



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF ORANGE COUNTY

You Are Essential Update

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Weekly Provider Webinar

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[COVID-19 Webinars](#)



Best Practices for Child Care Centers

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Apply for our available Mini-Grants from the ELC of Orange County

The Early Learning Coalition of Orange County is providing **two** mini-grants.

ELCOC Grants

The two grants include an **Infrastructure Mini-Grant** and a **Health and Safety Mini-Grant**. You may apply for both grant awards. Each award is up to \$1000.00. You must apply separately.

For more information and to apply [click here](#).

[Click here for a Resource Guide for COVID-19 Recovery Efforts](#)



Resource Guide For COVID-19 Recovery Efforts

We are experiencing unprecedented challenges with the outbreak of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). ELCOC is taking a proactive approach in seeking available resources and assistance opportunities for our childcare providers. We have created this resource guide to assist you with easy access to information about recovery efforts that are being put in place by Federal, state, local government and agencies to help businesses. We will continue to seek for resources available to help you navigate through these challenging times.

Orlando Economic Partnership Providing COVID-19 up to date information and resources https://business.orlando.org/coronavirus-business-resource-center/	Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program Helping businesses that experience economic damage as a result of COVID-19 https://floridadisasterbiz.com/	U.S. Small Business Administration SBA Disaster Assistance in Response to the Coronavirus https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19
FLORIDADISASTER.BIZ A survey to determine disaster impact in Florida https://floridadisasterbiz.com/BusinessDamageAssessments	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is leading the Bridge Loan Program. Hotline: 833.832.4494 Short Term Compensation Program for Employers: If you are having to reduce normal hours of permanent, full time employees (at least 32 hours a week) by 10% - 40%, you can apply for this program and your employees can receive that pay. Florida Jobs	How the C.A.R.E.S Act Impact Business https://www.floridabiz.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CARES-Act-Opportunities-Summary.pdf

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New Funding for Small Business

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation started the **Save Small Business Fund initiative** to help small businesses that are the foundation of our communities and our economy. This is grant opportunity awarding **\$5000. Funds are limited therefore you need to act today!**

The application opens today, **April 20th at 3:00PM** and can be found at <https://www.savesmallbusiness.com>

It appears that additional federal Small Business funding will be approved this week.

To stay in touch with the latest news on Child Care Business supports, please check out our website for additional COVID-19 funding updates.



Please share with parents:

Attention parents! May is child care provider appreciation month and we need your help to make these unsung heroes feel appreciated. Especially during these uncertain times, the child care provider community has shown



Let's Thank Our Unsung Heroes

WHAT DOES YOUR CHILDCARE PROVIDER MEAN TO YOU?

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Sending in your video is as easy as 1... 2... 3!

1. Gather your thoughts: Think about what your child care provider means to you.
2. Record: Finish this statement "Thank you for...."
 - When ready, hold your phone horizontally and press record.
 - Your video should be 10 seconds.
3. Upload your video here: <https://bit.ly/elcocvideo>



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[Click here for flyer](#)



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- Immediate Child Care

LEARN HOW FIRST RESPONDERS AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL
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Assistance for First Responders and Health Care Workers

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[Provider Support Survey](#)

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Good afternoon Child Care Partners,

Together, we've made it through another week as we're continuing to provide services to the "Essential Workers" and families of Central Florida. Thanks to community partnerships and support, this week we began providing supplies to those sites that remain open, but are low on essential cleaning supplies. Yes, times continue to be uncertain but staff here at the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County are committed to standing strong with our providers, children and families because "We will get through this TOGETHER".



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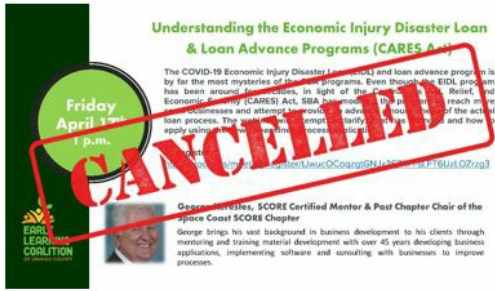


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The webinar, Understanding the Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Loan Advance Programs (CARES Act), scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2020 at 1:00 pm has been cancelled as the SBA funds have been exhausted and they are no longer accepting applications at this time. We will keep you posted on developing information for additional resources.

The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) is providing financial counseling on how to navigate during this crisis. For more information visit score.org/coronavirus



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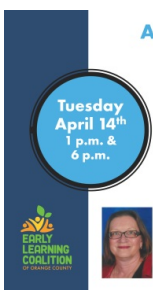
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All About the Paycheck Protection Program & CARES Act

Understanding the benefits of the PPP under the CARES Act is a task that can be hard to face alone. While the information is there for you to read and applications are ready for you to apply for this Small Business initiative, we know you may still have questions and concerns about whether or not this is for you and your business. To register:

- Two Sessions available (same content):
1 p.m. <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/2AkC02qT1xvW0F1877u5tAMkYkRv>
6 p.m. <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/2DrdCqspzsqvW5KqM8mrvTzMinODPLUw>



Karla Micka, Chapter Chair for the Space Coast SCORE Chapter & SCORE Southeast Regional Diversity & Inclusion Ambassador

With more than 25 years of leading Human Resources and Information systems under her belt, Karla will present a very comprehensive presentation to our child care community, delving into all the essential details concerning this relief program.

Paycheck Protection Program & CARES Act Workshop TODAY!

Join us, TODAY, for a virtual training all about the Paycheck Protection Program & the CARES Act. Karla Micka, 25-year Human Resources professional, will walk through the essential details

concerning this relief program and answer all your questions.

[Click here to join at 1:00 pm](#)

[Click here to join at 6:00 pm](#)

Additionally, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has hosted two webinars and produced two documents that can provide additional information. The links are provided here:



**National Association for the
Education of Young Children**

- "Paying Yourself, Your Staff, and Your Bills"
English [webinar](#) (with clear audio!) and [slides](#)
- "Cómo pagarse a sí mismo, a su personal y sus deudas"
Spanish [webinar](#) and [slides](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Program: What Child Care Programs Need to Know](#)
- [Economic Injury Disaster Loan: What Child Care Programs Need to Know](#)

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OCPS Survey

We are aware that many of you as providers are now providing full-time care to school-agers along with the daily care for those children ages birth to five that you normally serve. In our efforts to support your program, we are partnering with Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) to provide additional resources to help you support those school-agers as they try adjusting to their new learning environment.

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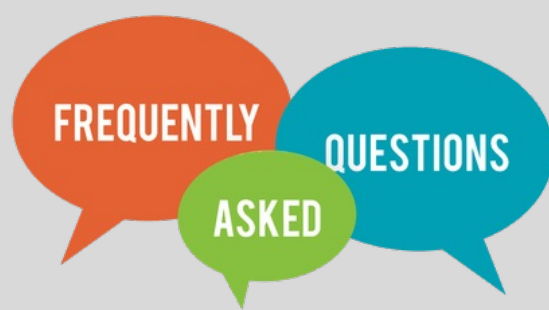
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definition and all categories of the *Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce* as defined by the US Department of Homeland Security. As discussed on the call, these categories are **very** broad and include almost the entire workforce. Therefore, you should not feel the need to police this order. [Click here to view](#)