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New Hampshire Emergency Child Care Program (ECCP)

What is ECCP: The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) launched and is managing the “**DHHS Emergency Child Care Program**” (ECCP) for the duration of New Hampshire State of Emergency, Stay-at-Home Order according to Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #40 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05 and 2020-08. An order extending and modifying Emergency Order #17 (Closure of non-essential businesses and requiring Granite Staters to stay at home). This Order states persons that provide “essential services” as listed in Emergency Order #40 including those providing essential services in current volunteer or work capacity in addition to the newly opened industries are authorized to work outside the home or form home as needed. Therefore, only parents/guardians that fit those categories may bring children to care with one exception - children considered “vulnerable” due to special needs or at-risk for physical, psychological and environmental abuse or neglect. Those children do not need to have an active DCYF case. ECCPs are those programs that are designated to provide child care during the COVID-19 outbreak. All programs wishing to operate must be designated as an ECCP to provide care, and to have staff members considered essential as well.

Who is qualified to apply: All child care providers that are Licensed, License-exempt, and Temporary Emergency Child Care Programs are eligible to apply.

How do I apply? It's easy. The application can be completed online. Just click on the link below or cut and paste the address into your browser and complete the short application. It will go directly to DHHS for review and approval. That is all there is to it!

What if I have questions about the ECCP? You can e-mail us at ECCP@dhhs.nh.gov. We will respond as quickly as possible.

When does the ECCP start and when will it end? The ECCP will be in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency. You can apply to become an ECCP provider now. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis (they began on Monday, March 30, 2020), and providers will be selected based on regional employer/employee needs, age of children, hours of availability, and access for vulnerable children and families. All applicants will be notified within 3 business days of application.

If I am approved as an ECCP provider, what happens next? You will receive an email confirming your designation as an ECCP provider and ongoing information regarding resources, communications, supplies, and funding opportunities that may be available to you.

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[ECCP Designation Application](#)