

Child Care Support for Health Care Workers

- Are you a resident of East Chicago, Gary, or Hammond, Indiana?
- Are you employed by a partner hospital?
- Do you meet certain income guidelines (see below)?
- Do you need child care during the COVID-19 pandemic while the schools are closed (March 30, 2020—May 1, 2020)?

Lake Area United Way can help you

If you meet the four criteria above, Lake Area United Way will pay for your child care while schools are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while funding is available.

Instructions for families seeking available child care seats:

Step 1: Select a partner child care provider

Contact a Lake Area United Way Child Care Partner and begin their application to enroll your child(ren) in child care. When you call, please say that you are applying for United Way Healthcare Worker Funding.

- YMCA Griffith (219) 750-1082 Enroll online soon: www.crymca.org/emergencychildcare
- Faith Child Care—Gary (773) 860-1831
- Life Changers Early Learning & Aftercare STEAM Academy—Gary (219) 614-6509
- Happy Days—Merrillville (219) 980-5437 and Highland (219) 923-1333
- Information about these child care providers can be found: <https://www.in.gov/fssa/childcarefinder/>

Step 2: Complete the LAUW Healthcare Worker Child Care Application

- Complete the online application: www.lauw.org/ccapp
- LAUW will confirm your employment/eligibility, and we will respond to you by email with an authorization letter for you to share with your child care provider.

Step 3: Provide Payment Authorization Letter to Your Child Care Provider

- Once the Child Care provider receives Payment Authorization Letter from parent, they can complete enrollment.

Contact:

Andrea Proulx Buinicki | Lake Area United Way | 221 W Ridge Rd, Griffith, IN 46319 | 219-252-6223 (remotely) | apb@lauw.org

Income Guidelines

For this program, Lake Area United Way is currently supporting low-income and ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families that are employed by partner hospitals. Find the number of people in your household (including children). If your household income (all wage earners combined) is less than the maximum household hourly wages or maximum household annual income, you meet the income guidelines.

Household Size	Maximum Combined Household Hourly Wages	Maximum Household Annual Income
2 people	\$16.75	\$34,848
3 people	\$20.88	\$43,440
4 people	\$25.19	\$52,400
5 people	\$29.50	\$61,360
6 people	\$33.81	\$70,320
7 people	\$38.12	\$79,280
8 people	\$42.42	\$88,240

Partner Hospitals

Our partner hospitals are located in Lake County, Indiana.

- Methodist Hospitals
- Franciscan Hospitals
- St. Catherine Hospital

ⁱ Applications will be reviewed as they are received. LAUW will pay for child care costs only while funding is available.