



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

April 15, 2020

Dear Child Care Providers:

As a result of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Virginia is receiving federal funding for an incentive grant to help existing child care providers remain open to provide care for children of essential personnel during the state of emergency declared by Governor Northam in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility Requirements

- Eligible facilities are existing licensed family day homes, voluntarily registered family day homes, licensed child day centers, religiously exempt child day centers, and unlicensed child day programs that are approved subsidy vendors.
- Facilities must certify that they are providing or are willing to provide care for children of essential personnel during the grant cycle (April, May, and June) and must attest that they are following enhanced health and safety guidelines.
- Facilities must submit a [CARES Grant Application Form](#) for approval and submit the required documentation.
- Facilities must provide additional information or documentation as requested.

Payment

Provided you meet the requirements, you will receive a monthly payment of \$25 times half of your total licensed capacity for each week you provide care to children. For example, if your total capacity is 50 children, your grant amount would be 25 (half your total capacity) times \$25, for a total of \$625 per week, or \$2,500 for each four-week period.

To learn more or to apply, go to the [Virginia Department of Social Services](#) website or email ask4care@dss.virginia.gov.

Thank you for the work you are doing to care for children during this critical time.