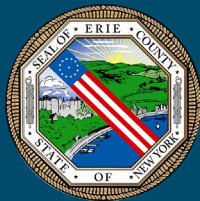




# Parent Guide to Virtual Learning Support Centers



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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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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*

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

## **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

Machnica Community Center  
**(716) 458-2075**  
1799 Clinton St.  
Buffalo, NY 14206

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

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo - Babcock Club  
**(716) 825-1016**  
282 Babcock St  
Buffalo, NY 14210

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo -  
Butler Mitchell Clubhouse  
**(716) 825-1016**  
370 Massachusetts Ave  
Buffalo, NY 14213



# Find A Virtual Learning Support Center by School District

## **Buffalo Public Schools Cont.**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo -  
John F Beecher Clubhouse  
**(716) 825-1016**  
180 Tenth St  
Buffalo, NY 14201

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo -  
Masten Clubhouse  
**(716) 825-1016**  
397 Northland Ave  
Buffalo, NY 14208

Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo -  
Willam C Baird Clubhouse  
**(716) 825-1016**  
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

*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.**

Grow With Us Daycare Center

**(716) 877-2775**

1827 Niagara St  
Buffalo, NY 14207

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

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# Find A Virtual Learning Support Center by School District

## Buffalo Public Schools Cont.

Asarese-Matters Community Center

**(443) 527-2096**

50 Rees St  
Buffalo, NY 14213

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**

275 Alexander Ave  
Buffalo, NY 14211

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

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# 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 Elementary School

**(716) 532-3325**

450 Aldrich Street

Gowanda, NY 14070

## **Grand Island**

*designee Erie 1 BOCES*

Just For Kids

**(716) 639-8500**

3285 Staley Rd

Grand Island, NY 14072

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

*designee for this site only Erie 1 BOCES*

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

*designee for this site only Erie 1 BOCES*

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  
**(716) 725-8475**  
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**  
6301 Main Street  
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](http://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](http://211wny.org)

### **Parent Network**

*Provides support to families of individuals with disabilities.*

Call: 716-332-4170

Website: [parentnetworkwny.org](http://parentnetworkwny.org)

### **NY Project Hope**

*New York's COVID-19 emotional support helpline.*

Call: 1-844-863-9314

Website: [nyprojecthope.org](http://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](http://buffalo.edu/EOC)

### **HEAP**

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

Website: [mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin](http://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin)

### **SNAP**

*Apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).*

Website: [ny.gov/services/apply-snap](http://ny.gov/services/apply-snap)