



Emergency Funds to Support Child Care Access and Providers during the COVID-19 Crisis
Tracking Reach and Impact
As of April 22, 2020

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governors in 16 states have closed child care programs with the exception of limited emergency child care sites, one state closed all child care in group settings, and the rest have left the decision to individual providers. Even in states where child care is allowed to fully operate, providers are reporting significant decreases in attendance as families lose their employment and shelter in place to avoid the virus. While federal legislation passed at the end of March – the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) - which will send more funding to states to support child care providers in this time of emergency, leaders in philanthropy and states have stepped up to create emergency funds to help providers, for example by covering the cost of lost income or increased health and safety costs of operation. This document tracks what we know about the purposes and reach of these programs. Preliminary analysis shows:

- Privately funded emergency funds so far range from \$65,000 to \$500,000, with the exception of a Philadelphia focused fund at \$7 million. Information on state government created emergency funds show they ranged from \$10 million to \$30 million.
- Foundations are realistic about the reach and temporary nature of these funds to help programs while waiting for government action, but they wanted to recognize the early care and education community and move quickly to assuage the pain they could see in their community and state. Grants were meant to be for weeks, not months.
- Many of the funds were multi-purpose, and not simply focused on child care providers.

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Privately Funded Initiatives and Public-Private Partnership Emergency Funds

Philanthropic leaders around the country moved quickly to get funding into the community or to child care providers knowing that they could move faster than state and local government to make dollars available. Although they provided important bridge funding, their resources are unlikely to be able to meet the long-term needs. Several foundation leaders report that the amount of funds they were able to raise met only a fraction of the demand in their community and state.

Name and Region	Lead Organization(s)	Purpose	Funds Raised So Far	Number of Applicants	Number of Awards
Colorado Emergency Child Care Collaborative (statewide)	Private Foundation funds from Centura Health and Buell Foundation, Gary Community Investments is working with the CO Department of Human Services to administer.	To establish a system of emergency child care for essential workers in need of child care in order to continue to perform their critical duties. United Way does intake through 211 system. Business (Executives Partnering to Invest in Children (EPIC) are working on supply chains for health and safety supplies.	\$500,000 from foundations, \$2 million from CCDBG quality funds to start. Now transitioning to federal CARES money.	6,000 families	Data not available
Idaho Temporary Assistance Grants for Child Care Provider (statewide)	Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC)	Emergency funding (\$500 each) to help providers cover losses or stay open, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost Income from closing due to the emergency. • Operating Costs to keep their program afloat due to low enrollment (rent/mortgage, utilities). • Child Care Teacher Wages including paying for continued care, substitutes, paid sick leave, increased compensation for hazard pay. • Additional Costs for cleaning, sanitizing, or health and safety materials. Providers must be members of the state quality improvement system to apply.	\$65,000	50 in first day	Up to 125
Nebraska Child Care Provider Relief Fund (statewide)	Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative and the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation with funding from Buffett Early Childhood Fund and the William and Ruth Scott Family Foundation	Provide emergency funds to Nebraska licensed family and center-based child care programs that are open and currently serving families. Goals are to recognize the essential role child care professionals play in helping communities weather this crisis and to ease the immediate financial burden so that programs can focus on caring for children and families. Funds, based on availability, will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 per applicant.	\$450,000	1200	450

