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CHILDREN'S CABINET



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COVID19 Response Child Care Information for Families and Providers



Families

[Information for Families](#)



Providers

[Information for Child Care Providers](#)

Map of Available Providers

Available capacity

32,982

Licensed capacity

92,978

of providers

3,248

Percent available

35%

Filter by County

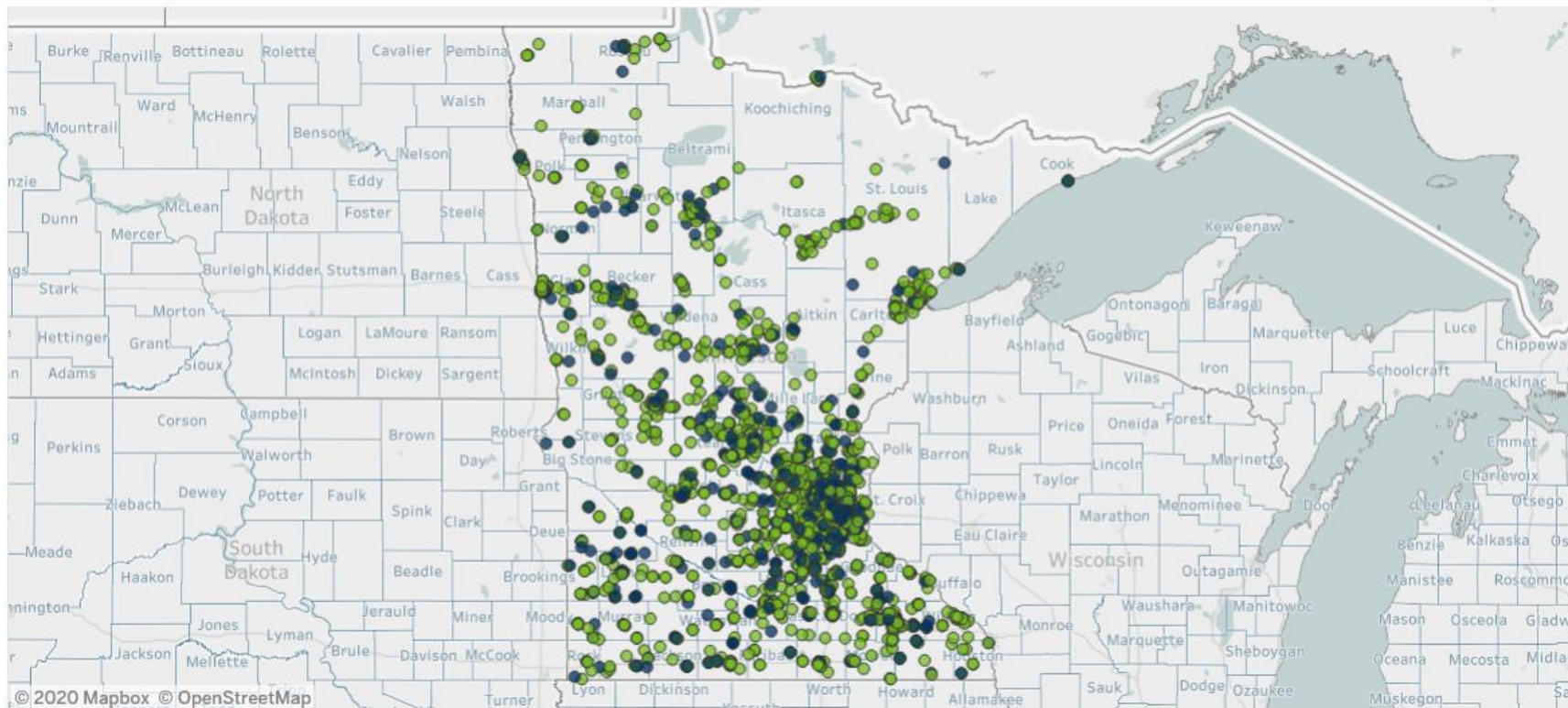
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Filter by City

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- Providers fill out a survey to be input into the map
- Providers can update their status and information using the same survey
- Families can use the map to find available child care
- Child Care Aware uses the information on their hotline

Name of child care program County City Contact person name1 Preferred Contact Info..

Supporting Providers With Supplies

- Child care providers are in need of assistance to locate the supplies they need to continue welcoming families of critical sector workers.
- Governor Walz's [Executive Order 20-19](#) instructs that **“no supplier or business should limit or restrict reasonable orders of cleaning, hygiene, and sanitation supplies by child care providers who are serving children of parents working in critical sectors.”** Please share this language with local stores and suppliers; we are doing the same. Please report violations to sahviolations@state.mn.us.
- **Local Emergency Centers** are prepared to help child care providers find cleaning product and supplies in the community. Contact information [available here](#).
- **CUB/UNFI** created a tailored process to support providers. [Document](#) on mn.gov/childcare outlines how to contact your local store for orders. **Please use this process and express appreciation to Cub/UNFI.**

Navigating other financial supports

- Child care providers may also be eligible for business loans, including the Federal Small Business Administration COVID 19 Disaster Loans.
- The federal CARES Act has provisions that expand the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loans and the new Paycheck Protection Program, for which providers may be eligible.
- SBA Resource Partners are available to help with no-cost, one-on-one business counseling regarding COVID-19.
- Children's Cabinet is working with DEED and other agencies and partners to compile information on eligibility information for financial supports available.



MINNESOTA CHILDREN'S CABINET

Thank you!

Stephanie Hogenson, Children's Cabinet
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Stay home except for essential needs

**March 27 -
April 10**

STAY HOME

STOP THE SPREAD

SAVE LIVES

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#StayHomeMN

mn.gov/stayhomemn

March 16, 2020

March 16 child care provider update from Governor and Lt. Governor

Dear Child Care Providers:

In our letter yesterday, we assured you that we would make communicating with you a priority. The COVID-19 pandemic presents an unprecedented challenge to our state and our situation is changing rapidly.

Today I signed an Executive Order that included closure of Minnesota restaurants and bars for dine-in customers as well as other places of public accommodation and amusement. This Executive Order does not direct child care centers or family child care to close. That said, based on this Executive Order and the new guidelines from the federal government to limit groups to the size of ten, we know that many of you may be considering closing, which is understandable. The health of your staff, families, and children is my top priority and I know it is yours too.

As childcare providers, you play a critical role in our communities persevering through this health crisis. We would appreciate if you continued to care for kids and their families and would like to support you if you decide to remain open. For any providers who choose to stay open during this time, if your staff are ill, and need to be tested for COVID-19, we will prioritize the testing of these staff and emergency workers. We would ask:

- If a family does not include health care or emergency workers, ask them to keep their children home or use a family, friend or neighbor to provide care in order to make capacity for new families.
- Consider expanding your hours to accommodate longer shifts of emergency workers.
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- Let us know if you are choosing to remain open and if so, how many children you are working with community partners to identify families in need.

“What is gaining visibility right now, is that fact that it is child care that allows every other industry to work.” Hannah Matthews, Center for Law and Social Policy Deputy Executive Director

Child care needs emergency support to avoid collapse

It is providing the support needed for health care, food and power supply, and public safety workers without any additional funding.

States Scramble to Arrange Child Care for Essential Workers

By The Associated Press

March 29, 2020



Minnesota Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grants



\$30 million for emergency grants for licensed childcare providers serving children of essential workers



Grants will be administered by Child Care Aware of Minnesota



Licensed family and center based providers are eligible



Monthly grant amounts start at \$4,500 and go up to \$15,500 for those that are licensed to serve 15 or more children



Must complete the application by APRIL 15, 2020



<https://www.childcareawaremn.org/forms/emergency-child-care-grant-application/>



Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (MDRF) for coronavirus

01 Contribution(s) are Made to the Fund

Who: Individuals and philanthropic organizations contribute (give) to the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund (MDRF) for coronavirus, after recognizing various needs within the community that arise due to the coronavirus pandemic.

