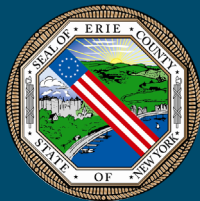




Parent Guide to Virtual Learning Support Centers



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Virtual Learning Support Center Guide

Virtual learning support is available:

Erie County has been working with local child care organizations, providers, school districts and community organizations to create Virtual Learning Support Centers (VLSCs). **These are supervised programs that children can attend on the days that they are designated to complete their school work remotely.** Everyone involved in the opening of the VLSCs are working together to ensure that they are opening and operating in accordance with regulations set by New York State's re-opening plans and by the Erie County Department of Health.

Important information about VLSC programs:

- Virtual Learning Support Centers (VLSCs) are currently available, and others are expected to be opened in the coming weeks.
- VLSCs will run from October 5th, 2020 - December 31st, 2020
- VLSCs slots are open to everyone residing within each school district.
- VLSCs are designed to accommodate children between the ages of 5 and 12
- Students registered for VLSC programs are required to attend at least one day a week
- VLSCs are free for parents earning less than 85% of the State Median Income

| Family Size | 85% SMI NY (FFY 2021) |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | \$52,196 |
| 2 | \$68,256 |
| 3 | \$84,317 |
| 4 | \$100,337 |
| 5 | \$116,437 |
| 6 | \$132,498 |
| 7 | \$135,509 |
| 8 | \$138,520 |

- Pickup and Drop-off times will vary by location but supervised support will be available during school hours at all locations.
- All sites are being overseen by one of 5 VLSC designees
 - Say Yes: (716) 247-5310
 - Erie 1 BOCES: (716) 821-7099
 - Erie 2 BOCES: (716) 549-4454
 - YWCA of WNY: (716) 852-6120
 - Boys & Girls Club of the Northtowns (716) 873-9842

In the pages to follow you will find a list of VLSC locations by school district, along with contact information for those program. If you need additional child care support please contact Child Care Resource Network 716-877-6666 ext. 3064.

Virtual Learning Support Center Guide continued

There will continue to be uncertainty

-Parents should expect some level of uncertainty regarding child care options as there are still many unknowns including opening dates, the number of open slots available, and the ability of schools to continue to operate. Researching available options, having a back-up plan, and understanding what to look for in a provider's response to Covid issues are key.

Health and Safety are paramount – now more than ever.

-Licensed and registered child care providers have always been required to follow established regulations regarding health and safety and will continue to do so during the health crisis. Likewise, some VSLCs will be regulated through the DOH . Quality child care providers will follow protocols established by the Centers for Disease Control, (CDC) as well as any relevant government and health oversight organizations to ensure that the appropriate health and safety measures for staff and children are put in place.

-Parents should check with preferred providers to learn more about the specific measures they will institute in regard to COVID.

Some questions parents can consider asking:

With the health crisis continuing, parents should keep these questions in mind while researching child care and summer camp options for children:

- o Does the program meet my family's needs for accessibility, programming, locations, available dates, health & safety, and other issues pertinent to my children?
- o Does the program include developmentally appropriate practices? Does it include the types of activities/programming that you and your children are looking for including recreational, academic enrichment, social-emotional learning, and/or cultural enrichment, among others?
- o Is the program/facility following CDC guidelines to ensure the health and safety of children and staff? Can they provide written details?
- o What measures for social distancing or limiting the number of children and staff congregating are being put in place? Are you comfortable with the level of social interaction possible?
- o What protocols are they taking to screen staff and children for health issues and to ensure that those who may be sick do not participate?
- o What protocols are being put in place to ensure adequate cleaning and disinfecting of the facility?
- o Is the program deemed essential, meaning will child care continue if some segments of the economy are shut down? If it is closed due to State mandates for COVID, will you have a back-up plan in place?
- o How does the program plan to communicate to parents regarding COVID-related issues? Will they provide written details about their plans and how will they update you as new issues/changes develop?

Choose what works best for your family

-As always, parents should make sure that the child care options considered work best for their family and that they are comfortable with the measures put in place to address any COVID-related issues to for family peace of mind.

Parent Guide to COVID-19 Child Care Rules & Best Practices

New York State has released a list of required safety procedures as well as best practices to help child care providers prevent the spread of COVID-19 in their programs. This is meant to be a checklist that can help you and your child prepare for and spot the changes that will help keep them safe. This is not an exhaustive list of the new rules. If you would like the full list please visit <https://forward.ny.gov/statewide-guidelines>.

