

## **Fort Bend County Childcare Voucher Program**

Applications Closed
Summary

As of **August 18, 2022**, the Fort Bend County Childcare Voucher Program is **NOT** accepting any NEW applications.

#### 1. Why is the program closed to new applicants?

The program is closed to new applicants as the allowed grant funding for the program has been fully allocated.

#### 2. Will the program open again for new applicants?

As of now there are NO plans for the Childcare Voucher Program to open again for any applications. Please monitor periodically the county's assistance portal for any updates (www.CoronaVirusFortBend.gov)

### 3. I already applied. What will happen to my application?

Any application received by the program on or before August 18, 2022, will be processed as per the program terms. Please reach out to the program at the email listed on the website for any updates. (gasar.imam@fortbendcountytx.gov)

#### 4. I already have a voucher. Is the voucher not good anymore?

Your issued voucher is still good and can be used at any licensed childcare center in Fort Bend County. The program is only closed for new applications. All vouchers issued will continued to be processed as per the program terms listed on the voucher.

#### 5. I never received a voucher in the past. Can I qualify?

No. The program is closed to ALL applicants as there is no more grant funding available.

## 6. I/parents/centers are hurting. Why is the county stopping the program?

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021, to help assist states, counties, cities and tribal governments cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue and mitigate economic harm from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fort Bend County Childcare Voucher program was funded through ARPA funds. The funds have now been fully exhausted.

#### 7. Where can I get help as a parent/center?

Please visit our county's grants portal for further information at www.CoronoVirusFortBend.gov

# 8. How long does it take for the voucher to be processed and for the center to receive a payment?

As stated on the issued voucher it can take up to 30-45 days for the reimbursement payment to arrive from the time completed required documentation is received.

# 9. How do I know what assistance is available in Fort Bend County?

Please visit our county's grants portal for further information at <a href="https://www.CoronoVirusFortBend.gov">www.CoronoVirusFortBend.gov</a>