

A-B-C's of Emergency Respite Child Care: Options for Essential Personnel & Providers 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic



Agenda for Children is the Louisiana Department of Education's Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for twelve parishes in Southeast Louisiana. Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies across Louisiana have been tasked by Governor John Bel Edwards and the Louisiana Department of Education to lead all efforts related to coordinating and facilitating the delivery of emergency Respite Child Care for essential personnel during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

SEEKING CHILD CARE

A: Child Care Options for Essential Workers Seeking Care

- Find a licensed Child Care provider who is accepting new children **in an Early Learning Center**, [using our Online Directory](#).
- Find a Child Care professional who can care for your child **in your home**, [using Louisiana.Care.com](#).
- Find a Child Care professional who can care for your child in a small group **in their home**, [using the Louisiana Department of Education's Directory](#).
- Work through your company's Human Resources Department (see B).

[Essential Personnel](#) are entitled to free child care at participating centers. If you need help affording child care, [please complete an Emergency CCAP application with the Department of Education](#).

B: Child Care Options for Organizations & Groups Seeking Care

- Find a licensed Child Care provider who is accepting individual new children **in an Early Learning Center**, [using our Online Directory](#).
- Find a Child Care professional who can care for children **in your staff's home**, [using Louisiana.Care.com](#).
- Find a Child Care professional who can care for your staff's children in a small group **in their home**, [using Louisiana Department of Education's Directory](#).
- **Convert an Early Learning Center** to a full or partial Respite Care Center dedicated to serving your team, by contacting covid19@agendaforchildren.org

Contact covid19@agendaforchildren.org to discuss your options today.

PROVIDING CHILD CARE

C: Child Care Options for Caregivers & Providers of Child Care

- Accept individual families seeking care, by [adding your center to our Online Directory](#). Essential Personnel may qualify for [Emergency CCAP](#).
- Convert your center to a full or partial Respite Care Center dedicated to essential personnel, through a [Louisiana Department of Education contract](#). This may require you to close your center to the public, including families you previously served.
- Work directly with a hospital or employer to establish an independent contract.
- Work as an independent caregiver in a child's home, by [registering with Louisiana.Care.com](#)
- Work as an independent caregiver in your home, by [registering with the Louisiana Department of Education](#).