Georgia: Child Care for Medical Workers

Description of Program and Relief

In partnership with Governor Brian P. Kemp and the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), the YMCA of Metro Atlanta is providing child care for medical workers at certain hospitals fighting COVID-19.

For the metro Atlanta area, the YMCA is currently dedicating facilities as child care centers for workers at nine hospitals: Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Eastside Medical Center, Emory, Georgia Highlands, Intown Pediatric, Northside, Piedmont, WellStar, and Yerkes-Emory. Organizers expect additional locations to be transformed into child care centers for medical personnel by March 27, 2020.

For other state areas, DECAL is maintaining information on child care programs that remain open.

Additionally, DECAL is working to enhance the number of childcare facilities available by relaxing certain licensing rules and providing guidance to allow child care facilities to maintain healthy and safe environments during the COVID-19 crisis.

Government or Lead Agency

Stage of Georgia, Department of Early Care and Learning

Dates Available

Currently available, with no end date announced

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

YMCA facilities are currently available for medical workers at nine metro Atlanta hospitals: Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Eastside Medical Center, Emory, Georgia Highlands, Intown Pediatric, Northside, Piedmont, WellStar, and Yerkes-Emory.

Childcare services are available for children ages 3-12. The cost is $40 per day per child. Care is available from 5:30 am to 8:00 pm.

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

Registration for each day’s session closes at 6:00 pm the day before.
Contact for More Information

To register, follow the instructions provided here.

Contact Jude Dooley, YMCA of Metro Atlanta Group Vice President, at juded@ymcaatlanta.org.

To learn about childcare centers that are currently open, please visit www.qualityrated.org for the latest information on child care availability or call (877) ALL-GAKIDS.

List of Additional Information

YMCA of Metro Atlanta Childcare Program
Quality Rated Child Care
Georgia Dept of Early Care and Learning
Georgia’s DECAL Helping Families Find Child Care During Pandemic
Find Child Care or Pre-K Programs Near You – GA Dept of Early Care and Learning