How philanthropy gives:

By contacting Susie Brown, MCF President at 612-335-3557 or emailing sbrown@mcf.org.

How individuals give:

By visiting GiveMN.org



02 An Advisory Committee Convenes*

Who: An advisory committee of cross-sector leaders meets to discuss community needs throughout the state. Members recommend where and to whom funds should go based on the greatest needs.



*Hosted and facilitated by Minnesota Council on Foundations and Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation

03 Funds are Distributed through Grants

What: Funds will go directly to community intermediaries, such as local community foundations, Minnesota Initiative Foundations, tribal nations, CDFIs, coalitions, networks, associations, or other intermediaries that have an existing grant-making process in place.

Why: These types of organizations work directly with communities most impacted by the coronavirus and have existing grant-making processes in place.

MDRF's distribution process allows funds to move quickly to Minnesota communities that need it most - supporting both short and long-term needs.

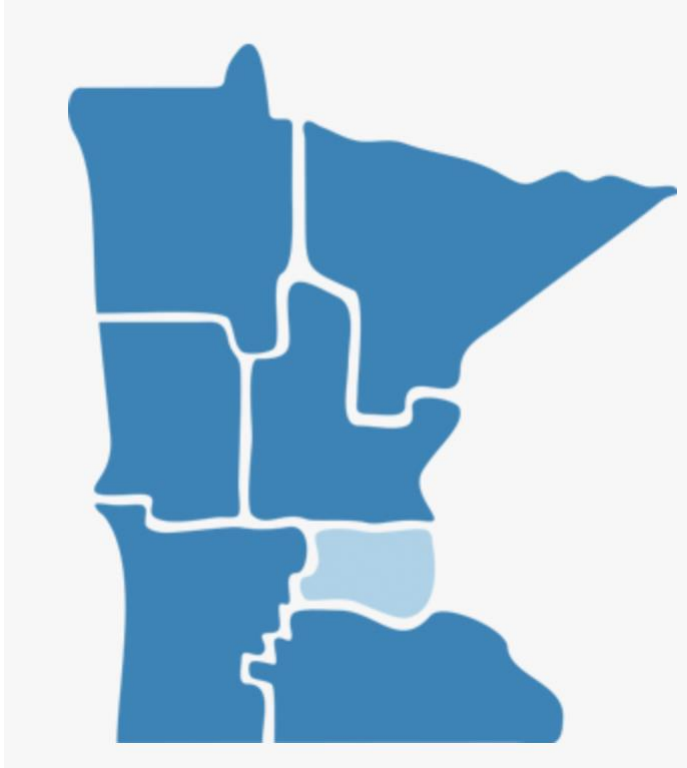
04 Minnesota Communities Receive Support

What: Next, these intermediary funders will grant, re-grant or disburse funds to individuals, families, nonprofits and/or small businesses* throughout the state of Minnesota, providing relief to communities most impacted by the coronavirus.



*Beneficiary entities are not eligible to apply directly to the MDRF fund.

Minnesota Initiative Foundation Grants



Covers Greater Minnesota

Licensed family and center-based providers caring for children of emergency and essential workers

For children ages birth through five years old

Grants are between \$500 and \$3000

Over 3000 applications submitted

Estimated that 80% of the licensed providers applied for help

Think Small COVID-19 Emergency Grants

Covers the 7-county
metropolitan region

Available to family child
care providers who are
caring for children of
essential workers

Up to \$1000 for eligible
providers

Application available in
English, Hmong, Somali
and Spanish

Over 2,000 applications
so far

300 funded (as of April
1)



Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
FOUNDATION

COVID-19 Responsive Grants 2020

Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation launched new \$750,000 COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund

Grants are for a 6-month period from the date of award

Grants awarded will be between \$5,000 and \$25,000 aimed at addressing immediate needs due to the pandemic

Priority given to current grantees

Priority focus areas includes child care for health workers, emergency workers and other priority populations – and other vulnerable populations

Applications due April 8, April 22 and May 6
<https://www.bluecrossmnfoundation.org/covid-19-responsive-grants-2020/>



Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
FOUNDATION

REVISED Healthy Start 2020 Funding

Revised to address the unique needs of the community as a result of COVID-19

Priority for ensuring children of color, low-income children and rural children have access to quality ECE

Focus on health equity

Total available = \$550,000

In addition, priority given to applicants responding to COVID-19 child care needs

Due April 23 at
1:00 PM



Close Gaps by 5 @CloseGapsby5 · 2h

.@NAEYC: 63% of child care providers say they can't survive a closure of a month or less. Why should that matter to #mnleg @GovTimWalz, @LtGovFlanagan, @paulgazelka, @melissahortman, @kdaudt, @SusanKentMN, @davepinto, @MelisaFranzen, @LisaDemuthMN, @CarlaNelsonMN etc? Because:



120,000

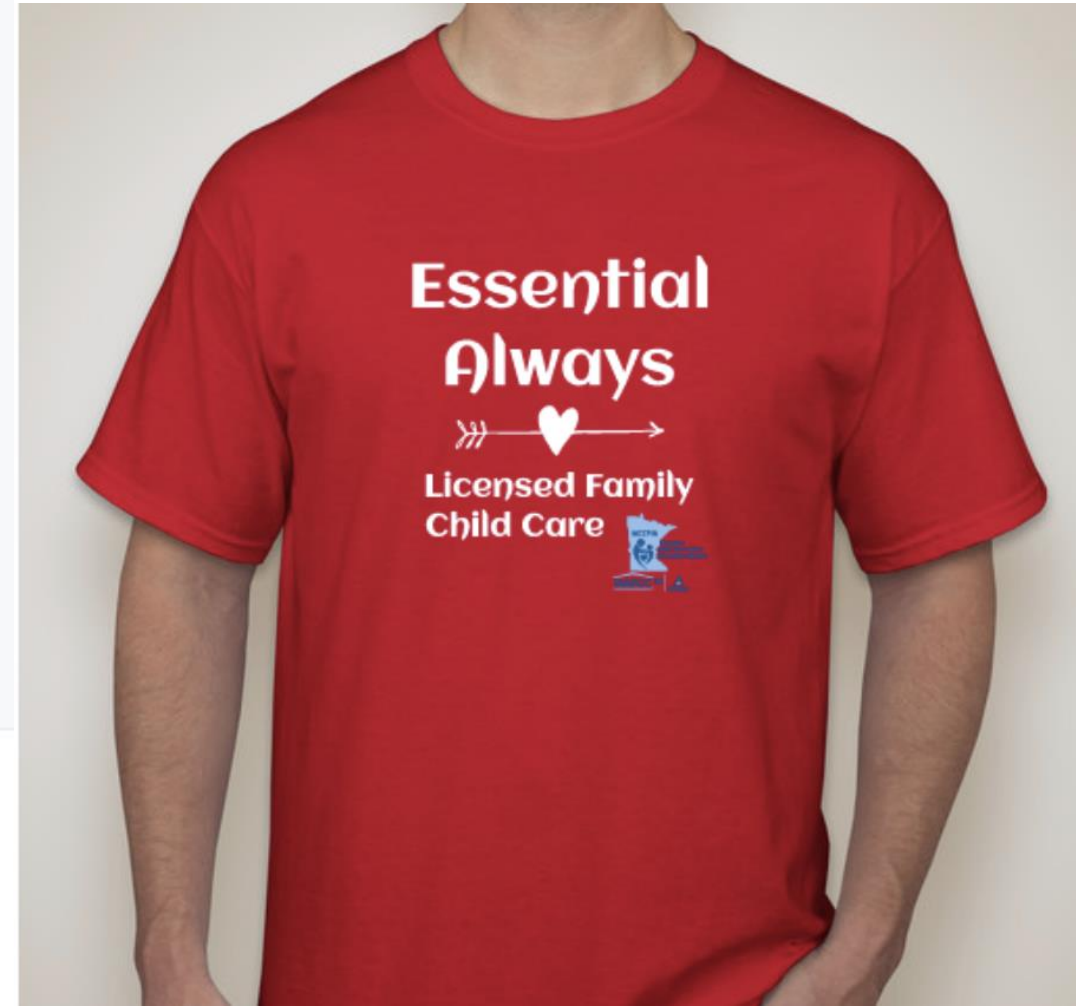
Minnesota children of essential workers
within a critical sector (grocers, cleaners, deliverers, caregivers, etc.)
need child care.

