



SUPPORTING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND FAMILIES

The CARES Act provides Arkansas **\$41 million** to fund:

- Reimbursements to clean and sanitize their facilities to ensure public safety
- Supplement COVID-19 voucher payments previously announced and assistance to licensed child care providers to assure they are able to remain open or re-open as appropriate
- Child care assistance, without regard to income, to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, and other essential workers

HOW THE STATE WILL USE THE FUNDING

SUPPLEMENTAL VOUCHER PAYMENTS

Supplemental voucher payments will be continued into August to coincide with school start dates, with an estimated \$11 million available to ensure child care is available for Arkansas families.

SAFE OPERATIONS PAYMENT

A one-time payment to all providers will help to cover costs of meeting new pandemic procedures for safe operations, such as social distancing requirements inside the facility and in transportation, masks for staff, and screening protocols. Funding is based on licensed capacity and quality. This payment will be for providers who remain open or re-open between May 4 - Aug. 31, 2020.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

Essential workers will be eligible for child care assistance, regardless of income, on a case-by-case basis. Essential workers include but are not limited to emergency responders, health care providers, public health personnel, sanitation workers, child care and early childhood staff, and individuals involved in the food supply chain during the pandemic.

MAINTENANCE PAYMENT

A one time supplemental payment for all licensed child care providers that have remained open since March 13 will assist with the additional costs of safely continuing services from March 13 to May 1, 2020. The amount of the payments will be based on licensed capacity and quality level of programs. (See graphic below.)

\$500	1-25 children
\$1,250	26-60 children
\$1,750	61-100 children
\$2,500	100+ children

CLEANING REIMBURSEMENT

Providers will be reimbursed for actual costs to deep clean and sanitize after programs were advised by the Arkansas Health Department that they must close. Reimbursement will be based on facility size. (See graphic below.)

\$500	1-25 children
\$1,250	26-60 children
\$1,750	61-100 children
\$2,500	100+ children