New Mexico: Childcare for First Responders, Health Care Workers, and Other Essential Employees

Description of Program and Relief

New Mexico’s Children, Youth, and Families Department has expanded its existing Childcare Assistance Program to cover the total cost of full-time childcare assistance for first responders, healthcare providers, and other essential workers who need childcare in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Childcare Assistance Program will now directly pay the cost of child-care services for these workers, as well as continue to pay child-care services for the low-income families previously eligible under the Childcare Assistance Program. Low-income families are families that are at or below 200% of the poverty level that are working and/or in school and have a need for child care.

Government or Lead Agency

New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department

Dates Available

Effective immediately

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

Questions about who may be eligible can be answered by calling the hotline number at (833) 551-0518.

For the existing Childcare Assistance Program, eligibility requirements can be found here: https://cyfd.org/child-care-services/child-care-assistance.

For applicants who are first responders, health care providers, or other essential workers, there is no income eligibility threshold.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

N/A
Contact for More Information

The New Mexico Resource and Referral line can be contacted by calling (833) 551-0518. A child care assistance application can be found here:

List of Additional Information

More information on the Child Care Assistance Program can be found here: