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## **YWCA Hartford Region to Temporarily Close Early Learning Centers & KidsLink Program in MetroHartford**

(Hartford, CT) - The health and safety of our employees and the community we serve is paramount and guides the decision announced today. YWCA Hartford Region will close all programs and services, including all Early Learning Centers and KidsLink sites on Tuesday, March 17 until further notice.

In addition, the YWCA office at 135 Broad Street in Hartford will close to the public effective immediately and the VITA tax-assistance program will be suspended until further notice. These decisions are critical as we navigate the ongoing COVID-19 recommendations from state, local and public health authorities.

While the YWCA office will be closed to the public, there will be limited staff on hand to help transition employees to working remotely and continue essential services, including the operation of Soromundi Commons, our emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing programs.

We will continue to provide updates as we learn more, including extending office and program closures. Thank you for your support and understanding.

**About YWCA Hartford Region:**

*YWCA Hartford Region is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. For more detailed information about our programs and services, please visit [www.ywcahartford.org](http://www.ywcahartford.org).*