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New Mexico Early Childhood COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants	New Mexico Early Childhood Funders Group (NMECFG)	To address critical gaps in services that affect infants, toddlers, and their families during this uncertain time. Priorities are supplies, services for groups of providers, remote technology needs, and home learning materials for families. (Note that child care providers are instructed to contact the state Early Childhood Education and Care Department first to see what resources they can secure there through the state's use of the CARES act funds.)	\$100,000	80 requesting \$350,000	6 child care programs so far
North Carolina COvid-19 Relief Fund	Child Care Services Association in collaboration with North Carolina's Smart Start network and CCR&Rs. Grants from Blue Cross Blue Shield,	To provide small grants to 3-star or higher child care programs that are open to serve essential workers to help them purchase supplies and/or services needed to meet the stringent health and sanitation standards required state. Grants of \$100 will be given to qualified family child care homes and grants of \$200 will be given to qualified child care centers.	\$206,000	Applications due May 1 st	TBD
Immediate Alert Emergency Fund, Stark County, Ohio	Stark County Community Foundation, Sisters of Charity Canton Foundation	Part of a larger fund to meet emergency needs, including pandemic child care. Child care providers could apply to close the gap between revenue and expenses for a pandemic center for a minimum of one-month (those programs had to meet FCC rations of 1:6 rather than much higher center ratios). This was intended to keep programs afloat until the state uses new federal child care funds.	Spent \$90,000 on child care	3 large centers in the County.	3 centers plus a grant to pay for health supplies for \$30,000
West Central Initiative 2020 Resiliency Fund, Western Minnesota	West Central Initiative	Emergency funding to child care providers	\$200,000	400	175
Emergency Fund, Central Minnesota	Initiative Foundation	Emergency funding to child care providers	\$150,000	800 (requesting \$2 million)	?
Philadelphia Emergency Fund for Stabilization of Early Education, Pennsylvania	William Penn Foundation and Vanguard Fund	To minimize the loss of capacity and expertise in the Philadelphia early learning sector so that children and families continue to have access to high quality early learning opportunities once this crisis has passed. Child care centers, family/group child care providers, home visiting agencies, and early intervention providers are eligible.	\$7 million	265 so far	Not yet awarded

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Vermont <i>(statewide)</i>	Let's Grow Kids, as part of a larger Vermont Community Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund	Let's Grow Kids has set up an emergency fund to raise funds with a goal of \$500,000 to support early childhood educators and child care programs, through strategic giving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping early educators working in Vermont to access 0% interest loans. • Provide child care businesses with free expert guidance navigating the immediate human resources, business management, legal, and tax hurdles and choices coming from the pandemic and mandated closures. As of April 14, 2020, over 100 child care providers have accessed these services. • Providing supplies and resources (including cleaning and sanitation supplies) to emergency care providers. We have provided supplies to over 120 child care programs providing emergency care for essential workers. • Providing professional development to early educators in response to changing early education needs, remote family support, and the potential for increased trauma in children, there are several opportunities to provide supplemental content to early educators. 	\$100,000	N/A	N/A

Emergency Funds Started with State General Revenue or Existing Child Care Funds

States also stood up emergency funds using state general revenue and/or federal Child Care and Development Block Grant funding even prior to the passage of the additional \$3.5 billion for CCDBG in the CARES Act to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. States not listed below with funds or assistance set up include New Mexico (access to health insurance), North Carolina (emergency care with hazard pay bonus), and North Dakota.

State	Funding Source	Purpose	Funds Raised	Number of Applicants	Number of Awards
Indiana Temporary Assistance to Child Care Providers	CCDBG Quality funds and funds from the Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning	To offer temporary grants or assistance to impacted providers to retain the child care supply during periods of closures or low enrollment.	N/A. Original amount now augmented by CARES Act	Ongoing	\$19,394,631 To 3, 415 providers in 4 weeks
Minnesota Peacetime Emergency Child Care Grants	State general revenue	To support licensed child care providers serving essential workers during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Child care providers and educators themselves are expressly listed as essential. Administered by the Department of Human Services, Governor’s Children’s Cabinet, and Child Care Aware of Minnesota	\$30 million to be offered in three rounds	April round just closed	TBD
Tennessee Emergency Fund	CCDBG quality funds and administration partnership with Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee	To replace lost income and cover emergency related health and safety costs for licensed child care providers	\$10 million		
Vermont COVID-19 Child Care Stabilization Payment Program for Private Tuition	Planned use of CCDBG quality funding (and eventually the new federal funding)	To replace lost tuition for families that could not pay in the initial closure period to April 5 th . In extended period, if a family cannot afford to pay their child care program during this time, this program will pay half of the tuition to the provider. All providers may apply, even those not enrolled in the state subsidy program.	?		