

THE CHURCH Mobilization  
**Network**  
*Connecting Churches. Meeting Needs. Impacting Lives.*

## Childcare for Healthcare Workers in Your Congregation

### THE OPPORTUNITY:

Your church has the opportunity to serve our community by caring for healthcare workers and their families. Schools are currently closed which presents a challenge for healthcare workers with children and healthcare employers. This is a unique time for your church to minister to the needs of healthcare workers in your congregation.

### PROCESS:

- Assess the need for childcare among healthcare workers in your congregation
- Designate a staff member or trusted volunteer as a communication contact
- Recruit volunteers from your church to watch children as needed in a manner consistent with your congregation's values

### ENGAGEMENT OPTIONS:

- **Support volunteers to provide in-home childcare**
  - Check with teachers, after school program employees, childcare professionals, and/or other professionals currently not working within your congregation
- **Provide assistance for healthcare providers to hire a sitter for in-home care**
  - College Nannies+Sitters, a local company, is available to place pre-screened and trained sitters for in-home childcare. They are currently waiving the family enrollment fee to meet this specific need. (423)900-2092
- **Prepare childcare providers with next steps in event of extreme conditions**
  - Have a backup plan for extended childcare should the healthcare worker test positive and be quarantined
- **Diversify volunteering opportunities**
  - If individuals cannot provide direct childcare, they may support childcare volunteers with resources like meals, activities, laundry, etc.

### THE CHURCH Mobilization Network's Commitment:

- Remain available to each church in assisting with strategies, problem solving, and resources
- Connect churches to resources through other churches, community partners, and businesses to assist with needs that may arise

Healthcare workers will have peace of mind knowing their children are safe while they care for our community's most vulnerable during the COVID-19 crisis.

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