**No child care,
no essential workers.**



“The economics are fragile in good times. When a crisis like this hits, it is devastating to the child care field.”

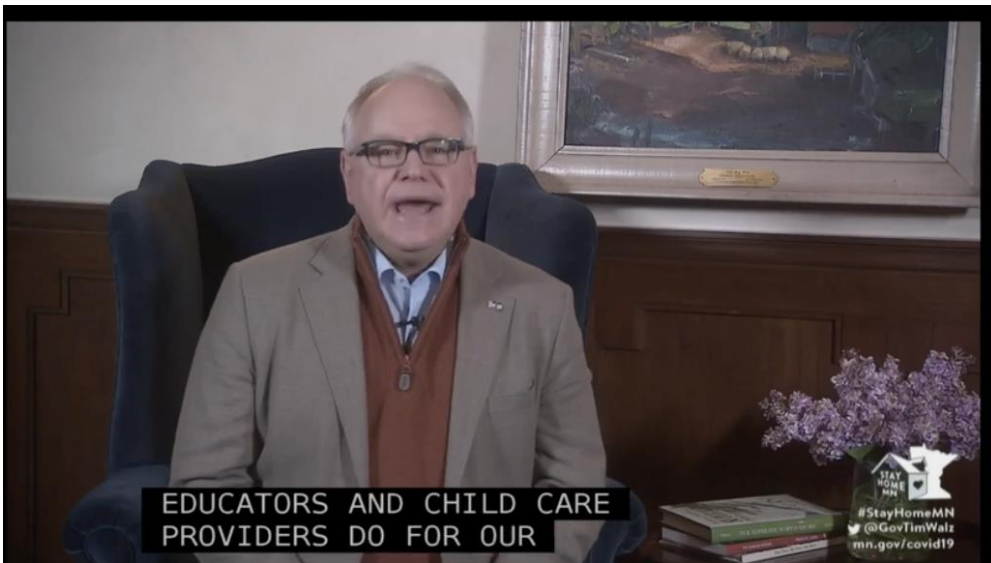
Rhian Evans Allvin, chief executive officer of the NAEYC



**When we support
child care providers,
we support the essential
workers who help us ALL!**

Please consider a donation to the COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Child Care: <https://bit.ly/CCemergency>.

Governor Walz, State of the State Address, April 5, 2020



“Our communities will forever be changed. Our state will forever be changed. Our world will forever be changed.

We will grieve all that was taken from us. But we will also celebrate all that’s given to us.

Unity. Humanity. Gratitude.

We will be more united as a state. We will cherish each other’s humanity. We will have endless gratitude for the lives we lead.

These trying times have led us back to each other.

We will value those we overlooked before. When times got tough, who did we lean on? It was the nurse. The grocer. The truck driver. The farmer. The janitor.

We will recognize all that educators and child care providers do for our students, our communities and our economy.”

QUESTIONS?

