



Dear Provider,

Governor Jared Polis called together a group of early childhood providers, advocacy groups, school districts and foundations to partner with the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to establish a system of emergency child care centers for our emergency and essential workers called the Colorado Emergency Child Care Collaborative.

Many child care centers are suspending operations and workers also have elementary-aged children needing care. The Collaborative would like to connect providers of critical front-line services for vulnerable Coloradans (such as health professionals, health facilities staff, etc.) to child care providers if the current child care provider is not able to continue service.

The Collaborative is surveying families to understand the need for these services. To register for this child care program, please refer to [this letter](#) located on Google Docs and click on the highlighted survey link or dial 2-1-1 for additional information.

Every effort will be made to match those who need care with a licensed facility near them that has available capacity to help. The Collaborative is working to implement expanded subsidies and/or sliding scales for families who cannot afford child care but are needed to address the COVID-19 outbreak.

Contact Michael Johnston at mjohnston@garycommunity.org or Steffanie Clothier at sclothier@garycommunity.org who are leading the community engagement for the Collaborative.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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