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LA County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis Announces New Child Care Program for Essential Workers



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Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis on Wednesday announced the launch of a new \$15 million Countywide program that will provide child care vouchers to 5,000 essential workers and low-income working parents through Dec. 30.

“Child care is the backbone of our economy and parents seeking child care are facing financial hardships as the economy starts to recover, and this is acutely felt by our essential workers,” said Supervisor Solis. “We must support our working parents who are stocking our grocery shelves with food, driving our public buses, and caring for our loved ones with COVID-19. Now is the time to give back to our everyday heroes: our essential workers and their families.”



At Supervisor Solis' direction, the Board of Supervisors in July allocated \$15 million in CARES Act funding to prioritize child care for essential workers and low-income families. This allocation translates to three months of child care for 5,000 families.

The LA County Department of Public Health's Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education, in partnership with the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, will lead this initiative.

Throughout the pandemic, child care programs have remained open to serve families. Currently, over 4,000 licensed child care programs are open in LA County.

"The Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles is excited to launch the CARES child care program in partnership with 10 social service agencies throughout LA County. We look forward to assisting essential and low-income working parents with their child care needs," said Cristina Alvarado, executive director of the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles. "Workers need a safe place for their children while they work at your local hospital, pharmacy, grocery store, food outlets, and the many businesses that require workers to be onsite during this pandemic. We are grateful to the County of Los Angeles for this opportunity."

Eligible working parents must live in Los Angeles County, require child care to perform their essential work, and be unable to work remotely. Essential workers are people who work in the healthcare industry, emergency services, food and agriculture industries, or in any other business sector currently open, according to the state's most recent guidelines.

Families seeking child care may access vouchers by calling 888-92-CHILD (888-922-4453) or by visiting ccala.net. Income eligibility for these vouchers are set by the state.

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