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This document has been developed to assist those who may need access to child care to continue providing essential services during the State of Emergency. Below are online websites to help locate child care in local areas and information about financial assistance for child care expenses.

Information to help locate child care:

- Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) licensed child care information and website. Toward the bottom of the page under parents select: *Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes*:
 - https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_63294_5529---,00.html
- *HelpMe Grow*: There is disaster relief child care available to children (ages 0-12) whose parents/guardians have been identified as part of the critical infrastructure workforce. Families should complete the form at:
 - <https://www.helpmegrow-mi.org/essential>

Or, call 211 if needing help locating available care. Note: If a family has two available caregivers, and only one is in the critical infrastructure workforce, the child is still eligible for disaster relief child care.

- *Great Start to Quality Resource Centers*
 - <https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/find-resource-center> – Connect to *Great Start to Quality Resource Center* – Lists resource centers in the areas where essential employees live and the toll free numbers (see map).

Child Care Assistance to Low-Income Individuals—Information

With the current school closures in Michigan, some essential employees may be faced with additional child care expenses that had not previously been in their budget. MDHHS offers child care assistance to low-income individuals. Below are the Michigan Bridges application, COVID-19 information, and income guidelines that may help essential employees determine if they qualify for assistance.

To apply for Child Development and Care assistance, please go to the Michigan Bridges website to complete the application:

- www.michigan.gov/miBridges

For additional information on applying for child care assistance during the Covid-19 emergency please visit the Michigan Department of Education website:

- o https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-63533_63534_72609---,00.html
- o https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/CDC_Client_Application_Process_11.2016_A_DA_547059_7.pdf

To understand potential income eligibility, the chart below shows the monthly income level where a family can enter the Child Development Care (CDC) program. The column marked **Entry** represents 130% of the federal poverty level (FPL), adjusted by family size, and is the maximum monthly income amount (gross) that allows a family to **enter** the CDC program. The last column in the chart is the maximum monthly income a family can make to receive the subsidy after the initial eligibility period. *Note:* Additional eligibility factors are considered, and the application process is the best way to know if essential employees and their families are eligible.

	Family Contribution (FC) Based on Income Eligibility						
Family Size	Maximum Monthly Gross Income						
		Entry					Exit
1	\$1,005	\$1,307	\$1,628	\$1,949	\$2,271	\$2,592	\$2,913
2	\$1,353	\$1,759	\$2,169	\$2,579	\$2,989	\$3,399	\$3,809
3	\$1,702	\$2,213	\$2,711	\$3,210	\$3,708	\$4,207	\$4,705
4	\$2,050	\$2,665	\$3,252	\$3,839	\$4,427	\$5,014	\$5,601
5	\$2,398	\$3,117	\$3,793	\$4,469	\$5,145	\$5,821	\$6,497
6	\$2,747	\$3,571	\$4,336	\$5,100	\$5,865	\$6,629	\$7,394
7	\$3,095	\$4,024	\$4,732	\$5,439	\$6,147	\$6,854	\$7,562
8	\$3,443	\$4,476	\$5,127	\$5,778	\$6,428	\$7,079	\$7,730
9	\$3,791	\$4,928	\$5,522	\$6,116	\$6,710	\$7,304	\$7,898
10	\$4,139	\$5,381	\$5,918	\$6,455	\$6,992	\$7,529	\$8,066
FC (Per child per pay period)	\$0	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$60	\$75	\$90
FC Limit (per family per pay period)	N/A	\$45	\$83	\$121	\$159	\$197	\$235