



Van Buren Intermediate School District

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Dear Van Buren Employer:

You are receiving this notification because your staff may have need of child care during this Covid-19 situation. Earlier this month, Governor Whitmer signed *Executive Order No. 2020-16*. It looks to ease the burden of child care for families who remain in the essential workforce, with children ages 0-12 years, through April 15, 2020.

Essential workforce includes: health care workers, home health workers, direct care workers, emergency medical service providers, first responders, law enforcement personnel, sanitation workers, child care workers (including any employees acting as child care workers in essential workforce child care centers), personnel providing correctional services, postal workers, public health employees, key government employees, court personnel, and others providing critical infrastructure to Michiganders.

As an employer who is utilizing essential workers during this time, we ask your help in identifying the child care needs of your employees. Please distribute this flyer where they can find the link <https://www.helpmegrow-mi.org/essential> to the survey. It can be quickly completed by the employee and start the connection process for them.

As the Van Buren ISD receives the information on families who have completed the survey, we will coordinate to connect them directly to local and regional options for licensed child care. At this point there are no extra funds to support the costs of the care. If this changes we will notify you.

If you have questions on this process or wish more information to support your work force with child care, please let me know. My contact information is below. Thank you for all that you are doing for our communities during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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