

FOSTER TOGETHER NETWORK

COVID-19 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

When COVID came, my family was hit financially. Is there assistance for me and my family?



- **UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS:** In addition to the income support normally offered by California EDD, the April Federal stimulus package provides an additional \$600/week thru July 31st.) Apply online at www.eapply4ui.edd.ca.gov or by calling (800) 300-5616.
- **PANDEMIC FINANCIAL HELP:** The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program (PUA) is a new program under the Federal CARES Act. PUA provides assistance thru Dec 26, 2020 to many normally ineligible for unemployment insurance, including the partially employed, independent contractors, and those whose EDD benefits have run out. Apply online at www.eapply4ui.edd.ca.gov or by calling (800) 300-5616.
- **UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT SUPPORT:** Under Coronavirus Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants, an undocumented adult who doesn't meet the requirements for other programs may be eligible for \$500 in direct assistance. To apply contact Central American Resource Center – CARECEN at (213) 315-2659 or by visiting www.carecen-la.org/drai (Applications being accepted as of May 18, 2020.)
- **LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE:** Through CalWORKs, eligible families receive cash aid (including aid to prevent evictions) and other services. Apply online at www.Benefitscal.org.
- **FUNDS FOR COVID-19 POSITIVE YOUTH & FAMILIES:** Families with children or adults testing positive for COVID-19 can receive higher monthly reimbursement rates. If this applies, discuss with your DCFS caseworker.

I am worried about feeding our family. Where can I get help for this?



- **PANDEMIC EBT PROGRAM (P-EBT):** Families will get up to \$365 per eligible child on their P-EBT card to use on food and groceries. On May 8, 2020, P-EBT cards started going out to eligible families already within the EBT program. On May 22, new families may apply online by visiting <https://ca.p-ebt.org/>
- **CALFRESH:** Also known as SNAP, the program provides monthly benefits for food purchases at grocery stores, farmers markets and other locations. (EBT cards can now be used to have groceries delivered through WalMart and Amazon). Apply online (www.dps.benefits.lacounty.gov or www.getcalfresh.org) or by phone (866) 613-3777).
- **WIC:** People who are pregnant, postpartum, or have a child under five years old can obtain food from WIC locations. To apply text APPLY to 91997, call 888-942-2229, or visit www.phfewic.org/apply.
- **FOOD BANKS & FREE MEALS:** Food banks, school food distribution sites, and other meal distribution areas can be found by visiting <https://food-resources-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/>

I am worried about losing our housing or utility access. Where can I get help for this?



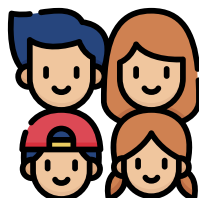
- **COVID-19 RENTER PROTECTIONS AND RESOURCES:** Information on rent moratoriums, tenant rights, and other resources can be accessed at <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/homelessness-and-housing/>, <https://hcidla2.lacity.org/covid-19-renter-protections> and <https://dcba.lacounty.gov/noevictions/>.
- **RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS:** To apply for Supportive Services for Veteran Families call “211” and request the SSVF Program nearest you.
- **UTILITIES:** Many utility companies are offering accommodations for families hit by COVID-19. Contact your utility provider to find out what options are available for you.

I hope to return to work but schools will be closed for some time. How can I find affordable child care?



- **CHILD CARE FINDING AND SUBSIDY:** To find child care near you, mychildcare.ca.gov. To find out if you are eligible for subsidized care, (888) 922-4453 connects families with Los Angeles County subsidy options, and your caseworker can help connect you to DCFS subsidy support.

We have children in my home who are aging out and will no longer be eligible for benefits. How will we provide for everyone?



- **FOSTER CARE STIPEND EXTENSIONS:** During this crisis, foster care payments and eligibility will be extended to families fostering children who normally would be aging out. Contact your DCFS social worker to discuss this option.
- **TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH FOCUSED SUPPORTS:** The LA Opportunity Youth Collaborative and Alliance for Children’s Rights also provides comprehensive supports, including financial-related help for youth: <http://laoyc.org/>

I’m overwhelmed figuring out which option is best for me...

Your caseworker is a resource! If you have difficulties with any or all of the above, please contact your case worker for support.

For additional information, including resources beyond the financial, please visit:

- **FINDHELP.ORG:** A comprehensive COVID-19 guide based on zip code.
- **BUSINESS ASSISTANCE:** If you are a business owner seeking help, call the L.A. County Disaster Help Center at (833) 238-4450 or visit lacountyhelpcenter.org.
- **DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES** (<https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>): continuously updated with breaking information concerning benefits and policy changes.