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Need Child Care?

Your Local Providers Are Here to Help

Since the beginning of the public health emergency, New Mexico's child care providers have been open for business.

The state of New Mexico—in partnership with child care providers—have developed some of the clearest, most detailed health and safety regulations in the country. As a result, child care providers have kept COVID cases low.

- Handwashing
- Temperature-taking
- Cleaning and sanitation
- Distancing
- Mask-wearing
- Rapid response and testing if a positive case occurs

Here's what you'll need to apply:

- Current proof of income
- Birth Verification for all applicant household children
- Verification of Educational Activity/School Schedule for adults (if applicable)
- Picture ID for Applicant
- Proof of New Mexico Residency (lease agreement, utility bill, mortgage)
- Contact info for selected child care provider (If you need help selecting a child care provider, please call Child Care Resource and Referral at the number below.)

Visit nmeccd.org and click on "Am I Eligible?" or call 800-691-9067.

Email child.care@state.nm.us if you have questions or concerns about child care.



Expanded Eligibility

Beginning Aug. 1, New Mexico will raise Child Care Assistance income eligibility for families from 200 percent of the federal poverty level to 350 percent of the poverty level -- with a phase-out at 400 percent of the poverty level, meaning a modest increase in income won't mean losing access to assistance. These changes will help increase access and quality in the state's child care industry and help remove barriers that could prevent New Mexicans from reentering the workforce as the pandemic subsides and the economy reopens.

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Household Income
2	\$5,080.83
3	\$6,405.00
4	\$7,729.17
5	\$9,053.33
6	\$10,377.50
7	\$11,701.67
8	\$13,025.83



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