



# Resources for Minnesota Child Care Businesses

## Minnesota Updates for Child Care Providers

[Minnesota Government Updates on Covid-19 for Child Care Providers](#)

## Minnesota Initiative Foundations and Emergency Child Care Grant Program

The six Minnesota Initiative Foundations created an Emergency Child Care Grant Program to provide immediate financial support to licensed child care providers in Greater Minnesota. This grant program supports providers caring for children (ages birth to 5) of essential and emergency workers, as defined by Minnesota Governor Walz's executive order 20-02.

[Emergency Child Care Grant Program](#)

The regional foundations have other specific grants and resources for child care businesses.

[Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation](#)

[Southwest Initiative Foundation](#)

[Initiative Foundation \(Central MN\)](#)

[West Central Initiative Foundation](#)

[Northland Foundation \(Northeast MN\)](#)

[Northwest Minnesota Foundation](#)

## Child Care Aware Minnesota

Child Care Aware Minnesota has resources available for child care providers including grants, and information for providers on how to respond to Covid-19.

[Child Care Aware Covid-19 Resources](#)

## Special Enrollment for MNSure Health Insurance

MNSure is offering a special enrollment period for qualified individuals who are currently without insurance in response to the potential growth of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases. This SEP will allow uninsured individuals 30 days to enroll in health insurance coverage through MNSure. This special enrollment period runs Monday, March 23 through Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Emergency Special Enrollment Period](#)

## Facebook Small Business Grant

Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where it operates.

[Facebook Small Business Grant Covid-19](#)

## Nonprofit Child Care Businesses

**Propel Nonprofits** serves nonprofit organizations in Minnesota and the adjacent states of Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

[Propel Nonprofits Covid-19 Resources](#)

**Otto Bremer Trust** has established a \$50 million emergency fund to provide financial support to Minnesota nonprofits and other community organizations impacted by and responding to the pandemic. The fund will provide resources in the form of short-term loans, lines of credit, and emergency grants.

[Otto Bremer Trust emergency fund](#)

## First Children's Finance

[FCF Website](#)

First Children's Finance has loans and a variety of business consulting services available for family child care businesses and child care centers both in rural and metro Minnesota.

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