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As part of the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) funding, DSS is offering child care assistance for parents who have been deemed essential staff and are required to report to work during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In order to qualify, you must be currently working at an essential business or government agency, you must need child care so you may continue to work, and you must complete a child care application. You do not have to meet any income guidelines for this time-limited program. A list of essential staff/qualifying occupations is attached.

If you have questions about the voucher or whether you meet the criteria for assistance, please contact Christi Jeffcoat at (803) 898-2741 or christi.jeffcoat@dss.sc.gov.

To apply, please complete the attached application and email it to christi.jeffcoat@dss.sc.gov. In the email, please include your first and last name, the best phone number to reach you, and the occupation/business where you work.

If you need help finding available child care, please contact our Child Care Resource & Referral Network at 1-888-335-1002 or go to the website after hours at www.sc-ccrr.org and submit a referral indicating your need to find an opening in a child care facility and someone will assist you.