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Support for Grandparents caring for their Grandchildren ages birth-five.

**CHILD CARE**

**1. Childcare assistance for grandparents currently watching their grandchildren during the COVID-19 crisis:**

- a. They can register to join the Family, Friend and Neighbors Program (FFN) to deliver paid childcare services. This is a temporary program to register providers who may be eligible to receive child care assistance funding. Interested elders who wish to join this program can call: **1-833-551-0518**. Providers will be required to complete a background check along with any family members in the home over 18. Providers will also be required to complete an online health and safety orientation training and online First Aide/CPR training.
  - i. Contact for Childcare Services Bureau: [Child Care Services Bureau Offices.pdf](#)
  - ii. Package Attached: [Friends Family Neighbors packet w BGC.pdf](#)
  - iii. Homes do not have to be registered through CYFD, however a waiver will need to be signed stating the home is safe.
  - iv. W-9 must be completed with supporting documentation and direct deposit is available for reimbursements.
  - v. Safety Training and First Aide/CPR Training: [Training Site](#)
- b. The state has a child care Resource and Referral line to help families find child care, if grandparents are not able to assist in the family needs. **1-800-691-9067**; [Child Care Search Site](#)
- c. Families interested in enrolling for child care assistance can download an application: [Childcare Assistance Application](#) or call **1-833-551-0518**.

## MEALS

### 1. Ensuring children have access to meals:

- a. Meals are being provided within tribal communities or being distributed through neighboring school districts for all children under the age of 18. For additional food needs you can email: [nutrition.program@state.nm.us](mailto:nutrition.program@state.nm.us)

## SUPPLIES

### 1. We understand that formula, sanitizing and cleaning supplies are becoming scarce. Diapers and wipes are also a shortage, but we have not secured access to those items.

- a. If families need formula and other supplies. We ask that families and tribal communities email: [child.care@state.nm.us](mailto:child.care@state.nm.us) to identify their quantity needs; or call **1-833-551-0518**.
- b. Donations of non-perishable goods coming from around the state for Senior Centers please email: Deputy Secretary Sallee, [Jennifer.sallee@state.nm.us](mailto:Jennifer.sallee@state.nm.us)
- c. Distribution sites/Regional Map, please email: Terri Tapia [ttapia@crecnm.org](mailto:ttapia@crecnm.org)
- d. Emergency management, please email: [Loren.deazevedo@state.nm.us](mailto:Loren.deazevedo@state.nm.us)

## ACTIVITIES

- [How you and your kids can destress during COVID-19](#)
- [At Home Resources](#)