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**Kitsap Community Resources Adapting Services**  
**To include childcare service for first responder and medical professionals**

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Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) is taking preventive measures to help eliminate the spread of COVID-19. As an organization that touches almost 10% of Kitsap County through direct and indirect services, the agency is taking steps to keep clients, the public and staff safe. It's also taking steps to support individuals and families that are on the front lines of fighting the spread of the virus.

KCR administers Housing services, Veteran's assistance, WIC, Early Learning, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other job training and placement services, food service for Meals on Wheels, Weatherization, Energy assistance, AmeriCorps and more. They operate 13 sites throughout Kitsap County.

Jeff Alevy, Executive Director comments "The KCR team is compassionate and dedicated to serving Kitsap community residents that need our services. In light of fast changing news about the virus, KCR is working with the local health district, partner agencies, school systems and government officials to address the problem. Leadership is committed to seeking that delicate balance of keeping staff safe and healthy while modifying program delivery to continue serving those that are vulnerable and need assistance."

Deep sanitizing of classrooms is taking place with a goal of slowly bringing classroom sites back in operation beginning March 19<sup>th</sup>. These sanitized classrooms will be set up to serve 'high risk' first responder and medical personnel families with 8 week to 5 year old children whose presence is required on the front line against the virus. If you are a first responder or medical professional and need this service, please contact [earlylearning@kcr.org](mailto:earlylearning@kcr.org) or by calling 360-473-2075.

Otherwise, KCR's Early Learning and Family Service classrooms are closing with the hope of reopening April 6<sup>th</sup>. Current service to families with children up to 5 years old include remote / home lessons, continuation of lunch sacks delivered to sites for parent pickup and serving a limited number of client families that are considered 'high risk' (i.e. homeless children).

KCR's Housing Solutions Center and Community Services are reorganizing the client intake process; shifting to phone and intercom communications to reduce face to face exposure between staff and clients.

All other services such as Veteran's assistance, WIC, job training, food service for Meals on Wheels, Weatherization, Energy assistance and AmeriCorps remain in service and are being modified to address the current health environment.

For more information about KCR, please go to: [www.kcr.org](http://www.kcr.org). Links can be found at the website for all KCR services and locations.

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