

# Resources for Parents & Caregivers During COVID-19



## Finding child care for the school year

Contact the [Children's Resource Center](#) (828-695-6565) to get a referral for available and legally-operating child care and school-aged age options.

[Questions to ask child caregivers during COVID-19](#) General guidelines for working with in-home caregivers. Has links to Families First Act and Centers for Disease Control. Dated June 2020, so be aware that information may have changed.

[What is an after-school nanny or sitter – and do you need one?](#) Very general info about what tasks afterschool or in-home caregivers might be expected to do.

[7 interview questions to ask when hiring an after-school nanny or sitter](#) - How to interview a potential in-home caregiver.

## What about technology?

The Catawba County Library system is investing in new equipment to support families who are participating in virtual learning. They are preparing to install several new “high power hot spots” at the following locations: Newton Recreation Center, The Corner Table in Newton, Plaza Latina in Newton, The Town of Catawba, Hickory Soup Kitchen, Nu Dimensions (Hickory Public Housing Authority), and Centro Latino in Hickory

In addition, the libraries have laptops and hotspots that are available for a 14-day checkout, and will soon have new Wi-Fi enabled tablets that can be checked out. To borrow these items, you must reside in Catawba County (as verified by a photo ID or utility bill) and be 18 years or older, have a library card in good standing, a current ID, and have a working phone number. For more information about checking out technology equipment, please call 828-465-8664.

This website has additional information about technology services and classes available through the library: <https://catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/technology/>

## What about using tutors or “Pods?”

[7 free tutoring options for kids](#) General information about hiring a tutor; this information is not specific to our community.

[The 12 best online tutoring services for 2020](#) Free/\$\$

[Learning pod safety 101: What to know before you form your own](#) Contains a wealth of information on what should be considered before deciding to form a “pod” or “microschool” with other families, including vital information on safety.

## Last, but not least ... Balancing work and family life

[“How to successfully work from home with kids”](#) focuses on how parents can set up their schedules to work successfully from home. This article does not address the needs of families who are participating in virtual learning.



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