



October 2020 Provider Touch Base



Its been too long....



- Stage 5, We are Back on Track
- Grant Opportunities
- What is next?



Stage 5: Could not have done it without you!



September 26th - October 17th

- Face Coverings are still required
- Maintain Social Distancing
- Handwashing and Sanitizing
- Stay home when you are sick
- Those who are 65 and older should remain vigilant about protecting their exposure



Color Coded Metrics



The color coded system is to report on the prevalence of COVID-19 in each County. You can find information about your county at: www.coronavirus.in.gov

This data is updated every Wednesday so you should check back each week!





Color Coded Metrics

Blue: There is minimal community spread and activities are recommended to continue at current levels. ●

Yellow: There is moderate community spread and increased awareness and safety vigilance should be taken. ●

Orange: There is high community spread. ●

Red: There is very high community spread. ●

Updated Child Care and School Age Guidance



Where do you find the updated Guidance?

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/covid-19-coronavirus-guidance-for-oecosl-stakeholders/>

Under the heading:
“Guidance”



What does the Updated Guidance Say?



Employee Screening Procedures

- Daily health assessments and plans to send staff home when ill
 - *Increased procedures if the community is Orange or Red*

Arrival/Pick-Up Procedures

- **May** include strategies for minimizing contact.
 - *May need to be re-evaluated if community is in yellow.*
 - *If communities are in Orange or Red policies should be reinstated to stagger drop off/pick up to minimize contact.*

What does the Updated Guidance Say?



Child Screening

For programs in communities with a status of Blue or Yellow:

- conduct a brief verbal health assessment daily as children are dropped off, before the parent leaves.

For programs in communities with a status of Orange or Red:

- check the temperature of each child and conduct a brief verbal health assessment as children are dropped off, before the parent leaves.

What does the Updated Guidance Say?



Visitor Entry (including deliveries)

- Screening should continue to occur

Personal Protective Equipment

- It is required that adults and children ages 8 years and up wear face coverings in accordance with Executive Order 20-37.

What does the Updated Guidance Say?



Social Distancing

- Guidance remains unchanged

Field Trips

- Field trips can resume provided that the child care can transport children while maintaining social distancing practices

Special Events

- Are permitted so long as social distancing guidelines are followed and masks are worn

What does the Updated Guidance Say?



Playgrounds

- Playgrounds on the site of the child care can be occupied by multiple units, so long as social distancing is being practiced and the program is following disinfecting practices

Nap Time and Meal Service

- Guidance remains

Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Personal Hygiene

- Guidance remains

Grant Opportunities



Child Care Closure Assistance Grant

Provides assistance to a program there has been a confirmed COVID-19 case which requires closure of a classroom or facility.

Grants will be awarded to programs for the purpose of continuing to regularly pay child care staff and maintain operations for the time period of the required COVID-19 closure.

This grant should cover the cost of lost revenue during closure from children who are funded through private pay/cash pay.

Grant Opportunities



Child Care Closure Assistance Grant

How do you apply?

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/covid-19-coronavirus-guidance-for-oecosl-stakeholders/>



Grant Opportunities



Indiana CARES About Child Care

Powered by your local
Child Care Resource
and Referral Agency
(CCR&R)



Grant Opportunities



Indiana CARES About Child Care Fund Overview

In partnership with Indiana's Child Care Resource & Referral Network we have launched the Indiana CARES About Child Care relief fund.

Supported through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, these grants will help providers with safety related expenses and emergency operating needs.

Grant Opportunities



Indiana CARES About Child Care Eligibility

Eligible providers must be:

- Open and actively serving children and families OR for temporary closure funds, have served children during the previous 30 days
- Serving children ages 0-12
- An approved CCDF provider
- A licensed center, family childcare home, unlicensed registered ministry or legally licensed- exempt providers (LLEP) that are not schools or Head Start/Early Head Start programs in the state of Indiana, and are in good standing with licensing.



Grant Opportunities

Indiana CARES About Child Care

Allowable Expenses

- Equipment, Supplies and Materials
- Staffing
- Professional Services



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Indiana CARES About Child Care

- Funds will be dispersed on a cost reimbursement
- Funds differ from OECOSL Child Care Closure Assistance Grants due to allowable expenses consisting of additional expenses beyond normal operating expenses and lost revenue due to temporary closure

1

Decide what items
your program needs
and research costs

2

Apply for
the grant

3

Confirm that
your grant will
be funded

4

Purchase materials
and services
based on your
grant agreement

5

Submit receipts
using the
reporting template

6

Receive
reimbursement for
your expenses

Grant Opportunities



More information about the Indiana CARES
About Child Care grant can be found at:

<http://brighterfuturesindiana.org/indianacares/>

Questions?

Email- cares@brighterfuturesindiana.org

What is Next?

- Survey regarding enrollment
- Continued evaluation of the guidance
- Ways to connect and understand your needs



