



## ***Scholarships Available to Help Essential Worker Parents Pay for Child Care***

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 through January 10, 2021 or until funds are depleted.

Eligible essential workers using a regulated child care provider may 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 can 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 the Southern Adirondack Child Care Network in our region.

If you meet the definition of an essential employee, have child care needs and if income is within 300% of the federal poverty level, register [here](#). You will be contacted the Southern Adirondack Child Care Network and we will follow up on next steps to gather information about your household and help you identify a participating child care provider or work with your current registered or licensed child care provider. Funding is effective the day the application was received (if approved) and is not retroactive.

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