

## **Important notice - Child care is available**

There are child care providers in the greater Wichita region (Sedgwick, Butler, Cowley, Harvey and Sumner Counties) with immediate openings for children especially for health-care providers, first responders and essential employees.

**People may call 1-877-678-2548 (toll-free) or begin an online search at [www.childstart.org](http://www.childstart.org)**

Many of the vacancies are in family childcare homes, which are licensed by KDHE and serve no more than 10 children. Many other child caregivers who usually limit enrollment to five or six children are volunteering to open their enrollment to serve eight or ten in order to support first responders and health-care providers. Many of the openings come from families who have a caregiver now staying home.

A local non-profit organization, Child Start, provides a statewide database through its Early Childhood Connections program. It just completed contacts with all licensed providers in the area so local information is accurate as of this week.