

Interim Child Care Options

Most families will experience a disruption in child care at some point due to center closures, caregiver illness or other unforeseen factors. The following options may provide support for when these unexpected gaps in care occur, or when an interim child care arrangement is needed.

Carnegie Mellon University Resources:

Backup Care Days: Carnegie Mellon University offers 15 emergency backup care days for eligible staff, faculty and graduate students, which are available at a subsidized rate through the [Care for Business program](#). Co-pay for in-home child care is \$4 per hour, and co-pay for in-center child care is \$10/child per day. Reimbursement options are also available if you choose to use your own care providers. If you choose to find your own provider, a LifeCare Family care specialist can with the job posting and screening process. Backup care days can be scheduled with as little as 24 hours notice and up to 90 days in advance.

Child Care Center Options:

Jeremiah's Place: This emergency nursery is available to all families in Pittsburgh. It is free of charge and will take your child if you are experiencing a last minute loss of child care and need to work. There is an intake process you will need to complete before you can begin care and it is first come first served, so they cannot guarantee they will have space every day. This is meant to be a limited service.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania: Child care for preschool age children can be scheduled and paid for on a week-by-week basis at their [Lawrenceville](#), [Carnegie](#), and [Somerset](#) locations. The Lawrenceville and Carnegie locations offer child care for \$200/week, or \$140/three days of care a week. The Somerset location is \$115/week, and \$81/three days of care of care per week. Availability for this service is based on current enrollment in the center.

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In-Home Care Options:

Temps for Tots: This agency, located in Squirrel Hill, provides temporary in-home child care options for the greater Pittsburgh area. It can be used for same day services (depending on staff availability) or child care can be scheduled ahead of time. This service has a \$250 registration fee. Care for 1 child starts at \$26/hour.

East Wind Nannies: This agency offers an on-call nanny service for last-minute or scheduled child care needs for families in the greater Pittsburgh area. Child care can be booked as late as the morning of the day care is needed, though last-minute bookings are dependent on caregiver availability and cannot be guaranteed. This service can be used after registering as a member for \$199 a year, with rates at \$35/hour with 24-hour notice, and \$42/hour for less than 24-hour notice. It is also possible to request these services without becoming a member, for an additional \$5/hour charge.

Care Shares: Coordinating with other families in your child's classroom or school for child care may offer a temporary solution when there is a disruption in child care. You can coordinate a schedule where one family watches your child along with their child a few days a week, while you take over caretaking for the children on other days. In doing so, you can use fewer of your PTO days while your child receives care. It is also possible to arrange a care share using a nanny or in-home care provider, though this may not be ideal for last minute, unforeseen disruptions in care that can be difficult to plan around. For more information, check out our guide to [Forming Care Shares](#).

If you have questions regarding possible interim care options, or are looking for interim care options outside of the greater Pittsburgh area, please contact the [Family Care Concierge Specialists](#) for more information.