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Access to Child Care Assistance during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) crisis

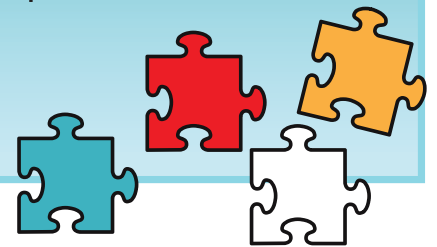
Child Care Assistance helps parents and legal guardians pay for child care while they are working or attending school.

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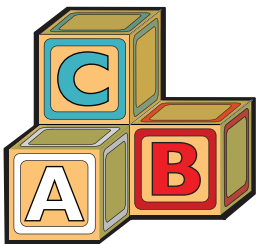
- New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) will cover all costs for enrolled families.
- If your child care provider closes, you can transfer to another approved provider.
- Families with an active contract, but not using child care during the emergency, will not lose their child care assistance benefits.
- Health care workers and first responders will get free full-time child care.
- Families, friends, and neighbors can be registered to be paid for care.

Parents or guardians can get help paying for child care if they:

- Meet the income limits of the Child Care Assistance program.
- Have children between the ages of 6 weeks and 13 years who are U.S. citizens or in an immigration status that qualifies for benefits (lawful permanent resident (“green card holder”), asylee, withholding of deportation, Cuban/Haitian immigrants, or spouses children who’ve applied for a visa to leave domestic violence or abuse).



Child Care Assistance does not trigger a public charge test that would prevent a family from getting a green card.



Apply in person, mail, phone, or fax at a local CYFD office.

Call CYFD at (505) 827-7499 or 1-800-832-1321
or visit <https://cyfd.org/child-care-services>