



The United Way of Bemidji Area is working with Greater Bemidji on the "Step Up to SIT" program to match workers in need with child-care during this time.

Recently launched by two sisters in Rochester, Minnesota, Step Up to SIT is a website that matches babysitters with parents in need of child-care during the COVID-19 pandemic. United Way of Bemidji Area and Greater Bemidji have partnered with the program creators to bring this resource to the Bemidji Area.

This program helps to match individual babysitters to one single family, which limits potential transmission and allows workers to continue to do their jobs.

The program is currently recruiting babysitters and registering families who need babysitting. Step Up to SIT matches community members who are willing to babysit with parents in need of childcare. In order to participate, interested babysitters or parents can sign up at <https://www.stepuptosit.com/signup>.

The goal is to fill a gap for those who cannot access school care or other child-care options. Babysitters can volunteer their time or choose to charge for their services. Payment will be arranged independent of this site between families and babysitters.

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