**Child Care Assistance for children infancy through school aged**

Several cities in Adams County have recognized the potential hardship families with children are facing right now with either unexpected costs of child care in order to work or go to school or because of loss wages or reduced hours—making child care more unaffordable. Grants are currently available for residents who reside in the following cities.

**City of Brighton** Child Care Assistance Grant: Provides assistance to Brighton residents facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 or increased child care needs due to COVID-19. This grant covers up to $200 per child per week for up to 8 weeks for children under the age of 13. [https://www.brightonco.gov/civicalerts.aspx?aid=1480](https://www.brightonco.gov/civicalerts.aspx?aid=1480). For information on additional types of assistance visit: [https://www.brightonco.gov/1503/COVID-19-Assistance](https://www.brightonco.gov/1503/COVID-19-Assistance)

**City of Thornton** CARES ACT Subsistence Program: Eligible residents can receive up to $1,000 a month for up to three months to assist with CHILDCARE, transportation, medical bills, funeral expenses, utilities including phone and internet, and more. Payments will be made directly to your service providers on your behalf. Please call the Thornton Subsistence Line at 720-251-2047 to speak to a resource specialist.

If you haven’t had a chance to tell us more about your experiences with changes and challenges with finding or affording child care—we would love to hear from you through this one minute survey!

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/childcarepulse](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/childcarepulse)

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The First Five Years Fund reports “A [new national survey](https://www.ffyf.org/new-survey-highlights-growing-child-care-concerns-for-parents-as-pandemic-continues/) of parents of children under age five from the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) and Morning Consult reaffirms the importance of child care for our economic recovery — and the challenges parents face in accessing and affording care. Aimed at understanding the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on child care, the survey found that parents are struggling to meet their own work demands and child care needs, while simultaneously concerned about the risks of the coronavirus.”