COVID-19 Response Checklist

- Child care providers & VSLC staff must wear face coverings while interacting with children.
- Employee and children groups should be as static as possible. The same staff should remain with the same children as much as possible. Group size must be limited to no more than 10 children.
- Different groups of 10 children should have no or minimal contact with other groups of children/campers and should not utilize common spaces at the same time.
- Limit sharing of objects whenever possible (e.g. electronic equipment, arts & crafts materials).
- Non-essential visitors should be prohibited.
- Establish minimal contact pick-up and drop-off procedures when possible.
- Field trips and other excursions away from programs are discouraged.
- Hand hygiene stations (handwashing with soap, running warm water, and disposable paper towels) should be provided. Hand sanitizer should be available in common areas.
- Providers should have COVID-19 safety procedures available upon request.
- Hand hygiene should be required for children/students and staff in the following instances:
 - Immediately upon entering the program,
 - Between all programs & activities,
 - After using the restroom,
 - Before eating, and
 - Before departing the last program activity.

Find A Virtual Learning Support Center by School District

Akron

designee Erie / BOCES

One Church Learning Lab
(716) 542-2644
6 Scotland Rd.
Akron, NY 14001

Precious People Daycare
(716) 937-0315
12001 Broadway
Alden, NY 14004

Alden

designee Erie / BOCES

Kelly's Imagination Station Inc
(716) 655-2705
2331 Bowen Rd.
Elma, NY 14059

Precious People Daycare
(716) 937-0315
12001 Broadway
Alden, NY 14004

Amherst

designee Erie / BOCES

YMCA Buffalo Niagara
301 Cayuga Rd #100
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Attica

designee Erie / BOCES

Precious People Daycare
(716) 937-0315
12001 Broadway
Alden, NY 14004

Blasdell

designee Erie / BOCES

The Learning Lounge
(716) 575-6016
5817 South Park Ave.
Hamburg, NY 14075

Buffalo Public Schools

designee SayYes

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
(716) 436-2404
641 Masten Ave
Buffalo, NY 14209

Elmwood Village Charter School @Hertel
(716) 424-0555
665 Hertel Ave
Buffalo, NY 14207

Tosh Collins Community Center
35 Cazenovia St
Buffalo, NY 1410

Bobo's Little Family Group Daycare
(716) 570-1630
119 William Price Pkwy
Buffalo, NY 14214

Babcock Clubhouse
(716) 822-0034
282 Babcock St
Buffalo, NY 14210

Butler Mitchell Clubhouse
(716) 884-4964
370 Massachusetts Ave
Buffalo, NY 14213

John F Beecher Clubhouse
(716) 852-0188
180 Tenth St
Buffalo, NY 14201

If there is missing contact information for a program please reach out to the designee of that site for help.

Find A Virtual Learning Support Center by School District

Buffalo Public Schools Cont.

Masten Clubhouse
(716) 882-2716
397 Northland Ave
Buffalo, NY 14208

Willam C Baird Clubhouse
(716) 892-5864
2061 Bailey Ave
Buffalo, NY 14211

Riverside Clubhouse
(716) 939-3555
265 Skillen St
Buffalo, NY 14207

Cornerstone Manor
(716) 854-8181
150 East North St
Buffalo, NY 14203

Edward Saunders Unity Center
(716) 881-5150
2777 Bailey Ave
Buffalo, NY 14215

JFK Community Center
(716) 881-5150
114 Hickory St
Buffalo, NY 14204

Pratt Willert Community Center
(716) 881-5150
422 Pratt Street
Buffalo, NY 14204

Elim Christian Fellowship
(716) 444-5100
70 Chalmers St
Buffalo, NY 14215

Good Samaritan COGIC
(716) 444-5100
261 Cleveland Dr
Buffalo, NY 14215

Greater Works Christian Fellowship
(716) 887-2303
210 Southampton St
Buffalo, NY 14208

Harvest House
(716) 444-5100
1782 Seneca St
Buffalo, NY 14210

North Gate Christian Academy
(716) 444-5100
410 East St
Buffalo, NY 14207

Prince of Peace Christian Church
(716) 444-5100
190 Albany St
Buffalo, NY 14213

Family Help Center
'Children's Program for Success'
(716) 822-5037
60 Dingens St
Buffalo, NY 14206

Gingerbread House Daycare Center
(716) 842-4025
200 E Eagle St
Buffalo, NY 14204

Grow With Us Daycare Center
(716) 877-2775
1827 Niagara St
Buffalo, NY 14207

Find A Virtual Learning Support Center by School District

Buffalo Public Schools Cont.

