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CARES Child Care Scholarships available

The newest allocation of funding to the state from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) provides New York with an additional \$88.6 million in emergency relief to the child care system. This includes \$20 million in child care scholarships for children of essential workers that will run from October 29, 2020 through January 10, 2021 or until funds are depleted.

Essential workers using a regulated child care provider will receive a scholarship for the cost of care as long as the funds to support it are available. All licensed and regulated providers who are caring for essential workers are able to participate in this new program.

New York State’s continued funding will ensure that the workforce that is needed to protect and care for the public during this ongoing pandemic have the child care they need. This scholarship will be administered through Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies. CCR&Rs

are the child care experts and the conduit to accessing child care in New York State. If you meet the definition of an essential employee and have child care needs, complete the application at:

<https://earlycareandlearning.org/cares-3/>

You may also contact Delaware Opportunities CCR&R at 607-746-1620 or by e-mail: Daycare@delop.org. Information about the scholarship, application process and child care referrals to a qualifying child care program will be provided. Funding is effective the day the application is received (if approved) and is not retroactive.

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