



License Exempt Providers Accepting Child Care Subsidy Available to Provide Child Care for Essential Workers

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS), MaineAEYC and Maine Roads to Quality Professional Development Network are working together to create a temporary listing of the child care programs that are open and able to offer care to children of essential workers.

According to the Child Care Subsidy Rules (10-148 Chapter 6 page 9) from the Office of Child and Family Services, License-Exempt providers are defined as:

License Exempt Child Care Provider describes a Child Care Provider who is not required to be licensed to provide Child Care Services for no more than two (2) Children, who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, a Maine resident, and does not reside in the same household.

On March 24th, 2020, Governor Janet Mills signed an agreement which temporarily increased the number of children a License Exempt provider can care for in their home from two (2) to three (3) children: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/documents/covid-19/EO>

License exempt child care providers who care for children of families who receive Child Care Subsidy have had background checks and are subject to on-site visits from staff at the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child and Family Services.

This is a list of License Exempt (L-E) providers who have offered care in their home for three (3) children not related to them. This list is updated daily.

Please refer to the OCFS website for latest updates and information, including important information around licensing and child care subsidies: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/COVID-19-response.shtml>