JCC Holland Family Building
(716) 886-3145
787 Delaware Ave
Buffalo, NY 14209

Jumped Up Jellybeans
(716) 783-8013
1365 Hertel Ave
Buffalo, NY 14216

Kldz Zone Child Care Center Inc.,
(716) 835-5439
2680 Main St
Buffalo, NY 14214

TJ Dulski
(716) 893-7222
129 Lewis St
Buffalo, NY 14206

Delavan Grider Community Center
(716) 896-7021
877 E Delavan Ave
Buffalo, NY 14215

My Precious Angels Childcare
(716) 896-3800
2946 Bailey Ave
Buffalo, NY 14215

Our Family Daycare 2
(716) 563-6681
507 Minnesota Ave
Buffalo, NY 14215

Parker Academy
(716) 240-0598
49 Indian Church Rd
Buffalo, NY 14210

Patsy Young Daycare
(716) 578-8364
99 Kensington Ave
Buffalo, NY 14214

Peace of Mind Quality Child Care 2
(716) 847-1234
690 Broadway St
Buffalo, NY 14202

Precious Little Hearts Child Care
(716) 322-8811
116 Rano St
Buffalo, NY 14207

Ripen With Us Child Care
(716) 836-1014
500 Kenmore Ave
Buffalo, NY 14223

Arlene Mychajiw Community Center
(716) 436-4519
82 Harrison St
Buffalo, NY 14210

George K Arthur Community Center
(716) 896-1325
2056 Genesee St
Buffalo, NY 14211

Hennepin Community Center
(716) 436-4519
24 Ludington St
Buffalo, NY 14206

Seneca-Babcock Community Center
(716) 436-4519
1168 Seneca St
Buffalo, NY 14210

Asarese-Matters Community Center
(443) 527-2096
50 Rees St
Buffalo, NY 14213

If there is missing contact information for a program please reach out to the designee of that site for help.

Find A Virtual Learning Support Center by School District

Buffalo Public Schools Cont.

Young Tabernacle Holiness
(716) 228-4879

623 Best St
Buffalo, NY 14211

The Belle Center
(716) 845-0485

104 Maryland St
Buffalo, NY 14201

Gloria J. Parks Community Center
(716) 832-1010

3242 Main St
Buffalo, NY 14214

Virtual Learning Center
1807 South Park Ave
Buffalo, NY 14220

West Side Community Services
(716) 884-6616 ext.103

161 Vermont St
Buffalo, NY 14213

Delaware Family YMCA
(716) 875-1283

2564 Delaware Ave
Buffalo, NY 14216

William Emslie Family YMCA
(716) 845-5440

585 William St
Buffalo, NY 14206

School House Commons
(716) 447-1494

1005 Grant St
Buffalo, NY 14207

Charter School for Applied

Technologies

designee Boys & Girls Club of the Northtowns

Town Clubhouse
(716) 873-9842

54 Riverdale Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14207

Cheektowaga

designee Erie / BOCES

Harlem Road Children's Center
(716) 896-2330

2645 Harlem Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Just For Kids
(716) 639-8500
6265 Sheridan Dr Ste 106
Williamsville, NY 14221

YMCA Buffalo Niagara
301 Cayuga Rd #100
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

City of Tonawanda

designee Boys & Girls Club of the Northtowns

Newman Family Clubhouse
(716) 693-2307

325 Franklin St.
City of Tonawanda, NY 14150

Clarence

designee Erie / BOCES

YMCA Buffalo Niagara
301 Cayuga Rd #100
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Find A Virtual Learning Support Center by School District

Eden

designee Erie 2 BOCES

Eden Boys & Girls Club
(716) 992-2702
8284 N. Main Street
Eden, NY 14057

Gowanda

designee Erie 2 BOCES

Gowanda Free Library
(716) 532-3451
56 W. Main Street
Gowanda, NY 14070

Gowanda Elementary School
(716) 532-3325
450 Aldrich Street
Gowanda, NY 14070

Grand Island

designee Erie 1 BOCES

Just For Kids
(716) 639-8500
6265 Sheridan Dr Ste 106
Williamsville, NY 14221

Island Kids Child Care Center
(716) 775-5616
1353 Ransom Rd
Grand Island, NY 14072

Island Kids Child Care Center
(716) 775-5616
12085 Basline Rd.
Grand Island, NY 14072

Kiddos Korner Preschool
(716) 773-7730
2728 Stony Point Rd.
Grand Island, NY 14072

St. Timothy Lutheran Child Care Center

(716) 773-9249
1453 Staley Rd
Grand Island, NY 14072

Hamburg

designee Erie 1 BOCES

Boys & Girls Club of Boston
8550 Boston State Rd.
Boston, NY 14025

A Leap in Learning
(716) 926-8567
79 Buffalo Street
Hamburg, NY 14075

The Learning Lounge
(716) 575-6016
5817 South Park Ave.
Hamburg, NY 14075

Holland

designee Erie 2 BOCES

Robin's Nest Child Care Center
(716) 805-7227
7432 Olean Road
Holland, NY 14080

Iroquois

designee Erie 2 BOCES

Elma Marilla Wales B&G Club
(716) 652-3000
2080 Girdle Avenue
Elma, NY 14059

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Find A Virtual Learning Support Center by School District

