

THE SAN DIEGO COVID-19 Children's FUND

Supporting San Diego Families, Essential Workers with Children,
and the Child Care Ecosystem

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The **San Diego COVID-19 Children's Fund** began March 13, 2020, by San Diego for Every Child, upon notice of school closures across San Diego County in response to COVID-19.

Conversations with school districts and community partners across the San Diego region surfaced three priority areas for children during this crisis time: **food and nutrition**; **child care**; and **equitable distance learning**.

Why Child Care?

- It allows our essential workers to do their jobs.
- It gives families flexible choices, ensuring their children a safe, enriching place of care.
- Child care providers operate 5,000 small businesses across San Diego County.
- It provides funds to family child care providers: an essential workforce caring for smaller groups of children, and a critical piece of San Diego County's overall economic recovery.
- It gives all child care providers--often among the lowest paid, essential workforce in our economy--the critical funds which are needed to keep their own children and families safe and fed during this uncertain time.



"I am a social worker and was notified by my program director that our outpatient behavior health... [was] deemed an essential service. I knew that I would need to continue working because employment would not be enough to provide for my little family. Once I heard about the CDA child care grant through a co-worker, I applied immediately. I was happy to find out I received the grant and it went directly to my provider. I maintained my employment without a lapse. My children and I are extremely grateful."



Families - Granted to Date* - Providers

Applications: 2,388
Child care: \$121,425
Groceries: \$266,525
Other basic needs: \$25,400
Total: \$413,350

Applications: 1,051
Staff wages: \$125,925
Utility bills: \$71,600
Groceries and cleaning: \$50,225
Total: \$247,750

*Philanthropic funds administered by Child Development Associates and the YMCA Childcare Resource Service

The need continues...

- From April 23 – April 28, the San Diego COVID-19 Children's Fund received 800 requests totaling over \$270,900.
- In health care alone, our region has an estimated 40,000 workers with children under the age of 14, which totals over \$30 million dollars in monthly child care expenses.



San Diego for Every Child is committed to the continued support of San Diego's child care infrastructure, for essential workers and for recovery after the crisis. Beyond child care, the other issue areas this fund is focusing on are food and nutrition, and equitable distance learning. Currently, families can apply for mini-grants to assist with buying groceries. The [Equitable Distance Learning Taskforce](#) is in process of developing recommendations for distance learning funding opportunities



"These challenging times have created many financial obstacles for us, but your generosity helped me purchase additional groceries and other necessities his month for my daughter and myself. Thank you!"

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