

COVID CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP



Supporting your family's need to balance employment and child care is vital during this challenging time.

Snohomish County and its partner nonprofits, the YMCA – Snohomish County and Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County, are here to help.

The County is offsetting a portion of the child care costs at its partner nonprofits through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

YMCA -- Snohomish County: 425-374-5779

Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County: 425-315-7082

Can I actually afford full-time care? Get scholarships?

Yes to both. Here is why:

Full-Time Care ... Snohomish County CARES funds are offsetting a portion of the child care costs associated with the increase in child care hours to full-day from the before- and after-school care many families had prior to COVID. The difference from part-time to full-time care should be close to cost neutral.

Scholarships ... Both the YMCA – Snohomish County and Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County will work with you and your family's budget to find a plan that works. They welcome one-on-one conversations. **Call the organizations to learn more.**

Is there a convenient location near my work?

There is a total of 34 sites in 14 cities and on the Tulalip Indian Reservation across Snohomish County. During this unusual time, the need for child care may not be in the typical location near your home or your child's school.

What health measures and learning programs are there for my child?

All child care sites managed by the YMCA – Snohomish County and Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County follow the Snohomish Health District COVID-19 guidance. With safety, health and overall wellness of your child as the highest priorities, they have put into place:

- Structured space and time for online learning, following your child’s school schedule;
- Opportunities for during the day and “after school” technology-free activities.

We also encourage you to review “[10 Things You Can Do Now](#)” to help students prepare to return to school or “[A Family Checklist for Student Success.](#)”

Will food be provided?

Yes. During full-day care, Snohomish County and its partner child care providers agreed it was important that we alleviate the cost and time associated with a family purchasing and preparing meals.

Breakfast, lunch and two snacks are provided daily. Depending on child care site, this is often coordinated with that area’s school district “Grab-and-Go” meal program and additional food meeting the agency’s own nutritional guidelines.

Please discuss with the child care provider any specific food allergies or dietary needs.

Is my job on the state’s list of essential workers?

We encourage you to call the child care provider you are interested in applying to, and discuss your employment situation and position.