Caring for children or other family members is an added challenge in these already very difficult times. Our graduate students who are parents are juggling a rearranged academic landscape on top of shifting daycare and school schedules for their children.

In light of the increase in school and daycare closures throughout the state, I want you to know that we have increased the number of emergency back-up care days available to graduate students from 20 to 25. These can be used anytime through the end of September 2021.

This expansion of childcare resources also applies to the current Crisis Care Assist emergency backup-care program, which offers the additional option to secure care from within your own personal network. As for faculty, staff and postdocs, Crisis Care days are available only through December 31, 2020.

We know that continuing your research during a pandemic while caring for your families is a lot to shoulder. You can find GSAS childcare and back-up care information on our GSAS Students with Children Group on Yale Connect or e-mail mcdougal.center@yale.edu with questions.

As always, take care of yourselves, your families, and each other.
Sincerely,
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