Ken-Ton

YMCA Buffalo Niagara
301 Cayuga Rd #100
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

designee for this site only Erie 1 BOCES

Town Clubhouse
(716) 873-9842
54 Riverdale Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14207

designee for this site only Boys & Girls Club of the Northtowns

Lakeshore

designee Erie 2 BOCES

The Learning Lounge
(716) 575-6016
5817 South Park Ave.
Hamburg, NY 14075

YMCA Buffalo Niagara W.T.Hoag Center
(716) 674-9622
42 Sunset Boulevard
Angola, NY 14006

Precious People Daycare
(716) 937-0315
12001 Broadway
Alden, NY 14004

Eden/Lakeshore Boys & Girls Club
(716) 992-2702
42 Sunset Boulevard
Angola, NY 14006

Lancaster

designee Erie 1 BOCES

Kelly's Imagination Station Inc
(716) 655-2705
2331 Bowen Rd.
Elma, NY 14059

Lackawana

designee WYCA of WNY

Willie Cotton Center
52 Gates Avenue
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
(716) 444-5100
66 Wasson Street
Lackawanna, NY 14218
2nd Baptist Church

18 Church Street
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Right Direction Center (formerly Catholic Charities - Lackawanna)
33 Wilkesbarre Avenue
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Marilla

designee Erie 1 BOCES

Precious People Daycare
(716) 937-0315
12001 Broadway
Alden, NY 14004

Maryvale

designee Erie 1 BOCES

YMCA Buffalo Niagara
301 Cayuga Rd #100
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

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Find A Virtual Learning Support Center by School District

North Collins

designee Erie 2 BOCES

The Well
10489 Main Street
North Collins, NY 14111

Orchard Park

designee Erie 2 BOCES

The Learning Lounge
(716) 575-6016
5817 South Park Ave.
Hamburg, NY 14075

YMCA Buffalo Niagara West Seneca

(716) 674-9622

1620 Southwestern Boulevard
West Seneca, NY 14224

Orchard Park B&G Club
(716) 662-1941
25 S. Lincoln Avenue, #2
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Southtowns Suburbs

designee Erie 1 BOCES

Jeanne Mead's Family Day Care

(716) 941-5867

Hillcroft Drive
Boston, NY 14025

Springville

designee Erie 2 BOCES

Early Bird Child Care
(716) 592-3868
243 W. Main Street
Springville, NY 14141

Sweet Home

designee Erie 1 BOCES

YMCA Buffalo Niagara
301 Cayuga Rd #100
Cheektowaga, NY 14225 LE3

West Seneca

designee Erie 1 BOCES

Inc - West Seneca
(716) 677-9100
425 Meyer Rd.
West Seneca, NY 14224

Williamsville

designee Erie 1 BOCES

Just For Kids

(716) 639-8500

6265 Sheridan Dr Ste 106
Williamsville, NY 14221

LE3 Inc - Williamsville

(716) 430-9322

300 N. Forest

Williamsville, NY 14221

LE3 Inc - Williamsville

(716) 429-7223

4660 Sheridan Dr.

Williamsville, NY 14221

Main Street Children's Academy

(716) 631-1166

6320 Main Street

Williamsville, NY 14221

Alternate Child Care Plans

We realize that Virtual Support Learning Centers might not meet the need of every family or every child.

If you are having trouble finding open slots, need a program where your non school-aged children can go as well, or the Virtual Learning Support Center options in your district are just not working out for you please call Child Care Resource Network.

Child Care Resource Network has Child Care Navigators standing by who will provide you with a free list of licensed or registered child care programs near your home or work.

Call

716-877-6666 ext. 3064

**today for a custom list of open
child care providers.**



Helpful Community Resources

If you need child care payment assistance call:

DSS - Day Care Unit

Provides child care assistance to income eligible applications.

Call: 716-332-4170

Website: www2.erie.gov/socialservices/daycare

WDI Buffalo

Provides child care assistance to income eligible applications.

Call: 716-632-1900

Website: <https://wdiny.org/Explore-Our-Work/Child-Care-Subsidy-Program>

Additional community resources:

211

Free & confidential link to health and human services.

Call: 211

Website: 211wny.org

Parent Network

Provides support to families of individuals with disabilities.

Call: 716-332-4170

Website: parentnetworkwny.org

NY Project Hope

New York's COVID-19 emotional support helpline.

Call: 1-844-863-9314

Website: nyprojecthope.org

Buffalo EOC

The STEPP program provides parents with skills to support their children's remote learning.

Call: 716-645-1900

Website: buffalo.edu/EOC

HEAP

Find out if you are eligible for the Home Energy Assistance Program

Website: mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin

SNAP

Apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Website: ny.gov/services/apply-snap