

A two hour commute for day care: How poor access to child care hurts Eastern Kentucky

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The extra bedroom in Alexia Ault's home near Cumberland holds a child's bed along one wall, a crib along another and a playset in the corner. Recently, though, this room where an infant foster child used to sleep has sat empty.

Ault said limited access to child care in Harlan County is at least part of the reason she hasn't taken in new foster children. For infants in particular, child care is often hard to find throughout much of Eastern Kentucky.

From her home near Cumberland, Ault drove two hours each day as she shuttled her infant foster child to and from a daycare in Harlan, at a cost of about \$250 a month in gas.

"That's two hours I can't be doing my work or spending time with my foster children," Ault said.

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