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Emergency Child Care Services available in the Kenora District for Essential Service Workers

The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) is working in partnership with community-based licensed child care providers to deliver emergency child care free of charge to essential front line workers. Child care providers in Kenora started offering emergency child care spaces for essential service workers on Tuesday, April 14. The remaining programs will be phased in.

The following community-based licensed child care centres will be offering emergency child care services:

- New Prospect Early Learning Centre, Dryden
- FIREFLY Child Care, Kenora
- Kid's Zone Lakeside, Kenora
- Moozoons Child Care, Red Lake
- Waninawakang Child Care Centre, Sioux Lookout

“On behalf of the KDSB, I want to commend our Early Years team and the community-based licensed child care centres for working together so quickly to offer emergency child care services for essential services workers’ families. Access to child care should not be something that front line staff in health, police, corrections, and first responders in our communities have to worry about during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer of the KDSB.

For a list of essential workers, please go to: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/child-care-health-care-and-frontline-staff#section-1>. The criteria for eligibility focusses on health care professionals, paramedics, doctors, nurses, medical specialists, hospital support staff, police, fire, dispatch, corrections and other essential services. To apply, please visit the KDSB’s homepage: www.kdsb.on.ca and download their fillable form. Once eligible workers complete and submit the online application, they will be contacted by the operator in their community if space is available.

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