



Responding to an Urgent Need

United Way of Western Connecticut knows that the need to expand child care in New Milford is urgent. More than one third of families find the cost of quality child care unaffordable, when their income barely covers basic needs.

Cora's Kids recruits new child care providers to increase the number of available options for hard-working families. Cora's Kids providers are offered licensing support, opportunities to connect with others, and professional development. They also receive start-up supplies and literacy kits. In exchange, providers keep their rates low. We are expanding quality, licensed care at a rate affordable to working families.

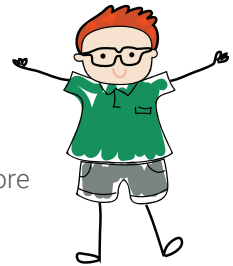
BENEFITS OF LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES FOR FAMILIES:

- Providers meet all state safety regulations
- All children in care are immunized
- Consistent, reliable caregiver
- Flexible hours that work for part-time and non-traditional working schedules
- Access to Care 4 Kids subsidy (if applicable)



BENEFITS OF JOINING CORA'S KIDS PROGRAM FOR PROVIDERS:

- **Licensing Support:** Work one-on-one with a specialist who will walk you through the licensure process and paperwork
- **Safety Set-up:** Support and supplies to help you get your business licensed and keep the children safe
- **Insurance:** First year of liability insurance provided at no cost to you, up to \$450 value
- **Training and Coaching Services:** Meet your professional goals with local training
- **Home Set-up:** New supplies provided to aid in home set-up
- **Benefits Navigator:** Personal assistance for providers and families to access subsidies
- **Ages and Stages Developmental Survey Program:** Learn more about child development through this easy-to-use tool



HOW DOES THIS WORK?

Providers agree to keep their rates affordable in exchange for participation in the program and the benefits. Providers receive business and professional support to grow their successful business and families receive quality, affordable care for their children.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Licensed Family Child Care Home providers in greater New Milford
- Individuals who seek to become Licensed Family Child Care Home Providers
- Individuals who seek to become Licensed Child Care Substitutes
- Families seeking quality affordable care





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Cora's Kids was inspired by the late Cora Spratt, who dedicated her life to helping children rise above challenges.

Her love for children lives on through this initiative, and we are grateful that our youngest residents will have a strong start in life.



Family Child Care Initiative
a safe, healthy and smart start



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