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A Message from Dean Cooley

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In this message: Additional Crisis Care Assist days through Bright Horizons for graduate students with pandemic-related child and eldercare needs

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Dear graduate students,

Since the pandemic began, those of you who are parents and caregivers have had to cope with extra pressures arising from changing conditions in schools and care arrangements. I know the Bright Horizons Crisis Care Assist (CCA) program has been particularly helpful during the times when daycare centers have been closed.

I am delighted to announce that the Graduate School is extending the Bright Horizons program through December 31, 2021 to provide additional pandemic-related support this term for parents and caregivers. Eligible new students will receive 10 days for the Fall term and eligible continuing students will receive 10 days in addition to any unused balance, which should be available starting September 4. This program provides emergency back-up care in a center, at home with a provider through the Bright Horizons network, or through reimbursement by the CCA program for care provided at home by someone of your choice.

Using the instructions below, you can log on to the Bright Horizons Benefits webpage to read about the services offered, to view your balance (for continuing students), or to access care.

To set up an account:

Login to clients.brighthorizons.com/yalegsas

User id: yalegsas

Password: Care4You!

For more specific information about Bright Horizons for GSAS students please contact Jennifer.Mendelsohn@yale.edu. I am grateful to the [Graduate Student Assembly \(GSA\)](#) for bringing this ongoing need to my attention. Please continue to voice your concerns to the GSA or to my office so that we can work together to address them as quickly as possible.

As classes start next week, it's very encouraging to take note that 96% of students, 91% of faculty, and 90% of staff have now been fully vaccinated. If you have questions about the pandemic and Yale's approach to protecting our community, I invite you to attend [President Salovey's Town Hall](#) today, August 26 at 4:00 p.m. It will be a great opportunity to ask the experts about the latest developments.

With best wishes to you and your families,
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