



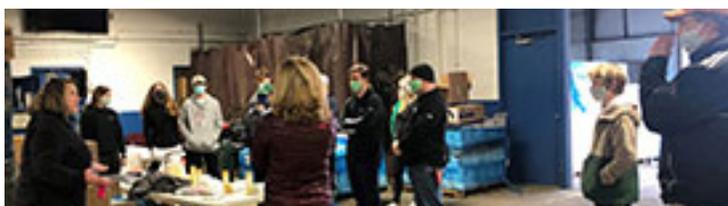
Emergency Child Care Program Update

May 1, 2020

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has more than 300 child care programs statewide that have been designated as emergency providers through the newly established Emergency Child Care Program (ECCP), created to support the children and families of essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.



"I applaud DHHS for quickly standing up emergency child care for New Hampshire families during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Ensuring that we have child care centers open in every part of the state for families while parents provide essential services to Granite Staters is a critical part of our response to this unprecedented situation, and parents can rest assured that their children will be well cared for in the days and weeks ahead."



The DHHS Bureau of Child Development & Head Start Collaboration (BCDHSC), in coordination with the NH Department of Safety and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, worked to provide critical supplies to Emergency Child Care Programs (ECCP) throughout the state. An eight week supply of items to support safe and clean environments for children were provided for ECCPs. Supplies were delivered to Grappone Auto Storage, courtesy of Amanda Grappone Osmer, and sorted on site. BCDHSC staff lead a volunteer group of 30 Derry School students in a massive sorting project and then partnered with the DHHS Child Care Licensing Unit to support the distribution of the supplies. Child care providers throughout the state were appreciative to receive the supplies needed to continue to maintain a safe environment for staff and the children in their care.



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Through the Emergency Child Care Collaborative, a partnership between DHHS, NH Department of Education (DOE), the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) and child care stakeholders, more than \$7 million in state/federal and philanthropic funding is being distributed to establish and ensure a robust and effective system of emergency child care for parents and employers providing essential services during COVID-19. Funding and supplies have already moved out to ECCPs across the state to support staff and operational costs, and the need for safety and cleaning supplies.



ECCP Programs as of Monday, April 27

- 243 programs are open and caring for children
- Programs are open across the state aligned with essential employers and worker needs
- 62 additional programs are currently closed but will be ready to open when businesses reopen
- Approximately 5,000 children are being served weekly
- All eligible programs have begun to receive incentive payments

Supplies and Distribution

- Pick-up of supplies by providers began April 28th

The first kit, which is the size of a washing machine, includes a combination of purchased and donated supplies, including:

- Hand soap, cleaning disinfectant (with complimentary dispenser)
- Bleach
- Toilet Paper (one of two shipments)
- Paper Towels (with complimentary dispenser)
- Masks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hand Sanitizer refill

For more information about the
Emergency Child Care Collaborative,
go to <http://nh.childcareaware.org>
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