Parents and caregivers of adults are facing many unique challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Below you will find Cornell and community-based resources to assist you.

**Find Babysitters, Nannies, & Other Caregivers with Care.com**

Cornell provides a free, unlimited Care.com membership to help benefits-eligible employees locate and arrange care. Members are expected to screen care providers, conduct background checks, and follow other safety best practices. Those who post job ads tend to have better success finding a caregiver. Read this important guidance about child care during COVID-19 before arranging care.

1. First, visit the HR website for details about the service.
2. Then head to http://cornell.care.com/ to create an account with your Cornell ID number (not your NetID, the number found on your ID badge).
3. Post a position and/or search the directory for caregivers.

**Guide to Hiring Informal Caregivers**

Provides guidance on finding, hiring, and working with informal caregivers.

**Work/Life Consultant**

Consultative assistance is available to Cornell staff, faculty, retirees, and students on topics related to dependent care, exploring ways to locate providers, nannies and babysitters, and parenting children with special needs. Phone, virtual, and email consultations available: worklife@cornell.edu or (607) 255-1917.

**Cornell Child Care Center**

Cornell Child Care Center is managed by Bright Horizons Family Solutions, provides care to children ages 6 weeks to 5 years for Cornell faculty, staff, and students. Visit the website for additional information or arrange to take a tour. Note: it is unknown at this time whether the CCCC will be able to accept families that are not normally enrolled at the center for summer care. Please contact the CCCC to share information about your needs.

150 Pleasant Grove Rd, Ithaca, (607) 255-1010, cornell@brighthorizons.com

**Cornell Parenting Newsletter**

The Parenting Newsletter provides helpful tips, events, activities, and services of interest to Cornell faculty, staff, students, and retirees who are parents and/or grandparents. Click here to sign up.

**Family Pods & Quaranteams**

Some families are considering creating a family pod or quaranteam: an exclusive partnership with one or two other families, rotating who provides care. Please note that this strategy has not been endorsed by the CDC or the Health Department yet. Email Work/Life at worklife@cornell.edu to express interest in this type of care.
Parents E-lists
Subscribe to e-lists geared for Cornell parents. For detailed instructions on joining or subscribing to an e-list, visit the Cornell Information Technologies website.

- parents-undersix-L: parenting children under the age of six (no classifieds permitted).
- parents-classifieds-L: An e-list to buy, sell, or exchange child-related items (restrictions apply, see guidelines).
- students-with-kids-L: resources for Cornell University student parents.

Child Development Council
The [Child Development Council](#) provides a Parent Warm Line - child development specialists that can advise area families on child behaviors and concerns. They also have childcare referral specialists that maintain a directory of family and group home providers and may be able to help you explore and obtain childcare options.
Ithaca: (607) 273-0259
Cortland: (607) 753-0106

IthacaMama Facebook Group
[Engage](#) with local families about child care and parenting.

Child Care Grants for Essential Employees
New York State is using a portion of CARES Act funding to provide free child care for income-eligible essential workers. Essential workers using a regulated child care provider will receive a scholarship for the cost of care as long as the funds to support it are available. If you are a parent who meets the definition of an essential employee and have child care needs, [register here](#).

Tompkins Families
Local [resource](#) for all families based within Tompkins, connect with multiple collaborative agencies and organizations with child development specialists and community workshops and training, [Facebook page & Newsletter](#).

For more information, visit the Resources for [Parenting & Caregiving During COVID-19](#) page.