detailed information visit:

www.ctoec.org/covid-19/

21 hours or more per week:

- ◆ One child: \$200/per week per child for up to 6 weeks
- ◆ Multiple children: Maximum \$500/per week per family for up to 6 weeks

8 to 20 hours per week:

- ◆ One child: \$100/per week per child for up to 6 weeks
- ◆ Multiple children: Maximum of \$250/per week per family for up to 6 weeks

In all cases, parents should expect to pay a co-pay, as full time child care costs more than \$200 per week. There is a family income limit of up to 85% of state median income to qualify (i.e., for a family of 4 to qualify, their income would need to be less than \$99,000 a year) and not eligible if you are already in the Care 4 Kids program.

Who counts as a frontline worker?

Frontline workers are those who must work outside of their own home for at least 8 hours a week caring for people, or provide direct services and essential goods to maintain human livelihood during Governor Lamont's Stay Safe, Stay Home order. Examples of such workers may include:

- ◆ Healthcare workers
- ◆ First responders
- ◆ Child care workers
- ◆ Grocery workers
- ◆ Workers at state facilities (e.g corrections, DMHAS, DCF, DDS)
- ◆ Home/group home care workers (e.g. seniors, youth, mental health or people with disabilities)
- ◆ People who provide services to any of the above

The state may expand this list depending on the essential services needed during the COVID-19 emergency.

How do I apply for the CTCARES for Frontline Workers Program?

Call 2-1-1 Child Care to let them know you want to apply. You will find out if you are eligible and what child care programs are near you. To access 2-1-1 Child Care, dial **800-505-1000**.

For more information and qualification details, please visit www.ctoec.org/covid-19/.

